

Starlight Ice Dance Club Of The Twin Cities

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 Membership Application

U.S. Figure Skating Number: _____	*Date of Birth: _____
*Skater Name: Ms/Miss/Mrs/Mr _____	
*Address: _____	*Gender: Female / Male
*City, State, ZIP: _____	*U.S. Citizen: Yes / No
Home Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
E-mail address _____	
Parent/Guardian Name, if skater under age 18: _____	

<u>Eligibility Status:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Ineligible <i>(Participated in unsanctioned activity)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <i>(By reason of employment)</i>	<u>Skating Motivation:</u> (✓ Check all that apply –AND– ☺ Circle the primary activity.) <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Synchro <input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Club Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Club Official/Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Figure Skating Official
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* Item is required for membership by U.S. Figure Skating Check here if new address

	<u>Dance:</u>	<u>Freestyle:</u>	<u>Moves:</u>	<u>Coach's Name, Phone:</u>
Highest U.S. Figure Skating Test Passed:				

<u>MEMBERSHIP TYPE:</u>	<i>Note: Annual dues are not prorated for a partial year membership.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Club Member Starlight will be my Home Club. Club dues include annual U.S. Figure Skating dues.	
	First family member \$70.00 _____ Additional family member (each) \$45.00 _____
<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member My Home Club for U.S. Figure Skating membership is:	
	Associate member \$30.00 _____
_____ <small>(Full U.S. Figure Skating club name please)</small>	

I hereby apply for skating membership in the Starlight Ice Dance Club of the Twin Cities (Starlight). I agree to comply with the Starlight rules, as stated in the bylaws (available at www.geocities.com/starlighticedance), when participating in any Starlight activities. I recognize that Starlight has been formed to promote ice dancing. It is understood that the Starlight will take reasonable means to provide a safe experience for its membership; however, it is further understood that ice skating is inherently dangerous and neither Starlight nor its officers or board members assume any financial responsibility for any accidents that may occur.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature if under 18

Return ① this form
 ② payment to **Starlight Ice Dance Club**

TO: Starlight Ice Dance Club
 c/o Jenae Williams, Membership Chair
 2901 Aquila Ave N
 New Hope MN 55427-2433
 763-525-1172

Starlight Ice Dance Club Of The Twin Cities

2008 - 2009 Skating Season

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Starlight Ice Dance Club of the Twin Cities (Starlight). Starlight's continuing focus is to provide adult social ice dance at a beginning level in the Twin Cities area. Starlight began social ice dancing in 1993 and became a member club of U.S. Figure Skating in 1996.

Since the majority of Starlight members are adults, activities are scheduled as much as possible to allow a balance of work, family and skating. The board members choose to keep the club simple and focus on the key activities that promote ice dance. There are no attendance requirements or volunteer requirements. Starlight members have historically responded by offering assistance when needed. However, the club could always use more help. Contact any board member if you'd like to get involved.

SOCIAL ICE DANCE at Parade Ice Garden

- Summers – Tuesday evenings, generally 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., June through August, 2008.
- School year – Tentatively, Thursday evenings, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m., beginning September, 2008

Come try out ice dance. The contract price has been under \$7 per hour, so you can miss a few and still know you're getting a great deal!

ICE DANCE EVENTS

If you would like more information on any of the following, please ask a board member or check the Starlight website.

- Ice Dance Weekend 2008 – August 8-10, 2008 @ Bloomington Ice Garden.
- Special Social Ice Dance evenings – Halloween costumes, New Year's formal, etc.
- Ice Shows – Starlight is invited to participate in several ice shows each season. All ice dancers are welcome to participate.
- Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony – to be scheduled for approximately May of 2009.
- Ice Dance Weekend 2009 – Tentatively, August 7-9, 2009 @ Bloomington Ice Garden.

GROUP LESSONS at Parade Ice Garden

The Board intends to purchase ad-hoc hours of ice, possibly 2-4 times during the year, for group lessons on a specific topic. Please contact a board member if you have any requests for these lessons.

COACHES – NEW THIS YEAR

There are new requirements to be a coach within U.S. Figure Skating starting this year. First, coaches must log into the Members Only part of U.S. Figure Skating (www.usfigureskating.org) to complete the coach's registration process. This separate coach's registration is in addition to having a club membership and must be completed first. The coach's registration requires that you pass a background screening and provide proof of liability insurance. After the coach's registration is complete, then you need to join U.S. Figure Skating as a regular member, generally through a club. For club membership with Starlight, send the Starlight member application to Jenae Williams. For more information, see the April, 2008, Skating Magazine, page 39, or see the March, 2008, TCFSR Rink Link, page 8. You may also go to the U.S. Figure Skating website and search for "Combined Report of Action" to see the requirements as they passed the governing council votes in 2007 and 2008.

DUES INCREASED

U.S. Figure Skating (the national organization) has voted to increase member dues charged to skaters. This is the third year of three in which dues are increased due to actions at U.S. Figure Skating. As a result, you will see the increase reflected in Starlight's dues. The portion that Starlight keeps has not increased. The Starlight board hopes to keep the club's share of dues level for as long as possible.

NEW TO STARLIGHT?

