



# Westminster Figure Skating Club of Erie

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## WELCOME!

We invite you to be part of the 66<sup>th</sup> season at Westminster Figure Skating Club of Erie. WFSC provides a community of support for figure skaters of all ages and levels in and around the Erie area. We not only promote skating as a sport and form of artistic expression but also as an activity that improves health while developing discipline, confidence, and social skills. We hope this encourages our skaters to grow into the next figure skating competitors to represent northwestern Pennsylvania.

WFSC is a non-profit organization. The Club is run by its members, parent involvement and service are key to the club running successfully. We welcome financial donations to the Club, which are tax deductible, to help keep costs low. Parents can get involved in many different capacities such as playing music during freestyle sessions, assisting in show set up and tear down, joining a committee, chairing an event, running for a board position, and more! If you have questions about how to become involved, please reach out to me and we can discuss how your talents could help our skaters. At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents!

I look forward to getting to know you and your skater(s) throughout the year. Please contact any Board Member if you have any questions or would like to help.

Thank You,  
Brienne Dempsey, President

### Board of Directors

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## 2024-2025 Membership Fees

<p><b>Full Club Membership</b> entitles every member of the immediate family to participate in club activities. Skaters will be registered with the USFS. Membership covers club management expenses, such as USFS club dues, printing, postage, website, storage unit, and publicity. One adult member of each family will be granted voting privileges and be eligible to hold a club office. Member skaters are eligible to participate on WFSC Exhibition teams and in ice shows. Members receive discounts on ice fees for Freeskate and Stroking/Styling. The membership fee is paid once each year. Any skater under 8 years old must have a parent or guardian present at all Club sessions.</p>	<p>\$170 - 1<sup>st</sup> skater \$90 - additional family skaters</p>
<p><b>Collegiate Club Membership</b> has the same benefits and requirements as Full Club Membership (see above) but applies only to one college student. To qualify, a skater must be a registered college student during the skating season.</p>	<p>\$125 - 1<sup>st</sup> year \$65 - each year after</p>
<p><b>Associate Club Membership</b> is open to skaters already registered with USFS through another skating club and non-skating individuals who wish to support the Club, such as volunteers, USFS judges and coaches. Associate members will NOT be registered with USFS. Associate skaters are eligible to participate on WFSC Exhibition teams and in ice shows.</p>	<p>\$75 per member</p>

## Programs for the 2023 – 2024 Season

<p><b>Skating Exhibition Teams</b></p>	<p>The Westminster Skating Team is an exhibition team that performs at Mercyhurst and Erie Otters hockey games and Club shows. Member skaters must be working on achieving Learn to Skate level 6 or higher to be eligible for the exhibition team.</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p><b>Freestyle</b></p>	<p>Ice time available for individual skaters for practice or private lessons with one of our Club coaches.</p>	<p>10 one-hour sessions for \$170 or 5 one-hour sessions for \$90</p>
<p><b>Ice Shows</b></p>	<p>WFSC produces holiday and spring shows for skaters to perform for family and friends. Depending on skating level, skaters may participate in group or individual show numbers.</p>	<p>Minimal participation fee to offset show expenses</p>
<p><b>Testing</b></p>	<p>WFSC is a member of the United States Figure Skating (USFS) association, which defines guidelines for tracking the progress of skaters. The club periodically schedules testing throughout the year depending on interest.</p>	<p>Varies depending on level and number of participants</p>
<p><b>Learn to Skate &amp; Skating Academy</b> (group lessons)</p>	<p>Learn to Skate sessions provide basic (Learn to Skate) and advanced (Skating Academy) ice skating skills for figure skating, hockey, or recreational skating. Classes are offered throughout the season. Skaters are placed in classes based on skating ability.</p>	<p>TBD</p>



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## 2024-2025 Membership Application

Parent/Adult Skater Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify **ONE** adult family member to have voting privileges: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about WFSC of Erie: \_\_\_\_\_

Skater's Name	Birthday	Age	Gender	Test Level

US Citizen: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

<b>Club Membership Fee:</b> <i>(check which one applies)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Full Club : \$170 first skater, \$90 per additional family skater(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate: \$125 first year/\$65 following years <input type="checkbox"/> Associate/Coach/Board Member: \$75	\$
New member discount (-\$25 if applicable)	
<b>Total Due:</b>	\$

**Amount Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Cash:\_\_\_\_\_ Check No:\_\_\_\_\_**

Make checks payable to **WFSC of Erie**. There will be a \$20 charge for checks returned by a bank.

