

May 26, 2011

Dear Skaters, Parents & Coaches,

We would like to congratulate you on another successful skating season! We are very excited for our upcoming membership year. Enclosed in this packet you will find a copy of your **NEISC membership renewal application for the 2011-2012 skating season.**

Please take the time to review the membership information included with this packet, as our new membership season is quickly approaching. **All members will be required to renew their membership by June 25th for the 2011-2012 season.** Please remember that your current USFS number will be inactive as of June 30th, all skaters must have an active number in order to skate on NEISC ice. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Kristine Johnson (e-mail northeastisc@yahoo.com).

Also enclosed you will find a copy of the club's **Volunteer Policy & Solo Points** information form for skaters looking to qualify for a solo in the spring ice show (if you have questions regarding solo points please consult your skating professional). As you know, NEISC is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. As a growing club we need more parent volunteers in order to continue to offer fun events for our skaters and to remain a successful club for all of our members. All full member families are required to fulfill 10 volunteer hours by June 2012. Junior member families will be required to fulfill 5 volunteer hours by June 2012. There are many ways you can volunteer, please see the enclosed volunteer form for more information. This form must be returned with your membership application.

The next **NEISC test session is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29th at the Haverhill Valley Forum. We have also scheduled another test session for August 24th at the Lawrence Valley Forum.** The **NEISC End of Year Banquet** is being scheduled for late June – the date & more details will be announced soon!

We are looking forward to another successful year! Congratulations to everyone & thank you to all of our volunteers for all of their hard work. We could not have a successful organization without you! We would like to wish you all a happy and healthy summer skating season, and look forward to the start of our eighth official year as a USFS club! Happy Skating!

Sincerely,

The Northeast Ice Skating Club Board of Directors

NORTHEAST ICE SKATING CLUB @ VALLEY RINKS

2011 – 2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! -

Name: _____ USFS #: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Gender: M F

School: _____ Address: _____

Principal: _____ Grade: _____

Other Skating Club Membership(s): _____

Parents or Legal Guardian Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

USFSA Test Levels Passed:

Freestyle: _____ Moves: _____ Dance: _____ Basic Skills: _____

Coaches Name(s): _____

2011-2012 Membership Rates

Full Representing Membership (1st Skater) \$185.00 _____

Full Representing Membership (Additional Skaters) \$135.00 each _____

Representing Professional Membership (PSA Members Only) \$125.00 _____

Associate Membership (Each Skater) \$95.00 _____

Junior Membership (No Test Skaters / NEISC Badge Program) \$100.00 _____

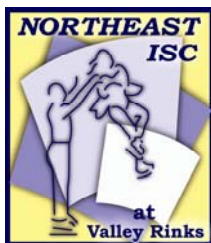
Late Fee (returning members if rec'd after June 25, 2011) \$25.00 _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

- NEISC 2011 – 2012 membership is effective from July 1st, 2011 – June 30th, 2012
- Skaters & Coaches must have a current USFS number in order to skate on NEISC ice
- **Please submit by June 25, 2011** Applications must be received in the NEISC mailbox by June 25. Applications received after this date will be charged a **\$25 late fee**. Late fee must be included with application before it will be processed. Any returned checks will also be assessed a \$25 fee.

**Mail to Application & Payment to: 7 Parkridge Rd., Haverhill, MA 01835 –
Attn: NEISC Membership Chair**

- Contact Kristine Johnson with questions (978) 478-5213/ northeastisc@yahoo.com



2011-2012 NEISC VOLUNTEER POLICY

The Northeast Ice Skating Club, like most non-profit organizations depends heavily on volunteers. All families holding Full Memberships will be required to volunteer ten (10) hours per year, while those holding Junior Memberships will be required to fulfill five (5) hours per year.

