



## 2016-17 GROUP SKATING LESSONS – INFO AND REGISTRATION FORM

Join us at Glacier Ice Rink on the Missoula County Fairgrounds and Learn to Skate! Missoula Figure Skating Club (MFSC) facilitates the newly rebranded **Learn to Skate USA** program. The Learn to Skate USA curriculum was developed and endorsed by **US Figure Skating, USA Hockey** and **US Speed Skating**. The Program offers beginning skating, figure, hockey, adult and other specialty classes.

**Fall Session** – Thursdays, 5:15-6pm, Sep 1-Oct 20, 8 classes – \$125 **\$10 off for registering by Aug 18**

**Winter Session 1** – Saturdays, 10am or 10:35am lessons, Oct 15-Dec 17, 8 classes – \$125 (no class 10/29 & 11/26) **\$10 off for registering by Sep 24 Recital Date: Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> “Holiday on Ice”**

**Winter Session 2** – Saturdays, 10am or 10:35am lessons, Jan 21-Mar 11, 2017, 8 classes – \$125 **\$10 off for registering by Jan 7 Recital Date: Sunday, Mar 12<sup>th</sup> “Spring Skating Spectacular”**

**Spring Session 1** – Thursdays, 5:15-6pm, Apr-6-May 4, 2017, 5 classes – \$75 **\$10 off for registering by Mar 23**

**Spring Session 2** – Thursdays, 5:15-6pm, May 11-Jun 8, 2017, 5 classes – \$75 **\$10 off for registering by Apr 27**

### Registration Process:

#### 1. **Register in National Learn to Skate USA Program Database ONCE A SEASON:**

Once a season, all skaters must **FIRST** register or renew their membership with Learn to Skate USA (LTS USA) at [www.learntoskateUSA.com](http://www.learntoskateUSA.com). The LTS USA season is July 1-Jun 30. **After you have registered and received a LTS USA Membership #, then proceed to filling out a Registration Form for the session(s) you desire.** Registration Forms are available from your local LTS USA Program administrator. Missoula's LTS USA Program is administered by Missoula Figure Skating Club.

#### 2. **Register for your Learn to Skate USA Session(s) with the following options:**

- Download Registration Form at [www.missoulafsc.org/skating-classes](http://www.missoulafsc.org/skating-classes). Mail with payment to: MFSC, PO Box 9195, Missoula MT 59807.
- Register online at [www.missoulafsc.org/skating-classes](http://www.missoulafsc.org/skating-classes) by using PayPal or credit card (\$5 transaction fee applies). You **must** mail or email a registration form to MFSC, PO Box 9195, Missoula MT 59807 or [missoulafsc@gmail.com](mailto:missoulafsc@gmail.com) when using PayPal/credit card option so we have your skater's info.
- Registration forms are available at Glacier Ice Rink. Mail form and payment to MFSC, PO Box 9195, Missoula MT 59807.
- Attend one of our Registration & “Bring a Friend to Skate” Days (**Winter Sessions only**).

#### **Registration & “Bring a Friend to Skate” Days**

Winter Session 1 – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30am

Winter Session 2 – Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30am

You can skate for free so bring friends!