Mail payments to: **WFSC of Erie, C/O Christie Lucas, 2152 Lorwood Drive, Erie, PA 16510**

Membership and session fees are non-refundable. If a skater is hurt or becomes ill and is unable to skate for an extended period, they may submit to the Board of Directors a written request for a medical refund accompanied by a doctor's excuse.



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## Photo and Video Release

I grant WFSC of Erie permission to use any photographs or video footage of myself or my minor for Club related use.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check only if you DO NOT consent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Skater(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Adult Skater

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Consent for Medical Attention or Treatment

I certify that I, the member, or I, the parent/guardian of said participant, give my consent to the Westminster Figure Skating Club of Erie and the facility the activities are taking place in and their staff and to members of the Westminster Figure Skating Club of Erie, their Board of Directors and volunteers to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or clinic, including transportation and emergency medical services, for myself/ourselves and/or said participant for any injury that could arise from participation in these activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Skater(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Adult Skater

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Fundraising Acknowledgement

WFSC is a non-profit organization. To keep costs as low as possible we rely on the participation of every member to help sustain the Club.

I agree to participate in at least one WFSC fundraiser generating the minimum sales requirement or will pay \$50 per family to buy out of my member fundraising obligations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Adult Skater

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## **ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events and activities during the 2023-24 U.S. Figure Skating Competition Season ("Events and Activities"), the undersigned, individually, and on behalf of his/her heirs, personal representatives, administrators, agents, successors and assigns (collectively referred to herein as "Participant"), AGREES TO ASSUME THE RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY, TO RELEASE AND TO INDEMNIFY U.S. Figure Skating, its directors, officers, members, employees, officials, committees, volunteers, clubs, affiliates, sponsors, representatives, agents, successors and assigns, including the host club, local organizing committee and any other entity responsible for the hosting and/or conduct of the Events and Activities (collectively referred to herein as "U.S. Figure Skating"), as follows:

**1. Assumption of Risk and Responsibility.** Participant fully understands and appreciates the risks of injury that may occur in ice skating or in the course of preparing for, participating in and traveling to or from the Events and Activities. The risks of injury that may occur include, but are not limited to, the risk of, serious bodily injury, viral infections, bacterial infections and risk of other communicable diseases and illness, permanent disability, paralysis and death (collectively referred to herein as "Risks"). Participant acknowledges that Participant voluntarily engages in such Events and Activities with adequate knowledge of such Risks; and agrees that Participant fully assumes all such Risks and all legal and financial responsibility for (a) any and all injuries or damages, whether to person or property, that Participant may in any manner sustain in connection therewith or in the conduct and management of the Events and Activities, including such injury or damage that may result from the negligence of U.S. Figure Skating or from some other cause and (b) all treatment, hospitalization and other care rendered to Participant in the event of Participant's illness, injury or other emergency circumstance in connection with participation in the Events and Activities, subject to any applicable insurance coverage.

**2. Release and Indemnification.** Participant hereby fully and forever releases, discharges, holds harmless, and agrees to indemnify U.S. Figure Skating from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, lawsuits, damages, and judgments, present or future, known or unknown, valid or invalid, direct or consequential, together with reasonable costs and attorneys' fees, which result directly or indirectly from damages, losses, injuries or death to Participant, Participant's property, other persons or property incurred during or in connection with any activities associated with or being a part of the Events and Activities and the conduct and management thereof, including any participation, travel or medical treatment, hospitalization or other care rendered in connection with the Events and Activities, whether such loss, damage, injury or death results from the negligence of U.S. Figure Skating or from some other cause.

I HAVE READ THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I AND THE MINOR PARTICIPANT (IF APPLICABLE) HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE. I INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THAT THE REMAINING PROVISIONS SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Signature of Participant	Date	Signature of Parent/Guardian (if Participant is under 18)	Date
Printed Name of Participant		Printed Name of Parent/Guardian	



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## CODE OF CONDUCT - SKATESAFE

Westminster Figure Skating Club of Erie (WFSC) is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for members' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct.

