

*****NSSC Ice Spectacular *****

April 6, 7, & 8, 2018

Dear NSSC Member Prospective Show Participant:

Please read this informative packet carefully, as there are many important details. Completed applications, along with full payment, **MUST** be received in the Reading Office **NO LATER** than noon, Saturday **November 4th, 2017**. If mailing, make sure to leave ample time. Applications submitted after this date will be late and approval is subject to the show committee.

Our "Show Kick-off Party" will be held on Friday evening, January 5th. Skaters and parents alike should attend as we will be available to answer any questions regarding show policies, including the advertising packet and volunteer requirements. The highlight of the evening will be announcing the show groups and unveiling the costumes. Show soloists will also receive their information package. Parents will be able to sign up for their volunteer opportunities on Sign-Up Genius.

The North Shore Skating Club's Ice Spectacular has a reputation as one of the best shows in the area. The 3-day extravaganza is always a great opportunity for the skaters to perform for the public, family, and friends, while having fun and creating new relationships. We hope you will choose to be a part of this rewarding experience!

Sincerely,

Jessica Farnsworth & Suzi Sweezey

Show Directors

Julie Rainville, Heather Talty, & Sharon Way

Show Producers

Requirements for Ice Spectacular 2018

1. Membership & Ice Contract:

- All applicants must be amateur members of the North Shore Skating Club and contract at least one freestyle session per week from September 22, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- Skaters who normally contract a Sunday Freestyle session as their required session must contract a different session for the time period of March 4th through April 8th to be eligible to skate in the show.
- To change your Sunday session you must submit an ice reservation change form to the Club Office no later than Sunday, February 18, 2018. This change will be in effect from Monday, February 26 through Sunday, April 8, 2018. You will be placed back on your Sunday session effective April 15, 2017. There will be no charge for these changes.

2. Application Deadline:

- Saturday, November 4th at 12:00 noon with full payment. Applications submitted after that date and incomplete **applications** will be considered late and approval is subject to the show committee.

3. Show Fee:

- The show fee is \$140.00 per skater and \$120.00 for each additional skater in the same family. This can be paid by cash, check, or online with credit card typing Show into the description line. **This fee is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

4. Ads/Ticket Sales:

- Each family will be responsible for selling \$175.00 in advertising/ticket sales. Out of this \$175.00, each family must sell a minimum of \$100.00 in ads. Skaters' families will be billed for the balance. Ads must be turned in by the deadline of Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 12:00 noon for full and final credit. **No Credit will be given for ads received after this date. No exceptions will be made.**

5. Group Assignments:

- All skaters, including soloists, will perform in two group numbers. All non-soloists will also skate in the show production number. Groups may be decided based on several factors including but not limited to a skater's age, grade, height, and skating ability. When formulating the groups, special consideration will be given on a case by case basis to those skaters in high school. **The ultimate goal is to achieve the best possible look for the entire group performing.**

6. Mandatory Attendance:

- Attendance is **mandatory** for all show-related events, a letter of commitment is part of the show application and must be signed by the skater and parent.
- Only written requests/emailed requests (nssc.shows@nsskating.org) made **in advance** will be considered by the show committee for absences due to extenuating and/or unforeseeable circumstances. A competition of any nature is NOT a viable excuse to miss a show rehearsal and will not be excused. Please plan your competitive season accordingly. Skaters who are not feeling well or who are injured should still make every effort to attend but will be allowed to sit out and watch. If the skater is truly too ill to attend, a call must be made to the club office (781-944-5874) PRIOR to the scheduled start of the rehearsal (leave a message if nobody picks up) and a doctor's note may be required. If a skater is not present, the skater's family will be responsible to pay a \$50.00 fine which will appear on the next monthly statement and the Show Committee reserves the right to remove the skater and/or fill his/her place in the show with another skater. The Show Committee takes special circumstances under consideration on a case-by-case basis. There are 4 Sunday and 1 Saturday rehearsals, a dress rehearsal, pre-show rehearsals, 3 show performances, and soloists additionally are required to attend the soloist exhibition.

