

Starlight Ice Dance Club Of The Twin Cities

2009 - 2010 Skating Season

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Starlight Ice Dance Club of the Twin Cities (Starlight). As the only social ice dance club in the Twin Cities area, Starlight's focus is to provide social ice dance at a beginning level for those interested in staying in shape, exploring their artistic side and meeting others who share their enthusiasm for ice dance. Skill levels of our members range from beginner to advanced. Starlight began social ice dancing in 1993 and became a member club of U.S. Figure Skating in 1996.

Since the majority of Starlight members are adults, activities are scheduled as much as possible to allow a balance of work, family and skating. The board members choose to keep the club simple and focus on the key activities that promote ice dance. There are no attendance requirements or volunteer requirements, but you can contact any board member if you'd like to get involved.

You'll find the communication from the club is minimal. Generally, email is used due to its speed and low cost. The website is kept up-to-date with upcoming events. www.geocities.com/starlighticedance. Starlight does not host test sessions or competitions, but we encourage members to make use of the many opportunities in the area.

Club bylaws are available on the Starlight website under "Club News." All Starlight members age 16 and over are eligible to vote on club matters. Associate members age 16 and over are also eligible to vote. For members age 15 and under, votes may be submitted by a parent or guardian.

SOCIAL ICE DANCE at Parade Ice Garden

- Summers – Tuesday evenings, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m., June through August, 2009.
- School year – Tentatively, Thursday evenings, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m., beginning September, 2009

Come try ice dance. The contract price has been under \$7 per hour, so you can miss a few and still know you're getting a great deal!

ICE DANCE EVENTS

If you would like more information on any of the following, please ask a board member or check the Starlight website.

- Ice Dance Weekend 2009 – July 24-26, 2009 @ Bloomington Ice Garden.
- Special Social Ice Dance evenings – Halloween costumes, New Year's formal, etc.
- Ice Shows – Starlight is invited to participate in several ice shows. All ice dancers are welcome to participate.
- Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony – to be scheduled for approximately May of 2010.
- Ice Dance Weekend 2010 – Late July, 2010 @ Bloomington Ice Garden.

GROUP LESSONS

The Board intends to purchase ad-hoc hours of ice, possibly 2-4 times during the year, for group lessons on a specific topic. Please contact a board member if you have any requests for these lessons.

NEW THIS YEAR – COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP

If you are in or about to start college, university, vocational-technical or similar post-secondary education at any level, you are eligible for a new collegiate membership. This special category provides four years of USFS and Starlight membership with only one registration. You do not have to be in your first year of college and there is no age restriction; however, you may only use this membership category once. Simply provide a copy of your student ID (with effective date), or paid fee statement or letter of acceptance from the college you are or will be attending along with the regular membership requirements. Once registered as a collegiate member, U.S. Figure Skating will provide extra information on coaching, becoming an official and collegiate skating.

COACHES – Special Coach's Registration Required BEFORE Joining Starlight

U.S. Figure Skating requires that coaches complete the coach's registration process on www.usfigureskating.org prior to and in addition to having a club (or individual) U.S. Figure Skating membership. The coach's registration requires that you pass a background screening and provide proof of liability insurance. After the coach's registration is complete, you need to join U.S. Figure Skating as a regular member, generally through a club, such as Starlight. For more information, see the U.S. Figure Skating website.

Coaches must be a member of both U.S. Figure Skating and Professional Skaters Association to accompany a skater to *any test, competition (qualifying and nonqualifying) or other U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event* (that is, to receive access to the skater areas or stand at the boards). Clubs have been instructed to view each coach's registration card at each event.

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NEW TO U.S. FIGURE SKATING?

All U.S. Figure Skating memberships run from July 1 to June 30, regardless of when your membership requirements are submitted. You'll receive a U.S. Figure Skating membership card and number approximately 2-3 months after you submit your registration to Starlight. U.S. Figure Skating members receive a subscription to Skating magazine (one per household). See also Testing and Competing, below.

MEMBERSHIP PAPERWORK CHECKLIST:

- Please VERIFY pre-printed data or FILL IN blank fields. Print clearly.
- Required information: Name, Address, City, State, ZIP, Gender, Date of Birth and Citizenship. **Without this information, your membership cannot be processed.**
- Name – The name you put on this form will be the name U.S. Figure Skating uses for items such as test certificates and announcements in Skating magazine.
- E-mail Address – An e-mail address is not required for membership, but is required for on-line access to your personal test and competition history through the national organization. (See the “members only” link on the U.S. Figure Skating website. U.S. Figure Skating sends password information via e-mail to new members shortly after the registration process is completed.) Most Starlight communication will be sent via e-mail only (using the blind cc line for confidentiality).
- Eligibility Status – This refers to your eligibility to compete in qualifying competitions. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, ineligible or restricted, please work with your coach or U.S. Figure Skating to determine your status.
- Confirmation of Membership Status – You will receive a U.S. Figure Skating membership card and number direct from Colorado approximately 2-3 months after you submit your registration to Starlight. If you need your member number before the card arrives in the mail, please contact Jenae Williams.
- CHANGING HOME CLUBS – If you joined a U.S. Figure Skating club for the 09-10 season, and want to change your home club to or from Starlight during the same season, a “Notice of Change of Home Club” form is required. This form is available from the Membership Chair of either club.

TESTING AND COMPETING

- **Club permission is required for all tests or competitions in the U.S. Figure Skating system.** The form provided by the hosting club will tell you who needs to sign the permission form. Generally, tests will require the signature of the Test Chair, and competitions will require the signature of a club officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer), but there are exceptions. READ the form so you know whom to contact. ALLOW TIME for telephone tag or mail transit. Please plan ahead.
- **Testing** – Starlight does not sponsor test sessions. You are welcome to test with any club that allows it. In addition, Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCFSA) hosts test sessions for dance, freestyle and moves periodically throughout the year. Check the TCFSA website for specific test dates and registration requirements.

CLUB JACKETS

Club jackets are black fleece zip-up jackets, with Starlight's name and logo. The jackets can be personalized with a name on the front and/or with “Starlight” on the back of the jacket. Contact Diane Geving if interested in ordering a jacket.

WHAT IS TWIN CITY FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION (TCFSA)?

Twin City Figure Skating Association is a group of clubs based mainly in the Twin Cities that work together on any cause that will be beneficial to many or all member clubs. For example, TCFSA sponsors local test sessions, the Minnesota State Competition, and national/international skating events. TCFSA has also worked to develop standards for high-school lettering in figure skating. For more information on TCFSA, visit their website below, or contact Starlight delegates, Caroline Gilbert and Jenae Williams.

-- HOW TO CONTACT STARLIGHT ICE DANCE CLUB --

STARLIGHT BOARD MEMBERS

President - Diane Geving, 651-464-8572, gevings@msn.com
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Board Member - Kitty Warner, 651-642-9971, kittwarn@aol.com

STARLIGHT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Testing, Dance - Diane Geving
Testing, Moves/Free - Sheila Thelen, 651-257-1004, sk8thelen@aol.com
Membership - Jenae Williams, 763-525-1172, jwilliams@usfamily.net
Social Dance Coordinators - Glen Geving and Diane Geving
Ice Dance Weekend Coordinator - Jenae Williams
Show Coordinator - Kitty Warner
Webmasters - Marc Williams, Susan Chacko
Photographer - Chas Jensen

STARLIGHT WEBSITE www.geocities.com/starlighticedance/

Also available as a club link through www.USFigureSkating.org or www.TCFSA.org.