



Moray Figure Skating Club

Welcome to the First MFSC Newsletter

As a way of introduction, it was raised at the MFSC AGM that we would, as a club try and do more to communicate with our members. This is one aspect where we know we need to improve and the newsletter will hopefully keep you all in the loop and keep you abreast of club activities and issues.

Fundraising

A sub-committee has been set up exclusively to deal with club fundraising. The point of contact for this activity is Audrey Boyd. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Audrey in the first instance. She eagerly awaits your input.

CLUB COMPETITION

The MFSC Competition will take place at Moray Leisure Centre on Sat 11 Jun 10.45 am - 1.15 pm (we suggest turning up a minimum of 30 minutes early to prepare)

We expect all skaters to participate and would ask parents to encourage their children to take part. The competition is 'opt-out' and not 'opt-in'. It is open to **all** levels of Skate UK/Star. The coaches will be running rehearsals during the lesson time in the run up to the competition so there will be no surprises to the skaters; they will be well rehearsed before the big day. Skaters will only be asked to perform moves that they have already passed in the Skate UK/Star programme. Please come and support all our skaters.

During the competition there will be raffles, stalls, tea/coffee etc for sale. The fundraising committee is looking for donations for the raffles. Any bottles or chocolate donations will be gratefully received. Please drop off at the Club any time up to and including 10 Jun 16.

We have some dresses that can be hired for a small fee and will be available to view over the next few Saturdays during Skate UK at a manned stall. There will also be some on display to purchase.

Summer Ice Skating

We have canvassed the majority of parents/skaters regarding opening during the summer. The overwhelming majority was in favour of continuing. To that end, Skate UK/Star will continue as normal. A decision regarding the competition section will be determined at the next committee meeting on 5 Jun 16. The club will not run Friday Club ice and it will be 'pay at the desk' for figure ice.

CLUB FEES

A lot has been mentioned historically regarding club fees. Unfortunately the club has a financial obligation to pay ice fees in advance as directed by Moray Leisure Centre. This has put us under financial pressure and we have had to make some tough decisions. We have already implemented advance monthly payments for the competitive skaters and we actively encourage Skate UK/Star to do the same. We will review the payment plan after the summer holidays.

Advance payment is nothing new and is already standard practice in many other clubs and institutions.

Our preferred method of payment is by bank transfer to :- MFSC, Bank of Scotland, Sort Code 80-06-66, Account Number 00106474. Please quote member name as reference. We also accept online payments, cheque and cash.

Plea for Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of the club activity/committee/rota etc. We are always looking for more volunteers to help, particularly at Skate UK/Star to assist with boot issue and the front desk. If you would be willing to give up some of your time to help, then please speak to any of the committee members. We cannot function efficiently without your help.

Code of Conduct

A revised Code of Conduct is currently being drafted. As soon as the MFSC committee has ratified it, it will be sent out to all club members. Every member, parent and skater will be required to sign and return that they agree to the terms and conditions.

We as a Club are committed to safeguarding and promoting the members. The Club believes that it is important that all members, coaches, parents and guardians should show respect and understand the safety and welfare of **all** members of the Club.

The goal of the code is so everyone associated with MFSC, regardless of role or status must follow and uphold the principles outlined within the Code of Conduct regarding behaviour both on and off the ice while on the premises of the Moray Leisure Centre and at all other places when representing MFSC.

Diary Dates

11 Jun 16 – MFSC Competition 10.45 - 1.15

9 Nov 16 – Fashion Show, M & Co, Buckie

12 Jun 16 – Competitive Section Tests

18 Nov 16 (TBC) – Bingo, Bishopmill Hall

4-6 Aug 16 – Dundee Open, TBC

TBC – Coffee Morning, Town Hall,
Lossiemouth

10 Sep 16 – 09.30-11.30 am, Coffee Morning,
North Church Hall, Buckie

8-10 Nov 16 – Sheffield Open

2-4 Sep 16 – Ayr Open

16/17 Dec 16 – Christmas Gala

Sep/Oct 16 – TBC – Ladies Dinner

4 Jan 17 (TBC) – Pantomime, Aberdeen

Skate UK/Star and Competition Section will be closed during the weekends when the coaches are away at 'Open' competitions (with the exception of Sheffield). The club will also be closed during Curling Bonspiels, these are 10 Dec 16, 18 Feb 17, 4 Mar 17 and 7-9 Apr 17. There will also be one in Oct 16, but an exact date is TBC.