7. Rehearsals:

- **All regular on and off-ice show rehearsals are closed to parents, family and friends.** Only volunteers who are proctoring, creating props/scenery, or selling tickets are allowed in the rink area during regular show rehearsals. **No one will be allowed up in the stands, including skaters participating in the show who are not currently rehearsing.**

8. Volunteer Policy:

- Each family participating in the show must volunteer for a minimum of 5 hours, which are separate from your required membership hours. Volunteering can be done during rehearsals, on picture day, at the dress rehearsal, or at the actual show performances. Hours volunteered will be tracked with Sign-Up Genius by Show Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon Way. After April 15th unfulfilled show volunteer hours will be billed at \$25.00 per hour. Any hours volunteered in excess of the 5 mandatory show hours can count toward the 15 annual volunteer hours required by the NSSC. **Food or other donated items do not count toward volunteer hours.**

9. Show Hospitality Requirement

- Each family must provide one food item for Saturday or Sunday to help cover the hospitality costs. Families will also be charged a \$25.00 fee which will cover the cost of catering food for the hospitality room for Wednesday and Friday performances. The fee will appear on the skater's February monthly statement. There will be a sign up sheet at the Sunday rehearsals for the donated food items needed.

11. Program Books:

- Graduating seniors will be featured on a page in the book that displays the skaters' class pictures, along with a brief explanation of their high school activities/accomplishments and their future plans. All soloist summaries and graduating seniors' pictures are to be supplied by the skaters themselves by the deadline of February 17, 2018. The Committee reserves the right to edit summaries.

12. Parent/Child Number:

- This number will be considered, based on interest and participation. There will be a **\$25.00 fee per family** to participate in this group number. Please indicate on your show application if you are interested. (This does not commit a skater to doing/not doing the number) Deadline for submitting intent for Parent Child Number is February 17th, 2018 at noon.

13. Costumes and Adjustments:

- Skaters must attend one of the measurement sessions listed under "Dates to Remember" in this packet. It is your responsibility to get measured. Every effort will be made to order the proper costume sizes for the skaters, taking into account the estimated growth between the measurement date and the show dates. Costumes cannot be exchanged or returned. **The Show and/or Costume Committee is NOT responsible for alterations.** Show participants themselves, will be responsible for any final assembly of costumes prior to picture day. Any alterations must be done in such a way as to keep the costume consistent with the rest of the costumes in the participant's group.

14. Injury or Loss:

- The North Shore Skating Club and/or its agents will not be held responsible for any injuries or loss incurred during the show rehearsals or performances.

15. Good Standing:

- All skaters must be members in good standing, with "current" (not over 45 days) balances.

16. Adult Skater Ice Spectacular Requirements:

- Skater must be a member of the North Shore Skating Club and must contract one freestyle session per week
- Adults will be performing in one group number for all three performances.
- Attendance - see general Ice Spectacular requirements above, #6
- Volunteer hours are welcomed but not required.
- To cover hospitality for the dress rehearsal and three show performances, each family must provide one food item for Saturday or Sunday. There will also be a \$25 hospitality fee that will cover the cost of catering food for the hospitality room for Wednesday and Friday performances. The hospitality fee will appear on the skater's February monthly non-recurring invoice. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Sunday rehearsals for the donated items needed. There will be a \$25 fine for failure to donate the required food item.
- Adult skaters are required to sell \$75 worth of tickets or advertisements.

17. Collegiate Skater Ice Spectacular Requirements:

- Skater must be a representing collegiate member of the North Shore Skating Club who is skating on a regular basis throughout the year.
- Collegiate skaters have the option of performing in one group number specific to collegiate skaters (given enough interest) or follow the full requirements above for more extensive participation.
- Collegiate skaters participating in the collegiate show group number will have one mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, March 31, 2017 and will be required to attend Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday, April 4th and any Pre-Show Rehearsals.
- Collegiate skaters are also welcome to participate in Photo Day on March 3rd.
- Volunteer hours are welcomed but not required.
- There will be a \$50.00 show application fee and a \$25.00 hospitality fee.
- There are no advertising or ticket requirements.
- *Collegiate feature*: Collegiate skaters who have passed Novice Freestyle or higher will be invited to perform a feature in the show. Number of performances is to be determined by the show committee.

