

Silver Streaks

Fun,
Fitness and
Friendship!



Building
Character
and
Self-Esteem!

**Join Us and Be a Part of one of the
Fastest Growing Sports in the Country!**

The Silver Streaks synchronized skating team will have three Pre-Tryout Clinics on **Wednesday June 7, 14 and 21st from 6:30-7pm**. All those interested in learning more about synchronized skating and joining next year's teams should attend all 3 days if possible. **Team tryouts will take place on Wednesday June 28th from 6:30-7pm**. There is a \$25 non-refundable fee for tryouts which will be applied to your team fees for the year.

**First You Become Part of the Team
Then the Team Becomes Part of YOU!**



SILVER STREAKS

2017-2018

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

TRYOUT REGISTRATION

Try-Out Fee: \$25 non-refundable (will be applied to season fees)

Skater's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

ISI #: _____ USFS #: _____

Tight Size (circle one):

Youth: 4-6 6-8 8-10 10-12 12-14

Adult: Small Medium Large X-Large

Highest Level Passed

ISI: _____ USFS Moves: _____ USFS Freestyle: _____

Private Lesson Instructor(s): _____

Conflicting Commitments: _____

I would like to be considered for the following team(s):
(please check all that apply. You will only be assigned to one team):

USFS Only Team _____

USFS/ISI Team _____

ISI Only Team _____

**Payment must be included with your registration form.
Please make checks payable to Silver Streaks
Registration forms and Payment can be sent to:
Cassie Muzy, Treasurer
3021 County Road 220
Findlay, OH 45840**

Silver Streaks Information

Synchro is a team commitment, skaters are expected to be at all practices, performance and competition events during the season. Skaters offered a position with Silver Streaks must commit to team practices in addition to private lessons (ALL skaters are required to continue their individual training and advance through USFS and/or ISI tests in addition to skating with their teams) and adhere to our **strict attendance policy**. Any extra practices will be kept to a minimum. We will provide at least a week's notice for any additional practices. These practices may be held during the summer and holiday breaks as well as the school year. Please list on your registration any conflicting commitments that you are aware of at this time. Attendance is extremely important to the success of our teams.

Tryout Attire:

Female skaters should wear black leggings or tights with a skating dress/skirt, fitted top/jacket and have hair pulled neatly away from face. Male skaters should wear pants and a fitted shirt. We prefer black or dark clothing. No hooded shirts, jewelry, gloves or pants for females permitted. Water bottles encouraged.

Attendance Policy:

- To ensure the *safety* of our skaters and to encourage competition readiness and consistency, ***attendance is mandatory at all off-ice and on-ice sessions.***
- Attendance and tardiness will be taken by the coaches and recorded on permanent record.
- **ABSENCES** will **NOT** be tolerated two weeks before each competition. This is for the safety and success of all the skaters.
- In addition, being on time is vital to the success of the team and the safety of all skaters. Skaters should be ready with skates on at the start of their assigned practice times.
- Skaters who are sick, but feel well enough to still come to practice are expected to participate from the hockey box with their team.
- Please be respectful and contact your coach (es) as soon as possible, if you are unable to attend a practice.
- If you do not attend a practice and did not let your coach or the head coach know, a coach will contact you as this is in violation of the attendance policy.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

All excused absences are at the discretion of the Coach and Synchronized Skating Committee and must be submitted, in writing, to the coach, prior to the missed practice. Not all submitted absences are automatically excused. Examples of excused absences: illness (high fever, doctor's excuse, contagious infection); serious injury; or school event/trip. Work is not considered an excused absence as skaters are expected to request off days for practices and competitions. If a skater is unable to skate, due to illness or injury, the skater is required to attend and watch practice.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

If the parent/guardian or skater fail to contact the Coach in writing prior to the practice missed, the absence will be unexcused.

The following information outlines actions that will result should infractions occur.