- Club Communication – You'll find the communication from the club is minimal. Generally, email is used due to its speed and low cost. The website is kept up-to-date with upcoming events. www.geocities.com/starlighticedance
- Voting – It is rare that the Board asks for a vote of the membership, but when your vote is needed, it is needed. All Starlight members age 16 and over are eligible to vote on club matters. Associate members age 16 and over are also eligible to vote. For members age 15 and under, votes may be submitted by a parent or guardian.

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NEW TO U.S. FIGURE SKATING?

All U.S. Figure Skating memberships run from July 1 to June 30, regardless of when your membership requirements are submitted. You'll receive a U.S. Figure Skating membership card and number approximately 2-3 months after you submit your registration to Starlight. If you need your member number before the card arrives in the mail, such as for testing or competing, please contact Jenae Williams. U.S. Figure Skating members receive a subscription to Skating magazine (one per household). See also Testing and Competing, below.

MEMBERSHIP PAPERWORK CHECKLIST:

- Please VERIFY pre-printed data or FILL IN blank fields. Print clearly.
- Required information: Name, Address, City, State, ZIP, Gender, Date of Birth and Citizenship. **Without this information, your membership cannot be processed.**
- Name – The name you put on this form will be the name U.S. Figure Skating uses for items such as test certificates and announcements in Skating magazine.
- E-mail Address – An e-mail address is not required for membership, but is required for on-line access to your personal test and competition history through the national organization. (See the “members only” link on the U.S. Figure Skating website. U.S. Figure Skating sends password information via e-mail to new members shortly after the registration process is completed.) Most Starlight communication will be sent via e-mail only (using the blind cc line for confidentiality).
- Eligibility Status – This refers to your eligibility to compete in qualifying competitions. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, ineligible or restricted, please work with your coach or U.S. Figure Skating to determine your status.
- Confirmation of Membership Status - You'll receive a U.S. Figure Skating membership card and number direct from Colorado approximately 2-3 months after you submit your registration to Starlight. If you need your member number before the card arrives in the mail, please contact Jenae Williams.
- CHANGING HOME CLUBS – If you joined a U.S. Figure Skating club for the 08-09 season, and want to change your home club to or from Starlight during the same season, a “Notice of Change of Home Club” form is required. This form is available from the Membership Chair of either club.

TESTING AND COMPETING

- **Club permission is required for all tests or competitions in the U.S. Figure Skating system.** The form provided by the hosting club will tell you who needs to sign the permission form. Generally, tests will require the signature of the Test Chair, and competitions will require the signature of a club officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer), but there are exceptions. READ the form so you know whom to contact. ALLOW TIME for telephone tag or mail transit. Please plan ahead.
- **Testing** – Starlight does not sponsor test sessions. You are welcome to test with any club that allows it. In addition, Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCFSA) hosts test sessions for dance, freestyle and moves periodically throughout the year. Check the TCFSA website for specific test dates and registration requirements.
- **NEW for Coaches** – Coaches must be a member of both U.S. Figure Skating and Professional Skaters Association to accompany a skater to *any test, competition (qualifying and nonqualifying) or other U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event* (that is, to receive access to the skater areas or stand at the boards). Clubs have been instructed to view each coach's registration card at each event.

CLUB BYLAWS

Club bylaws are available on the Starlight website under “Club News.”

CLUB JACKETS

Club jackets are black fleece zip-up jackets, with Starlight's name and logo. The jackets can be personalized with a name on the front and/or with “Starlight” on the back of the jacket. Contact Diane Geving if interested in ordering a jacket.

WHAT IS TWIN CITY FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION (TCFSA)?

Twin City Figure Skating Association is a group of clubs based mainly in the Twin Cities that work together on any cause that will be beneficial to many or all member clubs. For example, TCFSA sponsors local test sessions, the Minnesota State Competition, and national/international skating events, such as 1998 Worlds, 2000 Synchro Worlds and 2008 Nationals. TCFSA has also worked to develop standards for high-school lettering in figure skating. For more information on TCFSA, visit their website below, or contact Starlight delegates, Caroline Gilbert and Jenae Williams.

-- HOW TO CONTACT STARLIGHT ICE DANCE CLUB --

STARLIGHT BOARD MEMBERS

President	Diane Geving	651-464-8572	gevings@msn.com
Vice President	Caroline Gilbert	651-633-7539	c-gilb@umn.edu
Secretary	Susan Chacko	952-944-3184	skchacko@comcast.net
Treasurer	Chas Jensen	651-642-9971	chasjensen@aol.com
Board Member	Glen Geving	651-464-8572	gevings@msn.com
Board Member	Page Lipe	612-209-8382	pagelipe@aol.com
Board Member	Kitty Warner	651-642-9971	kittwarn@aol.com

STARLIGHT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Membership Chair	Jenae Williams	763-525-1172	jwilliams@usfamily.net
Test Chair, Dance	Diane Geving	651-464-8572	gevings@msn.com
Test Chair, Moves/Free	Sheila Thelen	651-257-1004	sk8thelen@aol.com

Starlight Website: www.geocities.com/starlighticedance/

Please check the Starlight website for forms, schedule changes and information on special events.

Also available as a club link through www.USFigureSkating.org or www.TCFSA.org.