Soloist Requirements 2018 Ice Spectacular:

1. Home Club Membership:

- Skater must be a Home Senior Club Member of the North Shore Skating Club in good standing and have been a home Senior Club member for at least one full year.

2. Past Ice Spectacular Participation:

- Skaters must have participated in last year's Ice Spectacular as a full participant in show groups unless the Show Committee approved a school conflict or special circumstance.

3. Freestyle Test Level:

- Solos are awarded to skaters who have passed their Intermediate Freestyle test or above, on or before November 15, 2017.
- Graduating High School Seniors who have passed Pre-Juvenile or Juvenile Freestyle tests will be invited to skate a solo at the discretion of the Show Committee.
- Juvenile IJS New England Regional Competitors placing top 50% in their flight will be invited to skate a solo.
- Adult Silver, Gold or Masters level skaters who medal in the final round of a qualifying event at the Eastern Sectional Championships will receive a solo.

4. Summer Ice:

- Skaters must have contracted a minimum of 2 freestyle sessions per week for 6 of the 8 weeks during the summer session at NSSC. If there were any situations/opportunities that prohibited you from fulfilling this requirement please contact the Show Committee.

5. Fall Ice:

- Skaters must contract a minimum of 3 freestyle sessions per week for fall ice. Fall ice must be contracted as of September 22, 2017.
- **Exception:** Graduating High School Seniors who have passed Pre-Juvenile or Juvenile Freestyle tests must contract a minimum of 2 freestyle sessions per week for fall ice.
- Note: If you are a Graduating High School Senior and pass the Intermediate Freestyle test by the November 15, 2017 test deadline, you must have contracted 3 sessions per week of fall ice in order to get 3 nights of a solo.

6. Rehearsals:

- In addition to those mentioned earlier, soloists are also required to attend a mandatory soloist dress rehearsal in addition to the regular full dress rehearsal.

7. Skating Experience:

- Soloists must complete a total of two of the following, using any combination to arrive at two between April 10, 2017 and February 26, 2018:
 1. Skate in a NSSC exhibition
 2. Test a freestyle or moves in the field test
 3. Compete in a singles freestyle or showcase event representing NSSC

Example: Skater A tests Novice moves and competes 2017 NS Open Intermediate TT – meets requirement

The Show Committee reserves the right to take under consideration special circumstances, on a case-by-case basis such as, but not limited to, medical & financial constraints. You can contact the Show Committee at nssc.shows@nsskating.org

Skaters fulfilling the soloist and show participation requirements listed will receive solo assignments from the Show Directors. The number of performances for a solo is based on the skater's freestyle test level as of November 15, 2017. The soloist skating order is determined at the discretion of the Show Committee and is not based on test level. ~

Solo Performance Criteria

- Skaters who have passed Novice, Junior, or Senior freestyle will be invited to perform in 3 performances.
- Skaters who have passed Intermediate freestyle will be invited to perform in 2 performances.
- An Intermediate skater who places in the top 50% of their initial round in an IJS event at the New England Regional Championships will be invited to skate in all 3 show performances.
- A Juvenile skater who places in the top 50% of their initial round in an IJS event at the New England Regional Championships will receive a solo in at least one show performance. If there is only a final round, the Juvenile skater must place in the top 50% or medal. The actual number of performances will be determined by the Show Committee.
- An Adult Silver, Gold or Masters skater who medals in the final round of a qualifying freestyle event at the Eastern Sectional Championships will receive a solo in at least one show performance. The actual number of performances will be determined by the Show Committee.
- Graduating High School Seniors:
 - Skaters who meet all requirements and have passed Intermediate Freestyle may be asked to perform in all 3 shows pending the decision of the Show Committee.
 - Skaters who have passed Juvenile Freestyle and have performed in the past 3 consecutive annual Ice Spectaculars may be invited to skate a solo in 2 performances. Solo performance nights to be determined by the Show Committee.
 - Skaters who have passed Pre-Juvenile Freestyle and have performed in the past 3 consecutive annual Ice Spectaculars may be invited to skate a solo in 1 performance. Solo performance night will be determined by the Show Committee.