Families who choose not to fulfill their hours will be financially responsible for payment of \$100 (10 hours) or \$50 (5 hours), depending on membership category. **All volunteer hours will be tracked by the NEISC board and hours must be completed by June 30th, 2012.** It is the members' responsibility to return all volunteer slips to the NEISC office for processing. All volunteer slips must be signed by a board member to get credit for hours. For your convenience, volunteer slips may be found in the NEISC clubroom or on our website. If no slips are received, your account will be assessed accordingly by June 2012. If you do not wish to volunteer, please include your volunteer assessment (\$100 for full members or \$50 for junior members) with your 2011-2012 membership application.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: **Basic Skills Competition, Board of Directors, Hospitality, Holiday Exhibition, Spring Ice Show, Membership, Newsletter, Publicity, Social Committee, Fundraising, Ice Monitoring, Special Events, Test Sessions, Volunteer Coordinator, Learn to Skate and other general tasks.**

Please include your e-mail address to be sure that you receive all club notices and volunteer opportunities. It is your responsibility to seek opportunities. Volunteer hours may be accumulated from July through June. However, most events take place before the end of May and assessment bills will be issued late June. Any family who has not fulfilled their volunteer requirement (or committed to fulfill their time by the end of the current membership season) will be assessed fees for hours not fulfilled at a rate of \$10 per hour. Unpaid fees will result in loss of ice privileges.

Member Name: _____ Parent/s: _____

Phone#: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Membership Category: _____

Preferred Volunteer Area/s: _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the volunteer policy.

Signature required. Parent or guardian (if skater is under 18)

***** Please return this slip with your membership application. *****

NEISC FREESTYLE RULES

1. ***NO SOCIALIZING** on the ice, this includes the hockey box. Please remember you are here to work towards your goals and become a better skater.
2. ***PAY ATTENTION** to whose music is being played. They have the right of way.
3. ***KEEP MOVING**. If you are not moving your back should be touching the boards. Get up immediately after a fall.
4. Be aware of your surroundings, being on the ice is just like crossing the street “**LOOK BOTH WAYS** when crossing the ice”.
5. There is **NO SITTING ON THE BOARDS** and there is **NO CLIMBING** on the boards.
6. Skaters in a lesson have the right of way over skaters who are not in a lesson.
7. Skaters practicing their spins should do so with traffic patterns in mind. All spins should be practiced away from the boards and close to the center of the ice surface so that skaters practicing jumps, program sections, moves in the field etc., may travel around them. Use the red dots as a guide and practice your spins within this area on the ice surface.
8. Remember that corners and the ends of the ice are traditionally used for jumping patterns and moves patterns, so keep this in mind when you are training.
9. Music needs to be kept in order, and the order need to be respected**
 - Skaters in lesson will have some priority... so the music order will be:
LESSON
LESSON
NON-LESSON
 - Find a skater in the rink to “buddy” up with to press play for you to start your music.
 - You may do back to back programs as long as there is no-one in line or if you are competing that week (however, only once during a busy freestyle).
 - Important... **NO RE-STARTS**. If you make a mistake in your program... you may not stop and then restart the music. This includes skaters in lessons! (Exception: If there is a technical difficulty with the music... then you may restart.)

***If a freestyle is quiet or no line of skaters waiting their turn for music... then the above rules may be relaxed.*

10. When skating your program please wear the florescent belt. Skaters doing their programs have the primary right of way.
11. Skaters having a lesson in the harness have the secondary right of way. Please do not skate through someone in a harness lesson.

**** Skaters who do not follow the rules will receive one warning. Skaters who do not improve their behavior after the first warning will be asked to leave the ice. All skaters will respect warnings and correction coming from any coach.**

NEISC GENERAL CLUB GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

1. **All skaters MUST sign in before going on the ice!** No exceptions. Part of keeping the freestyle safe is knowing how many skaters are on the ice at any given time... and signing in is the easiest way for us to keep track of this.
2. All skaters should be using the locker rooms to get their skates on and off. (Skaters should not be in the lobby areas or in the club room as there is simply not enough room.) Locker rooms will be posted in Haverhill as usual. In Lawrence NEISC will always be using Locker Room #3.
3. Skaters should be entering the ice from the general doors... not the doors in the hockey boxes/coaching area.
4. When practicing programs... skaters need to plan and anticipate time available for their program and music. Music should be kept in an organized fashion so that the order is clear.
5. Skaters and coaches are reminded to show respect for each other at all times... as well as respecting their environment. (This includes cleaning up water bottles, Kleenex, etc...)
6. Swearing, yelling, kicking the ice or poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Please dress like a skater – NO revealing clothing, hats etc.

Remember... Safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility!
This includes the skaters, coaches and parents.

Thank you for your attention to these issues and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NEISC FREESTYLE RULES & GENERAL GUIDELINES

Member Name: _____

This is an acknowledgement that I have received & reviewed the NEISC Freestyle Rules and General Club Guidelines for the 2011-2012 membership year. I understand these rules and agree to follow them.