**Questions?** Call or text Patty Koster (406) 550-1626, Jil Dunn (406) 370-0372, or Edwina Doty (406) 241-0299

## Lesson Information for Parents and Skaters

- Lessons include 30 minutes of instruction and 15-20 minutes of practice time.
- Student to Instructor ratio target is a maximum of 10:1.
- Registration is on a first come, first served basis and class size is limited.
- You are considered registered only if you have paid your fee.
- Winter Session skaters will assigned a lesson time of 10:00am or 10:35am.
- Winter Sessions include a recital (see dates above) and all skaters are encouraged to participate with their class. Skaters may also sign up to perform a solo at the recitals for an additional \$10. Solo skaters are responsible for their own music selection, arrangement, choreography and practice time. See Registration Table during classes for more information.
- Minimum of 15 participants is required or a session may be cancelled.
- Class levels may be combined depending on participation.
- MFSC membership is not required or included with Learn to Skate USA registration.
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS are **NOT** allowed on the ice during Practice time due to liability reasons.
- Skaters must arrive at the rink 15 minutes before lessons begin. Arrive earlier if you need to rent skates. Coaches will meet their skaters off ice at the first lesson.
- You can purchase new or used figure or hockey skates at Hockey Wolf at 1010 North Avenue West.
- Get skates sharpened regularly. Sharpening available at Glacier Ice Rink, Hockey Wolf & Bobs Hockey Stop.
- We recommend wearing SKATE GUARDS when you leave the ice to protect your blades and prolong your sharpening.
- After taking your skates off, wipe blades with a dry cloth and place BLADE COVERS NOT SKATE GUARDS over your blades for safe and dry storage. If you put your guards back on, the water inside your guards will rust your blades. Blade covers can be purchased at Hockey Wolf or online.
- Rental skates are available at Glacier Ice Rink (GIR). We recommend buying your own skates as the quality of rental skates varies day by day.
- Helmets are recommended for all beginning skaters and skaters 6 years and younger. Helmets are available to use FREE of charge at Glacier Ice Rink.
- We recommend wearing gloves, helmet (or hat for non-beginners), warm coat and a couple of layers of clothing. Tight fitting layers, i.e. polypropylene or fleece work better than loose fitting clothing, jeans or cotton attire.
- Hockey pads and attire is optional for Hockey classes. NO STICKS are used during classes.
- Please stop by the **Registration Table** if you have questions & for info on upcoming sessions & events.
- Evaluation day is typically the last day of class. Skaters are evaluated for mastery of their skills. Mastery is defined as performing a skill 8 out of 10 times. Remember to bring your skills book for the coach to sign.
- Skaters should practice at least 1 hour per week outside of class. Check [www.glaciericerink.com](http://www.glaciericerink.com) for the public skate schedule or call 728-0316. Enrolled skaters get 1 free Public Skate Pass courtesy of GIR.
- Skaters passed **Basic 2** that are interested in progressing at a faster rate should join Missoula Figure Skating Club and sign up for Skating School or private lessons. See Registration Table for more information.
- Skaters wanting to **play hockey** should also take **Learn to Play** classes. [www.glaciericerink.com/Learn to Play](http://www.glaciericerink.com/Learn_to_Play)
- **2016-17 Learn to Skate USA Program Manager:** Jil Dunn at (406) 370-0372 [mazurkajil@gmail.com](mailto:mazurkajil@gmail.com)
- **Program Assistants:** Patty Koster (406) 550-1626 [patmsla@me.com](mailto:patmsla@me.com) & Edwina Doty (406) 241-0299 [edwinadoty@yahoo.com](mailto:edwinadoty@yahoo.com).
- Call, text or email Patty, Jil, or Edwina or contact your skater's coach with any questions or concerns.

### Saturday Class Format

10:00-10:05am Class prep, attendance & announcements  
10:05-10:35am Class I instruction (30 minutes)  
10:35-10:55am Practice time for Class I & Class II (20 minutes)  
10:55-11:25am Class II instruction (30 minutes)  
11:25-11:30am Clear the ice and clean up

### Thursday Class Format

5:15-5:45pm Class instruction (30 minutes)  
5:45-6:00pm Practice time (15 minutes)

### CAN I TAKE TWO LESSONS PER SESSION?

During Winter Session 1 & 2, if room allows, a skater may take both 10:00am & 10:35am lessons during the same session. If you are interested in taking both lessons during a Learn to Skate USA session, please inquire at the registration table.

### CLASS FORMAT

We make every effort to divide class levels by age, when possible. At the beginning levels we try to offer separate adult and youth classes because we usually have enough students to fill both classes. Because of limited ice time, we are not always able to offer separate adult and youth classes for each skating level. As you advance through the Learn to Skate USA program, you may find the upper classes are combined with various aged students.

### EVALUATION DAY

At the end of each Learn to Skate USA session we conduct an Evaluation Day. During this time, the instructors formally evaluate each skater's mastery of the elements at their level. Mastery is defined as performing the element 8 out of 10 attempts. If the skater has mastered all of the required elements: 1) the instructor will sign the skater's Skills Booklet, 2) each skater will be awarded a badge for their level passed and 3) the skater may move up to the next level at a subsequent session. If a skater has not mastered all of the elements required, they will receive a Certificate of Achievement indicating the elements they have mastered.

