



Hi All –

The Wayne-Westland Figure Skating Club Board and Coaches welcome you to our new season. We are happy to see many familiar faces and are excited to extend a warm welcome to skaters who are new to the club. We recognize that your participation is essential to creating and maintaining a positive and productive club. Our skaters, families, coaches, board, and arena staff function as a team, and each of us has unique gifts and talents. We appreciate you choosing to be a member and support our efforts.

Meet Your Board

July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024

Board Officers:

Shaun Taft, President. Term ends June 30, 2026

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Rachael Alholinna-Kovacs, Vice President. Term ends June 30, 2026

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Courtney Ozog, Secretary. Term ends June 30, 2024

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Renee Brown, Treasure. Term ends June, 30 2025

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Board Members:

Tess Kuehne – term ends June 30, 2026

Pam Larsen – term ends June 30, 2025

Sharon Mattioli – term ends June 30, 2025

Amy Harris – term ends June 30, 2024

Rana Safah – term ends June 30, 2024

The Board has continued to improve on the process to effectively manage the club. We actually see progress after each meeting and are very active in setting and reaching goals. Here are a few items we are committed to:

- Adhering to budgets, forecasting expenses, and creating sustainable revenue streams such as virtual test sessions.
- Continuing to evaluate fundraising needs to ensure club remains financially stable and members have options to offset ice show costs.
- Utilizing Google Drive to create, share, and store all club files.
- Exploring tools, trainings, and opportunities for the healthy development of our skaters
- Cross training board members and offering leadership roles to young adults to develop the next generation of club leaders.

We truly are committed to collaboration, open communication, transparency, and provide avenues for continuous feedback. All of your feedback is important to the forward momentum of the club.

Board Meetings are open to all members and are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00pm. Meetings are held virutally via Zoom. Contact Shaun Taft if you would like to attend.

Important Dates

August 8 th	Mums fundraiser starts
August 8 th	Better Made Chips fundraiser starts
August 25th	Back to School Movie night in Goudy Park
August 27th	Welcome Back Club Event
September 6 th	Mike Modano Ice Arena Opens
September 11 th	Mum Orders DUE
September 11 th	Chip Orders DUE
September 26 th	Virtual General Board Meeting 7:00p
September 22 nd	Mums Delivered to Arena
October 24 th	Chips Delivered
October 28 th	All American Classic Competition
October 30 th	Ice Show Theme Announced
November 11 th	Ice Show Tryouts
December 11 th	Ice Show Registration Packet Available
December 15 th	Holiday Show 6:00p
January 22 nd	Ice Show Registration Due
April	Ice Show Practices Begin (Exact dates TDB)
April 23 rd	Board Election
May	Ice Show (Exact dates TBD)
May	End of Season Party
June 10 th	Membership Due

Fundraiser Opportunities for the 2023-2024 Season

Our fundraising committee has been working hard to ensure that we have several opportunities available to offer our skate families to earn funds throughout the season. As you may or may not know, operating the club is similar to running a small business. There are certain recurring expenses that are needed to remain in compliance with USFS. These expenses include liability insurance, membership fees to the governing council, hosting our website, and subscriptions to coaching resources. The annual ice show alone costs upwards of \$20,000 to produce with almost half of the costs for ice rental. Standard expenses include lighting, spotlights, scaffolding, director and coaching fees, costumes, and props. Payments received from ice show registrations typically cover the ice rental fees. Revenue from ticket and lobby sales help close the gap between income and expenses. It's not uncommon to operate at a loss regarding the ice show. Over the last few years, we have been very strategic in our spending and have significantly reduced our losses. The 2023 show almost broke even which is a huge accomplishment!

The philosophy around fundraising is the board always wants to ensure that we have sufficient funds to operate the ice show and cover monthly business expenses. To do that, we need to have a couple of mandatory fundraisers to ensure we are maintaining a stable financial position. We also want to offer several voluntary opportunities for those who wish to fundraise and earn credit towards ice show registration fees. We try to provide opportunities for goods that are easier to sell and/or are items individuals tend to purchase like chips, pizza, and seasonal plants. We are always open to ideas and suggestions from our members. Currently these are the fundraisers we will be doing (with a few still TBD with details, but we are expecting to be good to go for).

This year with our mandatory club fundraiser [Mums] we are offering ice show credit prizes of \$50 for top seller, \$40 for second place, and \$30 for third place.