Soloist Music

- Soloists must submit their song choices by email to nssc.shows@nsskating.org or to the club office for approval by Jessica Farnsworth and Suzi Sweezey no earlier than January 8, 2018 and no later than Saturday, January 22, 2018.
- Soloists should submit at least 2 music choices. In the event two skaters choose the same music the show directors will decide who will skate to the piece.
- Jessica Farnsworth will be available for music consultation as needed.
- The length of music for solo performance will be announced at the Show Kick-Off Party.
- All Soloists must have at least 2 copies of their music, on CD (No Paper Labels).
- Edited music must be delivered to Suzi Sweezey by **Sunday, March 4, 2018**.
- CD's will be returned to skater's mailboxes after the final show.

Soloist Costumes

- Soloists are responsible for obtaining a costume for their solo that suits their approved music choice.
- Soloists should plan to have their costumes ready to be worn for Picture Day on March 3, 2017.

PLEASE REMEMBER: OUR PERFORMANCE IS A FAMILY SHOW. WHEN CHOOSING YOUR COSTUME, MUSIC AND CHOREOGRAPHY, REMEMBER THAT YOUR SKATING IS THE FOCUS!

*****ICE SPECTACULAR 2018***
DATES TO REMEMBER**

Application Deadline: Saturday, November 4, 2017 @12:00noon

Costume Measurement Dates: Monday November 13th 3:15pm-6pm @ Reading Club Room

Friday November 17th 3:15pm-6pm@ Reading Club Room

Sunday November 19th 5:00pm - 6:30pm @ Reading Club Room

Soloist Freeskate Test Deadline: Wednesday November 15, 2017

Kick-Off Party: January 5, 2018, Place TBA

Ad Deadline: Saturday, February 17, 2018 12:00noon Turn in at NSSC Office @ Burbank Rink

*Full and final credit will be given for ads turned in by this date. No credit will be given after this date.

Photo Day: Saturday March 3, 2018 12:30pm – 6:00pm Schedule TBD Location: The Elks, 1276 Baystate Rd., Wakefield, MA

Show Rehearsals: Sunday March 4, 11, 18, 25 & Saturday March 31

Photo Pick-Up Day: Sunday, March 11, 2018, 1:00pm – 5:00pm Burbank Ice Arena, Snack Bar Area

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 5:15pm – 10:00pm

Soloist Exhibition: Thursday, April 5, 2018, 6:45-7:35pm

Pre-show Rehearsals: Friday, April 6, 2018, 4:10pm – 6:30pm

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 4:10pm – 6:30pm

Show Dates and Times: Friday, April 6, 2018 at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 2:00pm

Ice Spectacular 2018 Letter of Commitment

As a participant in this year's show, I have read and agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Show Committee, as stated in the "Requirements for Ice Spectacular 2018. I agree to be present for all of the following dates of Rehearsals, Dress Rehearsal, Pre-Show Rehearsals, Photo Day, and Shows:

Rehearsals: Sundays March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th and Saturday March 31st

Photo Day: Saturday March 3, 2018 @ the Elks in Wakefield

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday April 4, 2018; 5:30pm – 10:00pm

Soloist Exhibition (if a soloist): Thursday April 5, 2018, 6:45pm-7:35pm

Pre-Show Rehearsals: Friday April 6, 2018, 4:15 – 6:30pm, Saturday April 7, 2018, 4:15 – 6:30pm

Show Dates & Times: Friday April 6, 2018 at 7:00pm; Saturday April 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm; Sunday April 8, 2018 at 2:00pm

