



June 2010

Dear SCWNY Members:

Enclosed is a membership application for the upcoming 2010/2011 SCWNY season. The Skating Club of Western New York will have one (1) day of ice available for our skaters – Sunday at Leisure Rinks. Information about dates, times and levels is attached. SCWNY is proud to partner with Skate Great, Inc. which offers ice to our members on Monday through Friday. Please check the Skate Great website (www.skategreatinc.com) for updates on times and locations.

Due to the continued financial stability of the club, we again will be offering the grants program for our full members who meet all their membership requirements.

Even though the Skating Club of Western New York is financially strong, it still will be extremely important for our members to participate in the club's 2 main fundraising activities – the Bills Games and Spring Skate Festival in order to take advantage of these grants. Fundraising remains essential to keep our club strong and allow us to continue to assist our skaters.

Enclosed are three important pieces of information which need to be reviewed, signed and returned with your membership application.

1. Waiver and Release of Liability form. US Figure Skating is requiring that this form be signed by each of our club skaters (or parent/guardian if under 18 years of age).
2. Solicitation, promotion & tampering form.
3. Code of Conduct policy. SCWNY expects our skaters, parents and coaches to adhere to this policy. The code is modeled after those used by sports organizations throughout the United States. We are requiring that all skaters, parents and coaches read the Code of Conduct carefully, sign and return the last page with your membership application.

It is extremely important that these 3 forms be returned with your membership application. Failure to return these forms will mean that the skater is not a member in good standing with SCWNY.

Additionally, all SCWNY membership dues and ice payments must be paid in full by February 1, 2011. Failure to make full payment to SCWNY will mean that the skater is not a member in good standing with SCWNY.

A skater who is not a member in good standing will not be able to take part in any competitions, USFS test sessions and will not be eligible for any trophies at the annual banquet.

We look forward to the upcoming season and the successes it will bring out skaters and our club. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 432-0692 or my e-mail kathygregoire@yahoo.com.

Kathy Gregoire
President, SCWNY

CLUB ICE DAYS (All at Leisure Rinks):

October -- 3, 17, 24, 31(all Sunday)

October 11 (Monday) **Ice will be from 9:00 a.m. - noon**

November – 7, 14, 21, 28 (all Sunday)

December – 5, 12, 19, 26 (all Sunday)

January – 2, 23, 30 (all Sunday)

January 17 (Monday) **Ice will be from 9:00 a.m. - noon**

February – 6, 13, 27 (all Sunday)

February 21 (Monday) **Ice will be from 9:00 a.m. - noon**

CLUB LEVELS & TIMES:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Low (Badge through Pre-Juvenile Freestyle)

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. High (Juvenile Freestyle through Senior)

Skaters will be able to skate an additional session if they wish. However, they must first skate their level session to be eligible to skate the additional session.

Ice levels will be strictly adhered to.

UNITED STATES FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION:

Registration to United States Figure Skating is \$40.00 and is payable to SCWNY by 6/30/10. A subscription to *Skating Magazine* is provided, one magazine per family. All skaters wishing to skate on club ice or take US Figure Skating tests must be registered with US Figure Skating.

CLUB DUES:

A \$50.00 deposit is required with this application for those who wish to use a payment plan. If you choose a membership where you will be working the Bills games, you will be informed of how much you earned towards your membership for the games you worked and will be send a final invoice. **All Memberships must be paid in full by February 1, 2011.**

VOLUNTEERING:

All members of the Club must volunteer their time for the good of the club. Six (6) hours of work assisting with the Spring Skate Festival in May is mandatory for each family choosing the Full Membership. Those families who choose the Associate Membership will be required to volunteer three (3) hours). The Skating Club of Western New York is run solely on volunteers. Other activities are always in need of volunteers. Please check the bulletin board and the *Scribe* to see how you can help your club.

BUFFALO BILLS FUNDRAISING:

The Buffalo Bill's Concession Stand fundraiser is the SCWNY's most profitable fundraiser and it is essential that we provide adequate staff to fulfill our obligations to Sportservice, Inc. Therefore, we request that each family volunteer at a minimum of two Buffalo Bill's home games. For those families who would like to be Full Members but are unable to work their two game minimum we do provide the option of covering the cost that Sportservice charges us to provide a worker for our concession stand. The buyout option is \$150.

SCWNY COMMITTEES:

In addition to volunteering at the Buffalo Bill's games and the Spring Skate Festival, we ask each family to serve on one SCWNY committee. We are a volunteer organization and need the involvement of each family to be successful. Our committees are as follows:

- Annual Banquet Committee
- Annual Dress Sale Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- SCWNY Grant Committee
- Hospitality Committee
- SCWNY Ice Monitor
- Membership Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Rising Stars on Ice Committee
- Spring Skate Festival Committee

SCWNY GRANT

The SCWNY will provide to skaters who choose the Full Membership the opportunity to receive a monetary Competition Grant to help offset the entry fees for qualifying competitions, Empire State Games, State Games of America, the Lake Placid Dance Competition and travel/training expenses for national/junior national competitions. In addition to the Competition Grants, all Full members are eligible for the Banquet/Spring Skate Festival Grant. A Grant Application is enclosed with this membership packet.

The skater must meet the following eligibility requirements to receive a grant:

1. The skater must represent SCWNY for the entire 2010-2011 competitive season. If the skater leaves the club during the course of the skating season, the grant must be repaid within 30 days of termination of membership.
2. The skater and/or family must meet the current volunteer requirements for the current competitive season.
3. The skater must be in good financial standing with the Club.
4. The skater must provide proof of registration for Competition Grants.
5. Grant applications must be submitted for each competition within 30 days of the competition.