INFRACTION	ACTION
Unexcused Absences (all) and Excessive Excused Absences (2 or more)	<p>First – Skater will sit out for one competition or performance.</p> <p>Second - Referral to Synchronized Skating Committee and coach for evaluation of the severity. If determined to be excessive the following actions will take place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Synchronized Committee Member speaks with Parents/Guardians <p>Any additional absences could result in dismissal from the team.</p>

Behavior Policy:

Skaters and their parents/guardians as well as their behavior is a direct reflection of themselves as well as our team. All skaters and parents/guardians will be expected to behave appropriately and to adhere to all the tenets set forth in the skater pledge as well as the parent/guardian pledge when making their commitment to the team.

Season Schedule:

This is dependent on team placements. Those on a US Figure Skating Team (USFS) may have additional practices. Ice Skating Institute teams may have less practices before Silver Blades starts. More specific information on team practices will be included in your team placement packet that will be sent out after the June 28th try out date.

August – September (before Silver Blades starts) – 2 to 4 practices (these will most likely be held at the BGSU Ice Arena)

Regular Practices: September – February

Additional Practices will be scheduled as needed and you will be notified by email.

Commitment Deadline: Skaters will be given a team placement no later than Friday June 30th. Skaters who wish to accept the team offer will have until Friday July 7th to accept their team offer and turn in their paperwork and non-refundable commitment fee of \$75 (this will be applied to the team fees for the year).

- Please note that teams may be adjusted based on who accepts their team offer.

TRYOUT FAQs

My skater has no synchronized skating experience can he or she still tryout? Absolutely. Skaters of all levels, ages and abilities are invited to try out. There is no prior experience needed to try out, just a willingness to learn, be coached and have fun.

Will my skater be dismissed from his/her team for missing a practice for a school/religious function? No. The strict attendance policy is referring to unexcused absences (for example, missing practice for a sleep over). When a skater is going to miss because of vacation, illness, or attendance at a school or religious function, the skater will need to fill out an absence form. Excessive absences will result in a meeting with Coaches and Synchro Directors. Please see your coach for more details.

How are teams chosen?

The coaches will select the strongest teams to compete at various competitions/exhibitions throughout the season. While a skater's current freestyle level is noted, it is not the strongest factor taken into consideration when skaters are placed on teams. Skaters will be placed on teams based on what is best for all those involved and in terms of what will make the strongest most competitive teams for the 2017-2018 season. Many factors go into placements including age, test level (ISI and USFS), size, effort, experience, performance skill, power, behavior, maturity, physical strength as well as mental strength and skating abilities including but not limited to the understanding of basic and advanced turns, flow, balance, carriage, and posture. The skater's attitude, commitment and ability to work with other members of a team will also be taken into consideration. A skater's willingness to learn, their ability to be coached and take direction/corrections is also taken into consideration.

Where do I hand in tryout info?

Please mail you completed registration form and tryout fee to:

Cassie Muzy, Treasurer
3021 County Road 220
Findlay, OH 45840

Team FAQs

How much is Silver Streaks for the year?

The cost for Silver Streaks for the year is relatively low compared to teams at other rinks/clubs. Our price for the year is \$350**. The tryout fee of \$25 and the commitment fee of \$75 are included in the \$350. There will be no team fundraisers this season.

** USFS teams may have additional fees due to the additional costs associated with being a USFS team.

What should I expect for my team fees?

You will receive approximately 20 hours of ice and coaching, off ice practices as needed, 3 competitions, possibly 1-2 exhibitions, ice show performances as well as fun activities such as a holiday party that are planned throughout the year.

Who do I contact with more questions? Please check with Coach Christy at christinask8er@aol.com or Cassie Muzy, team treasurer, at Bugs1019@aol.com for more information.

Parents have an enormous influence on skaters' experiences in the sport. The quality of a skater's experience is determined by their relationships with parents and the manner in which parents conduct themselves. Many opportunities for parents to help are available. These opportunities include: special team get-togethers, hair and makeup, fundraisers, etc. This involvement serves to enhance the team experience for all participants. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend practices, however to minimize distractions, we ask that you remain in the lobby and observe from the windows. In addition, coaches do ask that parents remain in the spectator area when they are conducting off-ice practices. Please respect your skater's time with the coaches by not interrupting practice, unless in the case of an emergency.

