



**The Annual VFSC Ice Show Criteria for Featured Skaters
Runs 9/1/2023 - 8/31/2024 for the 2025 Annual Show
Please Read This IN FULL**

Each spring, the club holds an annual ice show. The show serves as an opportunity for friends, family, and members of the community to see you perform. The show also raises funds for the club. Home club members that meet specific criteria are eligible for a featured performance in the show. A point system based on competitions entered, competition placement, test points, registered on/off-ice sessions, camps/workshops attended and years of membership in the club are used to determine who will perform in a featured performance*.

The rules set forth in this show criteria document are intended to be as fair as possible to all skaters. The point system rewards those who are active in the sport while allowing those that are recreationally involved to still participate. The Criteria Committee seriously considers all aspects of the point system and base requirements.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: If a skater fails to meet criteria they can still be in the show! The purpose of criteria is to establish feature placements such as: quartets, trios, duets, and solos. It is not to establish whether or not a skater can participate in the show. Every skater that is a home club member and in good standing may participate in a group number. Those that choose to participate in a feature must follow criteria rules.

*Sr. Club Trio, Duet, Solo



Criteria / Show Policies Applicable to Jr. & Sr. Club:

1. Home Club Policy:
 - a. All skaters in the VFSC show must be a VFSC Home Club Member or Associate Member PLUS with a Jr/Sr VFSC coach.
 - i. If a coaching relationship terminates, the skater must find a replacement coach within one month and it must be a JR/SR club coach.
 - b. Features must be members of VFSC from April 30th of the prior year to the current show date. That membership must be active throughout the year.
2. Non-VFSC Arena Policy:
 - a. If VFSC purchases ice from another local ice arena and sells ice time to VFSC members, then this ice will be treated in the same manner as VFSC home ice. All criteria rules then apply.
3. Skaters moving to VFSC from other clubs:
 - a. Must join VFSC and designate VFSC as a home club on the USFSA site or be an Associate Member PLUS of VFSC.
 - b. Test Level will be verified with USFSA
 - c. Skating from the previous home club will be verified and honored towards our ice show placement.
 - i. The same points and guidelines will be used. Points shall not exceed those offered for the same time period by VFSC.
 - d. Must have a Jr/Sr VFSC coach to be eligible for show placement.
4. Show Set-Up:
 - a. All show music and costumes for groups and non-features will be assigned.
 - b. All show coaches will be assigned.
 - c. Music / Costumes for soloists will be selected by the soloist / coach with approval of the show committee.
 - i. If this is not done by the pre-assigned Due Date, the assigned coach will select music and costume.

Any concerns about this criteria or appeals of criteria decisions must first be directed to the Test Chair who will bring the concern to the Criteria Committee. Should the skater feel the concern / appeal is not satisfied, the Criteria Committee will present the concern to the VFSC Board of Directors for review.



Medical Exceptions / Exemptions Process

***Exceptions will be made due to injuries/medical conditions and will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Criteria Committee ***

1. The skater must notify the criteria committee chair and provide a doctor's note NO LATER than 12 days from injury/incident to maintain status/receive points (Doctor's notes must be verifiable). The skater must have a doctor's note to release the skater back to the ice.
2. The skater must provide a plan to the criteria committee to make up sessions within 30 days of returning to the ice.
3. The Criteria Committee will meet with the skater and parent/guardian to discuss points missed while under doctor's orders.



Junior Club Criteria

At the beginning of each criteria period, a Jr. Club skater must choose their “track”. The choice must be reported to the Criteria Chair by filling out and signing the “Jr. Club Track Options” form. Once a commitment is made, the skater must stay in that track until the following year’s criteria election.

Ice must be registered for and paid for (or VFSC payment plan elected) within 3 weeks of the start of the season (or prior to the first day of the fall season).

Emerald Track:

1. The skater must be a home club member of VFSC or Associate Member PLUS and receive private lessons from a Jr/Sr VFSC coach.
2. The skater must be in Badge 6 or above.
3. The skater will receive a Jr. Club Emerald Track Group number and be part of the Jr Club Opening number for the show.
4. Once Emerald Track is selected a skater may not change to Platinum Competitive until the following years criteria period.

Platinum Competitive Track:

1. The skater must be a home club member of VFSC or Associate Member PLUS and receive private lessons from a Jr/Sr VFSC coach.
2. The skater must be in Badge 6 or above.
3. The skater must skate at least two sessions of freestyle ice per week each fall skating season.
 - a. Must skate one session during summer ice.
 - b. Walk-ons may only be used for make-up and only in accordance with the make-up policy.
4. The skater must participate in at least one USFS sanctioned skating competition per year, *not including* any competitions VFSC may host.
5. The skater will receive a Jr. Club Platinum Competitive Track Group number, a small group number, and be part of the Jr. Club Opening Number for the show.
 - a. Minimum of 4 skaters in Platinum Competitive Track (PCT) to have their own small group number. If less than 4 skaters in the PCT, a “spotlight” feature will be rewarded within a Jr. Club Group Number.