The following code of conduct applies to all participants in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating and WFSC programs, including, but not limited to, competitions, exhibitions, training camps and local rink activities.

I recognize that my participation or my child's in all the activities associated with U.S. Figure Skating and WFSC is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents.

### GR 1.02 CODE OF CONDUCT

The following code of conduct applies to all participants in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions and training camps:

I recognize that my participation in all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions and training camps, is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents. As a precondition to participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating,

I will adhere to the following tenets in good faith:

- A. I will exhibit the highest standards of fairness, ethical behavior and genuine good sportsmanship in all my relations with others.
- B. I will not discriminate against any member or participant on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin or any other status protected by federal, state or local law, where applicable.
- C. I will not damage public or private property. I understand that I may be held financially responsible for damage deemed to be wantonly or willfully executed on my part, and that I may be subject to disciplinary action by U.S. Figure Skating.
- D. I will not use or possess illegal drugs, and I will not engage in criminal activity. I understand that, if I am found to use or possess illegal drugs, or if I am found to engage in any criminal activity during any activity hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I may be subject to criminal penalties as well as penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating.
- E. I will adhere to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating and the host organization at all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.
- F. I will comply with all applicable anti-doping rules including, but not limited to, ISU anti-doping rules.
- G. I will conduct myself in a manner not detrimental to the welfare of figure skating. I understand that my actions reflect on U.S. Figure Skating and the sport of figure skating both positively and negatively. I understand that if my acts, statements or conduct are considered detrimental to the welfare of figure skating by the appropriate authority, I may be subject to penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating pursuant to GR 1.04.
- H. I understand that the penalties that may be imposed may include, but are not limited to, loss of future international selections, loss of financial support from U.S. Figure Skating and its Memorial Fund, and loss of participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.
- I. I understand that all disciplinary proceedings will be conducted pursuant to Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and that my rights and remedies are derived therefrom.

### GR 1.03

U.S. Figure Skating will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment (including sexual harassment), misconduct, (including sexual, physical and emotional misconduct), bullying or hazing of any of its members including coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, athletes and volunteers — or any other persons — while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## 2024–2025 Coaching Staff

<p><b>Amy Coffman</b></p>	<p>Areas of Private lessons include: Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Dance, Choreography, and Basic Skills.            Coaching Fee: \$10.00/15 minutes            Phone: 814-450-5193 email: <a href="mailto:amymay5180@aol.com">amymay5180@aol.com</a></p>
<p><b>Kassandra Bidwell</b></p>	<p>Areas of Private lessons include: Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Choreography, and Basic Skills.            Coaching Fee: \$12.50/15 minutes            Phone: 814-746-5744 email: <a href="mailto:kbskate3@yahoo.com">kbskate3@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p><b>Breanne Johnson</b></p>	<p>Areas of private lessons include: Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Choreography, Basic Skills and Hockey            Coaching Fee: \$10.00/15 minutes            Phone: 814-823-2709 email: <a href="mailto:forcier.breanne@gmail.com">forcier.breanne@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Brigitta Francoeur</b></p>	<p>Areas of private lessons included: Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Choreography, and Basic Skills, and Power Hockey Skating Skills            Coaching Fee: \$12.50/15 minutes            Phone: 814-860-1871 email: <a href="mailto:coachbrigitta@gmail.com">coachbrigitta@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Katherine Brittner</b></p>	<p>Areas of private lessons: Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Choreography, and Basic Skills            Coaching Fee: \$10.00/15 minutes            Phone: 724-504-9713 Email: <a href="mailto:khbrittner@gmail.com">khbrittner@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Jaylyn Worgan</b></p>	<p>Areas of private lessons: Freestyle (Basic skills through IJS), Moves in the Field, Choreography, Showcase, Ice Dance, Power/Edge Hockey Skills            Coaching Fee: \$14.00/ 15 mins            Phone: (814) 706-7273 Email: <a href="mailto:jaylyn.orwig@gmail.com">jaylyn.orwig@gmail.com</a></p>

Additional information regarding our coaches can be found on our Club's website: [www.wfscoferie.com](http://www.wfscoferie.com)