### RETURNING SKATERS

Each returning Learn to Skate USA skater will be placed in the appropriate level based on his or her registration form and/or LTS USA records. Since some skaters may find additional practice ice time during the off-season, we follow a policy of evaluating each skater's ability at the beginning of each Learn to Skate USA session. This helps us place each skater in the appropriate level. This policy is also helpful when a student has been away from skating for some time. For safety reasons, these students may be asked to repeat a skill level. The instructor may move a skater to the previous or next level at any time during the session based on their ability to perform the skills required at each level. **If you feel you or your child has been placed in the wrong class, please notify the Registration Table, or your instructor immediately.**

### ADDITIONAL PRACTICE TIME

Learn to Skate USA sessions are five to eight classes in length. Most skaters who pass to the next level at the end of a session have **spent time practicing outside of their lesson.** Students in levels Basic 3 and above can sometimes expect to spend two or more sessions at each level. Additional practice time is recommended to aid the skater in mastering all of the elements at each level. Additional practice time is available during public skate and open figure skating sessions. Skaters should consider joining the Missoula Figure Skating Club to enjoy exclusive figure skating ice time. **Skaters must pass Basic 2 in order to join the Club.**

### CLASS MAKE-UP DAYS

If we must cancel a Learn to Skate USA class, every effort will be made to make up the class during the session. No refunds are provided for canceled classes. If a skater misses a class for personal reasons, no make-up class is provided. If you wish, you may contact an instructor for a private lesson at your expense.

### PERFORMANCES AND COMPETITIONS

Winter Session 1 & 2 include a recital performance. Competitive opportunities are available at Missoula's annual Glacier Challenge skating competition, scheduled for March 17-18, 2017. Additional performance opportunities are available during our annual Showcase on Ice scheduled for May 6, 2017. Inquire at the Registration Table for more information on these events.

### REFUND POLICY

You may request a **partial refund** for your Learn to Skate USA class up to and including the first day of class. There are no refunds\* after the first class of each session. **All refunds will reflect the following deductions:**

- LTS USA Registration Fee - \$13.25 (if originally paid by MFSC)
- MFSC Administrative Fee - \$10
- Cost for one Learn to Skate USA class (if applicable) - \$15

\* If a skater is unable to complete a session due to injury, the skater may submit a written request to the LTS USA Program Manager to make an exception to the above refund policy. To be considered, all refund requests must be received within 10 days of the last day of the session for which you are requesting a refund. Send all refund requests to: LTS USA Manager, MFSC, PO Box 9195, Missoula MT 59807-9195 or [missoulafsc@gmail.com](mailto:missoulafsc@gmail.com)

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## 2016-17 REGISTRATION FORM

<b>Parent or Guardian Information</b>				Phone:	(wk)
Parent/Guardian Name:				Phone:	(hm)
Address:				Phone:	(cell)
City:	State:	Zip:	Email:		
MFSC uses email to send class info and reminders.					

Skater Information					
#1 Name:	Prior Level Passed?	M or F?	Date of Birth:		
#2 Name:	Prior Level Passed?	M or F?	Date of Birth:		
#3 Name:	Prior Level Passed?	M or F?	Date of Birth:		
#4 Name:	Prior Level Passed?	M or F?	Date of Birth:		

Learn to Skate USA Session Information	Price
<b>Session Names:</b> Fall (F), Winter 1 (W1), Winter 2 (W2), Spring 1 (S1), Spring 2(S2) <b>Early Registration Discount Deadlines:</b> Fall – Aug 18, Winter 1 – Sep 24, Winter 2 - Jan 7, Spring 1 – Mar 23, Spring 2 – Apr 27	Fall, Winter 1, Winter 2 = \$125 Spring 1, Spring 2 = \$75

Skater's Name & Registration	Session  Enter: F, W1, W2, S1, S2	Class Preference  Enter: Basic, Hockey or Adult	Price Enter: \$125 or \$75  Family Discount: subtract \$5 from each add'l family member enrolling in same session	Early Registration Discount  Subtract \$10 for each skater registered by Session Deadline	Enter LTS USA Registration # here – or add \$13.25 if you are unable to register your skater at LearnToSkateUSA.com	Total  Add amounts across for total due for each skater
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#2						
#3						
#4						

<b>Make checks payable to:</b> MFSC <b>Mail Forms and Payment to:</b> MFSC • PO Box 9195 • Msls MT, 59807 <b>Or pay online at</b> <a href="http://www.missoulafsc.org/skating-classes">www.missoulafsc.org/skating-classes</a>	<b>Grand Total:</b> Add amounts down for total amount due. Please pay online or mail your form with check payment to MFSC.	
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\*Participants are responsible for any additional fees applied by the bank for any instance such as, checks returned for insufficient funds and/or foreign check fees.

<b>For Office Use Only:</b>					
Session _____	Date: _____	Amt. Paid: _____	Cash or Ck # _____	Staff Initials _____	