*Criteria Committee will review all concerns as a case by case basis



Senior Club Criteria

A Sr. Club skater is defined as a skater that has passed their Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field and Pre-Juvenile Freeskate tests. Points start to accumulate, **and requirements begin**, the month following passing the Pre-Juvenile Freeskate test. All Sr. Club skaters must skate a minimum of 2 freestyle days per week on VFSC ice whenever VFSC has contract ice available, including summers. If criteria rules are met, a Sr. Club skater will be guaranteed at least a trio. Specific show placement will be based on points. At the end of the criteria season, points will be rounded to the nearest whole number. As a guideline, placement will be determined, based on the number of Sr. Club skaters, as follows:

<u>Moves</u>		<u>Freestyle</u>		<u>Dance</u>		<u>Freedance</u>	
Pre-Pre	5	Pre-Pre	10	Preliminary	15	Juvenile	15
Prelim	10	Prelim	15	Pre-Bronze	18	Intermediate	18
Pre-Juv	15	Pre-Juv	25	Bronze	21	Novice	21
Juvenile	25	Juvenile	40	Pre-Silver	24	Junior	24
Intermediate	35	Intermediate	55	Silver	27	Senior	27
Novice	50	Novice	75	Pre-Gold	30		
Junior	65	Junior	105	Gold	33		
Senior	80	Senior	140	International	36		

Solo, Duet, Trio Criteria:

1. The top 33% of point recipients will receive a Solo
2. The next highest 28% of point recipients will receive Duets
3. The remaining skaters will receive no less than a Trio

The specific number of solos, duets, and trios that will be available will be determined by the size of the Sr. Club and the percentages listed above. All numbers will be in addition to the graduation number, opening number, Sr. Club Group number, etc.

It is the discretion of the Criteria Committee and the Show Committee to add in extra Sr. Club numbers as needed



Testing Bonus Points:

1. Tests passed in the current criteria period will be awarded 3 points.
2. These “Bonus Points” will NOT be carried over to the next criteria period.
 - a. Example: Test level at start of criteria period is Preliminary MIF: Points are at 15 - Pre-Juv test is passed, 3 points will be awarded for a total of 18. The following criteria period will begin with 30 points for Pre-Juv MIF.

Competition Points

Points are awarded for attending and placing at USFS sanctioned competitions

<u>Competition Participation</u>	3 Points for skating in a competition
<u>Events</u>	4 Points for 1st Place
	3 Points for 2nd Place
	2 Points for 3rd Place
	1 Points for 4th Place

1. Maximum points a skater may earn in **criteria period** for competitions is 36.
2. Maximum Points per competition earned is 18.
3. Only points from the two highest competitions will be used.
 - a. Example: Skater competed in 3 competitions, they earned 15 points at the first, 16 points at the second, and 12 points at the third. Allowable criteria would be 31 points. The two highest competition points earned.
4. If the competition is named/promoted as a “Basic Skills” or “Learn to Skate” competition, no points will be awarded.



Competition Points: Skaters **MUST** submit a copy of each result sheet for each event entered by Show Deadline* which can be purchased at the Registration Tables at competitions (historically \$0.25). **NO** points will be awarded without submitting a copy of an official signed result score sheet for each event of each competition. Forms submitted without sheets will not be accepted until sheets are attached. **Photos of results sheets may be used and turned in in person or emailed with attachments to criteriavfsc@gmail.com by the deadline.** The skater and/or parent/guardian are solely responsible for purchasing, storing, and turning in copies of all results sheets. **The Criteria Committee/Directors/Coaches are not responsible for supplying any result sheets needed for placement/points. This is the sole responsibility of the skater/parent/guardian to acquire and hand in results sheets in order to be considered for a solo, duet or trio. NO EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED!**

Ice time & On Ice Classes

1. Points are awarded for On-Ice time on VFSC ice.
 - a. Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Dance, Power, etc.
2. Points are awarded at the rate of 0.40 per hour of contract ice or as stated on the contract registration.
3. Walk-ons may only be used for make-up and only in accordance with the make-up policy. No points awarded for walk-ons.
4. Points may or may not be awarded for short sessions such as Winter break.
 - a. If points are awarded, it will be disclosed on the registration.
5. Skaters **MUST** skate at least 80% of their contracted ice to receive points.
 - a. Attendance will be taken
6. If VFSC does not contract ice in the summer months, all skaters may skate at Breezy Point earning them 0.20 points per hour they contract **up to 8 points**.
 - a. Contracts must be turned in to the Criteria Committee to receive any points. Attendance is taken in Breezy Point and 80% attendance rule still applies.

*Show Deadline will vary each year - Please see Criteria board upstairs for Deadline Date or check the website.



Off-Ice Classes

1. Points are awarded for Off-Ice classes by VFSC.
2. Points are awarded at the rate of 0.40 per hour.
3. Skater must have 80% attendance to receive any points.
 - a. Attendance will be taken.

Camps & Workshops

1. Points are awarded for VFSC Home Club Camps & Workshops.

5-8 Hours (One-Day)..... 4 points for VFSC / 2 points for non-VFSC

0-4 Hours (½ Day)..... 2 points for VFSC / 1 point for non - VFSC

2. Skater MUST turn in a copy of their registration sheet for NON-VFSC camps & workshops within 30 days to the Criteria Committee Chair to receive any points.
3. Maximum of 8 points per Non-VFSC camps & workshops.
4. Unlimited # of points for VFSC camps & workshops.

Years as VFSC Home Club Member

1. Skaters will receive one point per year of membership to the total number of points.
 - a. Example: 4 year Home member = 4 points
2. Home Club membership number will be verified by the Criteria Committee at the end of each criteria period.

Tie in Points

1. If there is a tie in points, ranking for the show positions will be determined as follows:
 - a. Date of Freestyle Test
 - b. Level & Date of Moves in the Field Test
 - c. Years in VFSC
 - d. Years in USFS



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***Criteria Committee will view everything as a case by case**