- *Mum Fundraiser- Sell Schwartz's Mums – Start Early August, orders Due Sept 11th. Delivery September 22. (MANDATORY Club Fundraiser)
- Better Made Chips- Start taking orders Mid August, orders Due Sept. 11th. Delivery October 24th.
- Sell Schwartz's Wreaths and Poinsettias (if selected by Schwartz)- Start selling at the End of September through Mid-October for delivery before Thanksgiving/November.
- Holiday show gift card basket raffle/lotto wreath- Start collecting Early- Mid December. Will raffle off at Holiday show. (Also looking at selling 50/50 tickets at the show)
- Little Caesars Pizza kits start selling at the beginning of January with the sale running for 1 month, that way if people want to have the kits for Super Bowl they should be delivered by then.
- Schwartz's \$25 Gift card fundraiser (if selected by Schwartz)- Start selling beginning March with delivery mid April before Greenhouse opens & Mother's Day. (MANDATORY Ice Show Fundraiser)
- Collect donation items for Ice Show Raffle- Start date will start when Ice show practices begin, with a due date of one week prior to the show.

* Mandatory Club Fundraiser

** Fundraisers are subject to change based on availability. Also the start, end, and delivery dates of each fundraiser are subject to change based on availability. For the most current and up-to-date information on fundraisers (current or starting soon) please keep an eye out on your weekly update emails. Current fundraisers will also be posted on our website.

Stay Connected

- o Club Website <https://wwfsc.org/>
- o Facebook @wwfsclub
- o Instagram @wwfsc.org

Also, for members who have Facebook, keep an eye out for our members only page. We're working on getting this page up and running soon and it'll be for keeping more private things to share within the group instead of open to the public, such as ice show practice information.

Freestyle Schedule*

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 4:00pm to 5:50pm

Wednesday 4:00pm to 6:20pm

**Friday 4:00pm to 5:50pm, 7:00pm to 7:50pm

**Saturday 7:30am to 9:20am

Sunday Noon to 1:20pm

*Schedule to change end of October/beginning of November due to high school hockey. Check the club website or your weekly update to verify times.

** Until Learn to Skate starts in October Friday Freestyle will be 4:00pm-7:50pm, and Saturday Freestyle will be 7:30am to 10:20am

Freestyle Drop-In Rates:

50 minute full session = \$13 Westland residents / \$14 non-Westland residents

25 minute half session = \$7 Westland residents / \$7.50 non-Westland residents

Monthly punch cards will return this season as well, same policy - one card per individual skater, expires monthly - any unused punches will not transfer to the following month. September cards will be \$88 for 8 full sessions / 16 half sessions, you can mix 'n match however you'd like until you've used up the 8 hours!

Same procedure as last year, sign in and pay/punch at concessions BEFORE getting on the ice, PLEASE and THANK YOU!!!!

<u>Volunteer Needs</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Mandatory Hours</u>	<u>Required Hours</u>
● Competition	Rana Safah	Yes	4-5 hours
● Monthly To-Do	Sharon Mattioli	No	
● Holiday Show	Tess Kuehne	No	
● Board Committees	Rachael Alholinna-Kovacs	No	
● Ice Show	Shaun Taft	Yes	6 hours

Volunteer Descriptions

Competition – Saturday, October 28th TIME – Approximately 8:00a.m to 5:00p.m.

The All American Classic is the club's largest fundraiser and helps offset ice show expenses. Jobs include competition check-in desk, ice monitor, results poster, runner (if needed), awards, hospitality, set-up, tear-down. Shaun Taft, Rana Safah, and Abby Sitarski are the Competition Committee and will be posting positions, descriptions, and time slots using Signup Genius by October 2, 2024. Please feel free to reach out to them should you have any questions.

Holiday Show – Friday, December 15th 6:00p.m.

This show is fairly low key, compared to the Ice Show, and is a way for our skaters to celebrate the holiday season and showcase their skills in front of an audience. We typically ask skaters and attendees to make a donation to support a local non-profit. In the past, we have supported Wayne-Westland Schools with hygiene items, collected socks and underwear for families living in a local shelter, and

collected food for a pantry. Feel free to connect with Tess Kuehne if you have any ideas for the donation, would like to help decorate the lobby, and have suggestions for lobby sales.

Board Committees – Each Season July 1 – June 30th

Our club is comprised of approximately 40 families with about 20 active skaters. Many of those on our board volunteer for a variety of duties and are often spread quite thin. We can always use more help. You don't need to be a board member to participate in a committee or be the point-person for it. The following committees are needed to efficiently manage club business: Competition, Ice Show, Membership, Media, Skater's Advisory, Fundraising, and Nomination. Some committees, such as Membership and Nomination Committee have one yearly project. Others, such as Fundraising and Media are on-going. This year we are looking at adding an Entertainment Committee, which would help take care of coordinating our Welcome Back Event, Holiday show party, End of Season Event, etc. If you have an interest in learning how you might be able to assist or would like more information, please contact Rachael Alholinna-Kovacs.