Member Signature

Date

Parent's Signature (for members under 18 years of age)

Date

***** Please return above form with your membership application. *****

The Northeast Ice Skating Club

Parents Code of Conduct and Ethics

Due to certain trends in youth sports whereby both parents and members are letting their emotions manifest themselves in abusive and sometimes physical violence, The Northeast Ice Skating Club supports a zero tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike behavior. Its members, coaches and parents should continually raise the standard of their behavior both on and off the ice. Membership in the Northeast Ice Skating Club is a privilege and should carry a sense of pride. Participation in our programs will require that members and parents of members under 18 years old accept certain responsibilities.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

- * I will encourage sportsmanship by showing positive support for all members, coaches, Board members and other officials during all on and off ice sessions.
- * I will encourage my child to treat all other members, coaches, Board members, other member parents and other officials with respect.
- * I will refrain from coaching my child or “manipulate” other members during any on and off ice sessions.
- * I will not verbally or physically abuse any club members (including my own child), coaches, Board members, officials, other member parents or volunteers.

Course of Action: Should a parent or member not adhere to stated responsibilities, the Northeast Ice Skating Club holds the member and/or parent accountable and the Board of Directors is empowered to take necessary actions. Actions can be as simple as a verbal warning up to disciplinary hearings before the Board leading to suspension or expulsion from the Northeast Ice Skating Club.

Implementation: Anyone may file a complaint, in writing and signed, to the President of the Northeast Ice Skating Club.

Member / Guest Skater Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of myself or my minor child being permitted to participate in any way in The Northeast Ice Skating Club (“NEISC”) in sponsored Activities (“Activity”), I agree:

1. I understand the nature of NEISC activities and my, or my minor’s, experience and capabilities and believe me, or my minor, to be qualified to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that I and/or the minor are aware the activity will be conducted in facilities that are open to the public during the Activity. I further agree and warrant will instruct the minor that if at any time the minor believes the conditions to be unsafe, he/she will immediately discontinue further participation in the activity and I will do the same for myself.
2. I fully understand that: (a) NEISC activities involve risks and dangers of SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS and DEATH; (b) these risks may be caused by my own actions or inactions or the actions or inactions of the minor, the actions or inactions of others participating in the activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the NEGLIGENCE OF THE “RELEASEES” NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time, and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS AND DAMAGES incurred as a result of my or my minor’s participation in the Activity.
3. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS NEISC, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers and if applicable, owners and lessor of premises on which the Activity takes place (each considered one of the “Releasees” herein) from all liability, claims, damages, losses, or damages on the minor’s account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the “Releasees” or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the my or the minor’s behalf makes a claim against any of the “Releasees” named above, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY OCCUR AS THE RESULT OF SUCH CLAIM.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND IT’S TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I AND/OR HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY THE LAW THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THAT THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE & EFFECT.

Club Member/Skaters Name (Please Print): _____

Signature (Parent/guardian if club member/skater under 18): _____ Date _____

***** Please return above form with your membership application. *****

NORTHEAST ICE SKATING CLUB MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

FULL REPRESENTING SKATING MEMBERSHIP

Full Representing Members, who have attained the age of eighteen years as of the first day of October of the current membership year, will have voting privileges. Those who are under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of voting may be represented by a parent or legal guardian.

- \$185 Membership Fee to be paid at time of application, \$135 each for additional family members
- NEISC provides USFS Membership as a single skater
- You will be a representing member of the Northeast Ice Skating Club
- Your Test and Competition applications must be signed by a NEISC officer
- You are permitted to contract NEISC sessions at member rates & will receive priority when booking ice time*
- You are permitted to walk-on to NEISC sessions at member rates & will receive priority*
- You are permitted to participate in all NEISC exhibitions, shows and other activities at member rates and are eligible to qualify for a solo spot in the NEISC spring ice show.
- Full Members are required to fulfill 10 volunteer hours by June 2012 (see volunteer policy).

**Priority for ice-time will be over Associate, Junior & Non-members.*

FULL REPRESENTING PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Pro Members must be members of the Professional Skaters Association and must be over the age of eighteen as of the first day of October of the current membership year. Pro Members will have voting privileges. This membership category was established to encourage coaches to obtain their USFS membership thru NEISC.