Parent/Guardian Pledge

- 1) I am responsible for having my skater at all practices, exhibitions and competitions at the proper time.
- 2) I am responsible for paying all fees in a timely manner.
- 3) I will check my email in a timely manner and on a regular basis.
- 4) I will be an ambassador of goodwill – teaching and displaying good sportsmanship in success, failure and everything in between.
- 5) I will support the team under all circumstances and not speak poorly of any team members, parents or professionals in the presence of any skater.
- 6) I will respect the decisions of the coach! The coach is a hired professional and parents must respect and support all of the coach's decisions and demonstrate this to their child.
- 7) I understand that being a member of a team is different than being a singles skater. Some individual decision-making authority will need to be yielded in the interest of the team.
- 8) I understand the commitment to the team and make sure that my skater follows through.
- 9) I will conduct myself in a responsible manner consistent with the values of fair play, integrity, open communication and mutual respect.
- 10) I shall always model positive and responsible behavior and communicate with my son/daughter that I expect them to do the same. Parents will assume the major responsibility for their son/daughter's on ice conduct and attitude.
- 11) I will respect the volunteer efforts of the team managers and understand that they are volunteering their time to ensure the smooth running of our team
- 12) I will assist team members' fundraising campaigns.
- 13) I will refrain from posting any negative content about my skater, her team, her coaches or her competition on any social media platform and I will ensure that my skater only posts positive content.
- 14) I shall adhere to the policies, procedures, rules, standards, and ethics of the club and ISI at all times.
- 15) I will demonstrate respect to all coaches. This includes refraining from foul language or exhibiting any other signs of undesirable conduct.
- 16) Except in emergencies, I will not talk to, disturb or interfere with the coaches or skaters in any way during practice or competition.
- 17) If I witness anything of serious concern regarding skaters, parents or coaches, I have a responsibility to bring my concerns to the synchro chair.
- 18) I have read the above rules and agree to abide by the policies set forth within.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian/ Date

Skater's Pledge

- 1) I will give my best at all practices, classes, exhibitions and competitions. I will demonstrate excellent cooperation, conduct, teamwork and sportsmanship.
- 2) I will treat my team members and coaches with respect at all times.
- 3) I will attend all practices. If a practice must be missed due to illness or injury, I will ask my parent/guardian to notify the Head Coach in writing. I understand that absences and tardiness may result in disciplinary action.
- 5) I will do my best to attend ALL practices. I understand that attendance at practices is very important to improve my skating skills, and thus it will also help my team grow and improve.
- 6) I will be responsible for giving all letters and notes to my Parents/Guardian
- 7) I will arrive 10 minutes before each practice. I will be warmed up and on the ice at the start of practice.
- 8) I will wear my practice clothing to each practice. This includes: solid, dark colored skating attire and hair up and out of my face. I understand that any outerwear may or may not be allowed during practice and is at the discretion of the coaches.
- 9) At all competitions I will dress like my team. I will wear my team jacket and pants and keep my hair up and makeup on until I leave the competition arena for the day.
- 10) At all competitions, I will remain with my team until I am dismissed by my coach (es).
- 11) I understand that if my team is fortunate enough to win a medal, the awards ceremony is mandatory. This means I will keep my hair up in my hair competition style and be in the required outfit based on the request of the coach (es). During the awards ceremony, I will say thank you when I receive my medals. In addition, I must refrain from doing freestyle elements or any other skating elements during the awards ceremony. The team will have time to take pictures and wish their competitors a big congratulations! All skaters must exit the ice when the announcement to clear the ice is made.
- 12) I will not act in a manner that is disrespectful, illegal or immoral.
- 13) I will not be involved in any altercation that is an embarrassment to me or the team.
- 14) I will refrain from posting any negative content about myself, my team, my club, my coaches or my competition on any social media platform. I will only partake in positive, encouraging and uplifting content in regards to my team, my club, my coaches, the club volunteers and my competition on social media.
- 15) I will respect other people's belongings and will not touch anything that does not belong to me unless I am given permission to do so.
- 16) I will not use or possess tobacco of any kind, unauthorized drugs, or alcoholic beverages of any kind.
- 17) I understand that misconduct violations will result in disciplinary action.
- 18) I will follow the coach's request regarding additional skating necessary to improve my skills for the overall good of the team.

Skater's Printed Name

Skater's Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date