

August 24, 2011

Dear Skating Families:

Silver Blades FSC is once again offering a team compulsory program. The program is organized through Silver Blades; however the fees and ice times are handled separately. **We will also be including choreography for a new Production Team program to compete at the same competitions.** So skaters will not only get to compete on a compulsory team, but also all of the skaters in the Team compulsory program will compete as one entire production team.

The cost for the team compulsory program is determined by the number of teams (skaters), the practice ice times, the coaching, and competition entry fees. This year's fees have been determined to be \$250 if there are a minimum of 30 skaters. The fee will include a 45-minute practice on Sundays from either 2:00-2:45 or 2:45-3:30 p.m. at the Cube in Findlay. We plan on skating in a minimum of four competitions and the Christmas Exhibition. The tentative schedule is attached. Once the competitions have been finalized, the final dates for the practices will be determined and you will be notified.

If you are interested in skating on a compulsory team, please complete and mail the attached application with your payment payable to Silver Blades Figure Skating Club by September 1 to secure a spot on one of the compulsory teams for the 2011-2012 season. You may make two payments of \$125 each with the second payment due on October 18.

Mail your compulsory team application and payment to: Tracy Koehler, 16250 E. Beechwood Rd., Findlay, OH 45480 by September 1, 2011. If you have questions, call Tracy Koehler at 419-306-7512 or email at [jck2@aol.com](mailto:jck2@aol.com).

Sincerely,

Tracy Koehler  
Silver Blades Board Member & Instructor

To help answer what a compulsory team is, here is a quick outline: A team of six or seven skaters competes together at one freestyle level, each performing one of the six or seven required compulsory maneuvers from that freestyle level. This team of skaters competes against other teams of skaters from the same level. Music is required. Maneuvers must be performed in the order listed in the ISI handbook. Teams may be similar or mixed and may be divided by age. Teams are formed based upon the skater's last ISI test passed. A skater may not skate on a team below his/her ISI skating level, but can skate on a team higher than his/her test level. For example: A skater who has passed ISI Freestyle 3 may not compete on a Freestyle 2 compulsory team but can compete on a Freestyle 5 team. Pre-Alpha through Delta skaters may participate on Freestyle teams. Instructors will evaluate the skaters to determine which team the skater will skate on. For competitions, teams will be divided into the following two age groupings: Majority of skaters 20 and under and Majority of skaters 21 and over. ***Since this is a team event and typically there are no alternates, it's important that members make every effort to attend team practices and competitions.***