Ice Show- The volunteer requirement is 6 hours per family with mandatory participation in set-up and tear down. A fine of \$100 will apply if this requirement is not met. Those volunteering on a show night will receive free admission to one of the other performances.

The Board understands that we have busy lives, and our availability is limited. We are always open to discussing reasonable accommodations and making arrangements that are flexible to meet unique needs. Some events, such as the competition and ice show, require volunteers to be on-site to ensure the events run smoothly. We are a small club, but we have many dedicated members who keep this club functioning and make it possible to host shows, events, and training for our skaters. We need all members to show up, take part, and share their time in order to function. Please feel free to reach out to the contact person for the activity if you need accommodation.

Looking forward to a wonderful season.

WWFSC Board of Directors

Mingo says "Sk8Gr8!"



ICE SHOW REQUIREMENTS 2024

1. Must have a current USFS Membership to participate in ice show. Out-of-club members are eligible for group numbers only and must be Second Club Members of Wayne-Westland FSC (\$55)
2. Basic 4 level and above are eligible for up to two (2) groups based on availability.
3. Opening number requirements: 1. WWFSC membership 2. Compete at WWFSC home competition (October 2023).
4. Blacklight/Theater. Placement in high or low group (if applicable) is based on skating level and will be determined by the Ice Show Director.
5. Special Parts (Solos, Duets, Group Solos, Pairs, Trios). The following requirements must be completed by the beginning of ice show dress rehearsal:
 - a. First Club Membership
 - b. Compete at our home competition in October plus one (1) additional competition representing WWFSC (Competing in the High School State Finals in an individual (solo) event will also count towards competition requirements).
 - c. All Special parts skaters must skate one (1) hour/week minimum at Mike Modano Ice Arena during the skating season from September-May.

TRYOUTS will be REQUIRED for ALL special parts and for blacklight/theater



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WWFSC Skaters Advisory Committee

What is it?

The WWFSC Board believes that skater opinions provide important information as they lead and make decisions for our club. The WWFSC Skater Advisory Committee will serve as one connection for skaters to be informed and have their voices heard within our club. A WWFSC board liaison will support the skater advisory committee work.

Who do we need?

We need skaters who want to share their insight, knowledge and ideas about club activities such as the ice show, off-ice opportunities and team building. We need your advice and recommendation to continually improve our club.

How to find out more?

To find out more information, please contact Tess at info@wwfsc.org



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WWFSC Entertainment Committee

What is it?

Helping coordinate the of planning club events, gatherings, that include welcome back event, holiday party, and end of season wrap up. Help with coordinating, planning, creating sign-up genius, getting food with club funds, RSVPs, collecting donations, and setup for the fun stuff.

Who do we need?

Anyone interested in brainstorming ideas and events for club activities for team building.

How to find out more?

To find out more information, please contact Rachael Alholinna-Kovacs at xrachxx77@gmail.com



FREESTYLE ICE
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 4 – 5:50pm
Wednesday 4 – 6:20pm
Friday 4 – 7:50pm
Saturday 7:30 – 10:20am
Sunday 12 – 1:20pm

Check out our website for the weekly freestyle schedule <https://wwfsc.org/>

Freestyle Ice Prices

50 minute session: Resident \$13 / Non - resident \$14

25 minute session: Resident \$7 / Non - resident \$7.50



Friday Classes

6:00 - 6:50pm

October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8

Friday session, 9 weeks = Residents \$121.50 / Non - residents \$130.50

Saturday Classes

9:30 - 10:20am

October 7, 14, 21, *, November 4, 11, 18, *, December 2, 9

Saturday session, 8 weeks = Residents \$108 / Non - residents \$116

NO CLASS OCTOBER 28th DUE TO OUR ANNUAL COMPETITION

TUITION DOES NOT INCLUDE: SKATE RENTAL (\$4 per day), or THE ANNUAL LTS USA MEMBERSHIP (\$18.50 PER SKATER) VALID THRU JUNE 30TH, 2024

EMAIL Tess at WWLearn2Skate@gmail.com to register for classes.

Important dates to keep in mind:

All American Classic Competition and Halloween Exhibition – Saturday, October 28th

Check out our website at <https://wwfsc.org/>, visit our Facebook page [@wwfscclub](https://www.facebook.com/wwfscclub) - "Wayne Westland Figure Skating Club", and our Instagram - [@waynewestlandfsc](https://www.instagram.com/waynewestlandfsc)

Questions?? Email us at: info@wwfsc.org

