

EXPLANATION OF SKATING COSTS

Parks and Rec and the Northern Lights Figure Skating Club (NLFSC) operate separately but work closely together. As a result, skaters pay some fees to Parks and Rec and others to NLFSC. Most fees are annual, while items like required clothing are only purchased as needed.

Fee/Expense Description	What it is	Who should it be paid to and when is it due?
Registration Fee	The fee to allow your skater to participate in LTS group lessons, synchronized skating, or both.	<u>Paid to Parks and Rec</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each fall (during registration, at egfparks.com)
USFSA Membership	<p>The fee provides insurance as well as the skater's USFSA membership fee. All skaters enrolled in private, or group skating lessons must have a valid USFSA number. Competitive skaters must have a full USFSA membership. Annual membership runs from July 1 through June 30.</p> <p>Learn to Skate Membership: Skaters who are <i>only</i> participating in Learn to Skate (LTS) lessons—such as Snowplow Sam, Basic Skills, Hockey Skills, Free Skate— or Non-Competitive Synchro require an LTS USA membership.</p> <p>Full USFS membership: any skater either 1) skating on a competitive synchro team or 2) competing individually at a USFS sanctioned (not Learn to Skate) competition.</p>	<u>Self-Paid Directly to LTS USA</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn to Skate membership is self-paid when NOT participating in Non-Competitive Synchro <u>Paid to NLFSC - NLFSC uses the collected funds to submit payments to USFA</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Competitive Synchro Learn to Skate membership: Non-Competitive synchro skaters pay this fee at registration with NLFSC Full USFS membership
NLFSC Club Membership	<p>This fee covers membership in the NLFSC. Club membership provides benefits such as discounts at Northern Star, eligibility for testing discounts, and more. Annual membership runs from July 1 through June 30.</p> <p>Membership is open to anyone residing in East Grand Forks with an interest in figure skating, as well as others approved by EGF Parks and Rec.</p> <p>Club membership is required for NLFSC private coaches, particularly those who are currently testing with USFS or wish to vote in NLFSC elections.</p>	<u>Paid to NLFSC</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid at the same time as when you register and pay for the USFSA registration. If a USFS renewal is not required (e.g., during the 2nd–4th year of collegiate membership), the \$50 fee can be paid separately through the registration process.
Private Ice Fee	<p>Private ice sessions are available throughout the year, and the payment recipient depends on the timing of the session.</p> <p>Private lessons are conducted one-on-one between a coach and a skater during these sessions. Any skater taking a lesson from a coach or using the ice for personal practice must purchase private ice time.</p> <p>This fee is separate from, and in addition to, the cost of private lessons paid directly to your coach.</p>	<u>Paid to Parks and Rec</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular season private ice is paid each fall (during registration, at egfparks.com) <u>Paid to NLFSC</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off season private ice - Spring, Summer, and Fall Session can be paid for on the NLFSC website.
Private Coaches Fees	Private lessons are given by a private coach. Private coaches are optional for younger skaters but required for skaters skating on competitive synchro teams. Additional coaching fees may apply when a skater participates in USFS testing or individual competitions.	<u>Paid Directly to a Private Coach</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most coaches bill monthly. See the NLFSC website for a list of private coaches.

Individual Fundraising	<p>This is the amount determined by the NLFSC Board of Directors to cover expenses such as dresses, tights, competition entry fees, travel (buses, hotels, food), and other related costs.</p> <p>A variety of fundraising opportunities are offered throughout the year to help offset these expenses. The required fundraising amount for each skater varies by team and may change from year to year. Individual fundraising expectations are set prior to the season start.</p>	<p><u>Paid to NLFSC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A skater could either participate in a fundraiser(s) to earn that profit, or “buy out” their fundraising obligation, or a combination of the two.
Team Fundraising	<p>Additional fundraising events may take place throughout the year, with proceeds supporting the club’s general fund or specific goals and purchases. These events may include the Northern Star Competition, concession stands, pancake feeds, cash raffles, and more.</p>	n/a
Required Clothing	<p>The required clothing for each skater varies by team and may change from year to year. Examples include: leggings, warm up jacket, competition tights (1 pair will be provided for synchro skaters for competition), winter jacket, backpack, practice tops and competition tank tops.</p>	<p><u>Paid to NLFSC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skaters may not need to purchase new clothing each year, if their current clothing still fits and is for the correct team. Skaters have the option to fundraise individually for required clothing or choose to purchase them directly without fundraising.
Concession Stand/Testing DIBS Unworked Shift Fees	<p>All competitive skaters, whether in synchro or individual events, are assigned concession stand shifts at the start of each season. Failure to complete the required shifts by season’s end will result in an unworked shift fee.</p> <p>Skaters participating in USFS testing sessions must also assist during their specific test session. If the required shifts are not fulfilled, an unworked shift fee will be charged.</p>	<p><u>Paid to NLFSC</u> (if required)</p>

Note: This list is intended for guidance only and is not comprehensive. For further clarification, please feel free to contact the NLFSC President, Treasurer, or Fundraising Committee.

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