- \$125 Membership Fee to be paid at time of application
- NEISC provides USFS Membership as a single skater – Coaches must ALSO register themselves separately as a Coach with USFS by July 1, 2011 in order to comply with USFS Coaches' Registration Process.
- You will be a representing member of the Northeast Ice Skating Club
- You will receive all other benefits as listed in the Full Representing Member category

ASSOCIATE SKATING MEMBERSHIP

- \$95 Membership Fee to be paid at the time of application
- NEISC will **NOT** provide USFS Membership as a single skater – you will have USFS membership through another club, or be an individual member of USFS.
- You will **NOT** represent NEISC at competitions, test sessions or other events
- You are permitted to contract NEISC sessions at the member rate**
- You are permitted to walk-on NEISC sessions at the member rate **
- You are permitted to participate in NEISC exhibitions, shows or other activities at member rates, space provided.

Associate members are **NOT eligible to qualify for a solo in the NEISC spring show but may participate in group numbers.*

***Full Representing members receive highest priority for ice-time & other events – Associate members will receive ice time priority over Non-members.*

JUNIOR SKATING MEMBERSHIP – (FOR NEISC BADGE & NO TEST SKATERS)

Junior members will have voting privileges. Those who under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of voting may be represented by a parent or legal guardian.

- \$100 Membership Fee to be paid at the time of application
- NEISC will provide skater with a **basic skills membership** through USFS (This is **NOT** a full USFS Membership. Skater is not eligible to participate in USFS events **other** than Basic Skills)
- Only available to skaters enrolled in NEISC badge program or skaters working at the Basic Skills Level with an NEISC coach during NEISC ice time – ideal for skaters beginning to take private lessons and/or who want NEISC ice contracting privileges & to skate at member rates. Junior Members will **NOT** be required to pay the additional \$25 yearly basic skills registration fee for the Learn to Skate Program if they are enrolled in a class – The Junior Membership will replace that fee while providing additional benefits to the skater.
- You are permitted to contract NEISC sessions at the member rate
- You are permitted to walk-on NEISC sessions at the member rate with priority over Non-Members**
- You are permitted to participate in NEISC exhibitions, shows and other activities at member rates, space provided
- Required to fulfill 5 volunteer hours by June 2012 (see volunteer policy).

**Priority for ice-time will be over Non-members.*

EXPLANATION OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP RATES

Families with more than one representing skater will not be required to pay full price for each skater. The first skater will be the regular \$185 membership fee; however, each additional skater will receive the same membership benefits at a rate of \$135 each. This rate is only available to full representing skating members. Families with two or more Associate or Junior skating members will still need to pay full fee for each.

THE NORTHEAST ICE SKATING CLUB - ANNUAL ICE SHOW

SOLO CRITERIA 2011 - 2012

Skaters interested in performing a solo in the annual ice show will be required to meet the following criteria in accordance with the point system below. All eligible skaters must be NEISC Representing club members to participate. All soloists are required to participate in a group number as well. All soloists are required to skate on at least 3 separate freestyle sessions during each NEISC skating session from September, 2011 through June 25, 2012 (also see requirements for your specific test level below).

Pre-Preliminary Freestyle is the minimum test level to earn a solo spot. Skaters who have completed the Basic Skills, badge program within the January 1, 2011 - January 10, 2012 deadline will be given the opportunity to be featured in a 30-60 second solo spot within a group number or they may participate in a duet with another skater who has also completed the badge program within the specified time period, (mandatory) they must also participate in an NEISC show group number. Skaters who choose to skate a duet must do so under the supervision of their private coach. Music selection and costumes must be approved by the ice show directors. An additional fee will be included for featured spots and duets.

This point system has been approved by the NEISC Board of Directors. All skaters are responsible to keep track of their own points using the attached application. **Points may be accrued from January 1, 2011 - January 10, 2012.** Upon completion please place your application in a sealed envelope and mail it to, Stacy Lane, 10 Brandon Rd., Haverhill, MA 01832.