If I am unable to attend a rehearsal for any reason, a written request must be made to the NSSC Office, Attention: Show Committee. I understand that only written requests made to the Show Committee in advance will be considered by the Show Committee to excuse an absence and such absences must be due to extenuating and/or unforeseeable circumstances only. I also understand that a competition of any nature will NOT be considered a viable excuse to miss a rehearsal and will not be excused. If I am not present for the required rehearsals and/or other commitments as specified above, I understand that I will be responsible to pay a \$50.00 fine which will appear on my next monthly statement and the Show Committee reserves the right to remove me and/or fill my place in the show with another. If a skater is going to miss a Show Performance for any reason, the committee must be informed in writing prior to the Show Kick-Off Dinner. It will be up to the discretion of the Show Committee as to whether or not the skater will be allowed to participate in the show. The Show Committee will take each case under consideration on an individual basis. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and accept all policies as specified in this application.

Skater's Name: _____

(Please Print)

Skater's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____

(Please Print)

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

*****THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SHOW APPLICATION****

Submit Application, Letter of Commitment, and \$140 NON-REFUNDABLE fee to: NSSC, Burbank Ice Arena, c/o Ice Spectacular, 51 Symonds Way, Reading, MA 01867

ICE SPECTACULAR 2018 APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: November 4, 2017 at 12:00noon

Please be sure to fill out application completely.

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age (as of 11/15/17): _____

Street: _____ City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Grade: _____ Coach: _____

Test Level: ISI or USFSA Badge Level and *date passed*: _____

USFSA Freestyle Level and *date passed*: _____

USFSA Moves Level and *date passed*: _____

I am planning to test for Intermediate or Novice Freestyle on/before 11/15/17 _____ (check if appropriate)

Misrepresentation of any of the above information may result in the replacement of the skater in the show. Test Chairperson will verify test levels.

Please check the skater's direction of rotation: (Most skaters jump and spin counterclockwise.)

Counterclockwise (to the left; land jumps on right leg) Clockwise (to the right; land jumps on left leg)

IMPORTANT!!! Please check the following for the purposes of choreography:

() I give permission / () I DO NOT give permission for my skater to be lifted.

() I give permission / () I DO NOT give permission for my skater to be the base for a lifted skater

() I give permission / () I DO NOT give permission for my skater to perform throw jumps.

I plan on doing Parent/Child Number: Yes _____ No _____ **(Checking here does not commit you)**

Would you be willing to skate in the Parent/Child Number all 3 nights? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Parent support is a requirement for participation in Ice Spectacular 2018. Each family is required to volunteer for 5 hours minimum and supply 1 dish to hospitality (days/nights to be determined). These volunteer hours are separate from the 15 annual Senior Club volunteer hours for the NSSC. **Food or other donated items does not count toward volunteer hours.**

In addition to the hospitality requirement listed above, I understand and agree that I will be responsible to pay an additional \$25.00 fee which will appear on my February monthly statement to cover catering for hospitality for two of the performances to be determined.

The NSSC coaches and the Burbank Arena shall have no legal liability for damages, injuries, or losses suffered by the skaters in Ice Spectacular 2018. The skater and/or family hold the above organizations and their respective officers harmless from any and all liability for injuries, damages, and/or loss of property.

I have read, understand, and agree to all policies as stated in this application including the "Volunteer Policy" stated in this packet.

SIGNATURE (of parent, if skater is 17 years or younger): _____

Please print the name signed above: _____ **Date** _____

Height (without skates): _____ **Usual Pant Size:** _____ **Bathing Suit Size:** _____

Circle Usual Size:

Youth/Child: Small (4-6) Medium (8-10) Large (12-14) X-Large (16-18)

Adult: Small (4-6) Medium (8-10) Large (12-14) X-Large (16-18)

~Measurements below MUST be filled out by Costume Committee (Must attend a Measurement Session)~

Chest: _____ Waist: _____ Hips: _____ Girth: _____