Total Points Must Be Earned by January 10, 2012

All questions may be directed to:

- Show Director: Stacy Lane
stacymaddie@comcast.net

- Co Directors: Jennifer Licciardi
Kristine Johnson

Pre-Preliminary Freestyle is the minimum level of tests passed to earn a solo spot

All Tests must be passed as of January 10, 2012

- 1. Skaters who have passed Intermediate Freestyle Test and higher:**
 - Need a total of **80 solo points** - 5 of these points must involve volunteer points
 - Intermediate and above are required to contract 4 freestyle sessions from September, 2011 through June 25, 2012.
- 2. Skaters who have passed Pre-Juvenile through Juvenile Freestyle:**
 - Are required to earn **100 total solo points** - 5 of these points must involve volunteer points
 - Skaters are also required to contract 3 or 4 freestyle sessions per week from September, 2011 through June 25, 2012.
 - A skater who opts to contract 3 sessions at this level will need to add 5 points in another way toward their total point requirement.
- 3. Skaters who have passed Pre-Preliminary through Preliminary Freestyle:**
 - Are required to earn **120 total solo points** - 5 of these points must involve volunteer points
 - These skaters are also required to contract 3 freestyle sessions from September, 2011 through June 25, 2012.
- 4. Seniors in high school who have passed the Pre-Juvenile Freestyle**
 - Are required to earn **60 total solo points** - 5 of these points must involve volunteer points
 - These skaters are also required to contract 3 freestyle sessions from September, 2011 through June 25, 2012.

***OF SPECIAL NOTE**

Regional final round medalist, Eastern and National Competitors automatically qualify for a solo.

Below is the list of ways to build your solo criteria points
Points may be accrued beginning January 1, 2011 – January 10, 2012

Regional Competitions	100 points for placing in final round 50 points for making it to final round 20 points for competing
Open Competitions	15 points for placing 10 points for competing
Inter-Club Competitions	10 points for placing 5 points for competing
Basic Skills Competitions	10 points for placing 5 points for competing
Passing a Moves in the Field Test	7 points for Pre- Prelim 8 points for Preliminary 9 points for Pre-Juvenile 10 points for Juvenile 15 points for Intermediate 20 points for Novice 25 points for Junior 30 points for Senior
Passing a Freestyle Test OR Dance Test	7 points for Pre- Prelim 8 points for Preliminary 9 points for Pre-Juvenile 10 points for Juvenile 15 points for Intermediate 20 points for Novice 25 points for Junior 30 points for Senior
<i>*See rule book for equivalency Regarding Test levels</i>	
Any Off - Ice Training class Any On - Ice Specialty Class	15 point per contracted sessions 15 points per contracted sessions
Academic Grades	30 points for High Honors (A's) 25 points for Honors (A's and B's) 15 points for all A's and B's and 1 C

****A photo copy of your report card must be provided with your application.**

- **Points for academic grades are awarded for 2 official semester grade periods.**

Learn to Skate Helper (age 12 and up) 5 point per each LTS hour

Volunteering at the Competition 5 points per hour

Volunteering at Fundraising Events 5 points per hour

SCA will provide a list of fundraising events that may be applied to the point system

NEISC Full representing members from 2007 – present date: 10 points

Additional freestyles over the required amount of freestyle sessions for your level of skating will earn: 20 points per session

- **All Solo Applications must be signed and approved by your Primary Coach and your Parents.**

The Northeast Ice Skating Club Solo Points, 2011 - 2012 Application Form
Skater's total number of points MUST be turned in no later than January 10, 2012

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____ Grade _____ Coach _____

Coaches Signature: _____ Parent Signature _____
(required) (required)

Coach email: _____ (please print emails clearly)

Your email: _____ Coach phone number: _____

Test Level

USFS Badge level and date passed: _____ Total points _____

USFS Freestyle level and date passed: _____ Total points _____

USFS Moves level and date passed: _____ Total points _____

Learn to skate helper Total points _____

Regional Competitions Total points _____

Open competitions Total points _____

Inter-Club Competitions Total points _____

Basic Skills Competitions Total points _____

Volunteer - Total points _____

List Volunteer Event(s) _____

Any Off - Ice Training Total points _____

Any On - Ice Training Total points _____

Academic Grades Total points _____

***Provide a copy of your report card with this application*

NEISC full representing members from 2007 - present date: Total points _____

Additional freestyles over the required amount of freestyle sessions for your level of skating will earn: Total points _____

GRAND TOTAL OF POINTS EARNED _____

Please enclose your completed application in an envelope and mail to:

Stacy Lane, 10 Brandon Rd., Haverhill, MA 01832

Skater's total number of points MUST be turned in no later than January 10, 2012