

ALEXANDRIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nov. 2, 5, 8, 9 & 12** – Annual Ice Review Registration
- **Nov. 8, 9 & 12** – Parent Meetings
- **Nov. 16** – 2nd payments due and Holiday Exhibition Registration deadline
- **Nov. 30 & Dec. 7** – Winter Class Registration
- **Dec. 7** – Class Testing
- **Dec. 13** – Holiday Exhibition
- **Jan. 11** – National Skating Month Celebration
- **Feb. 20** – Battle of the Blades Competition
- **Apr. 2 & 3** – Annual Ice Review



37 YEARS OF SKATING – WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Alexandria Figure Skating Club, I would like to welcome skaters and parents to our 37th season as a skating club. We are looking forward to working with you to make this season great!

Mary Bakker, Club President

PAYMENT REMINDERS: 2nd payments are due 11/16/15 and 3rd payments are due 12/7/15.

Please mail your payments to PO Box 471, Alexandria, MN 56308, or stop by the AFSC office. Thank you for helping to keep costs down by not requiring billing statements. Please note, statements are available upon request by contacting AFSC Treasurer, Brandee Baumann.

PARENT MEETINGS

Parent meetings are MANDATORY. Please be sure to attend one of the meetings scheduled below:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015 6:45 P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015 7:30 P.M.

Parent meetings are a GREAT OPPORTUNITY for you to become more informed and involved in the skating program. Please ask questions during the meeting.

***The meetings will be held in the upstairs viewing area of the main rink unless otherwise posted.**

CLASSES

If your skater seems like he/she is struggling or appears to be leaps and bounds ahead of the other skaters, please let us know. Our coaches are aware of these challenges and usually bring them to our attention first. We can't change or correct something if we are unaware. Parent feedback is always welcome. Please let your Basic Skills Director (Kris Juettner) know of any such issues. Skaters will be moved into appropriate levels based on their performance of skills. REMINDER TO PARENTS, please remember to sit in the bleachers or upstairs viewing area during your skater's classes. You are **not** allowed to sit in the hockey boxes.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are available to all skaters who wish to enhance their skills, move faster, work on struggles, and work towards competition or testing. If you would like to learn more about private lessons, please speak to a coach or board member.

WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If weather/driving conditions are poor, it is the AFSC's policy to remain *in session*. Ice time cannot be easily rescheduled as the AFSC shares ice with other organizations. Your coach may choose, at his/her discretion, to cancel their private lessons, and your respective coach would be responsible for contacting you. The RCC has, in the past, closed due to weather/road conditions. If that is the case, an announcement would be made on local radio stations and/or we would post notices to Facebook, our website, and send a mass e-mail. *To receive e-mails, please be sure to go to the AFSC website and enter your e-mail information were indicated.

HOLIDAY EXHIBITION – DECEMBER 13, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.

SIGN YOUR SKATER UP to be an Elf or Reindeer to take part in a group routine.

SIGN YOUR SKATER UP to be a featured skater. Skater must have his/her own music and routine.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE AFSC OFFICE OR ON-LINE.

A special guest appearance will be made by Santa! Coffee, cider, and cookies will be served after the exhibition. Ask your friends and family to join in the fun!

ANNUAL ICE REVIEW – THIS YEAR'S THEME: "HAPPY"

Our 37th annual show is set for **April 2 and 3, 2016**.

REGISTRATION FOR THE ANNUAL ICE REVIEW will be held on the following dates: **Monday, November 2, 2015; Thursday, November 5; Sunday, November 8, 2015; Monday, November 9; and Thursday, November 12.** Costumes will be ordered at the end of December (no exceptions) to ensure costumes are in stock and will arrive in time for the show. No late registrations will be accepted.* **All** skaters are welcome to register, including those skaters who are learning to skate for hockey. This is another complete session of ice time and the more your skater is on the ice, the better your skater will get! A show deposit is required at the time of registration.

** New BASIC 1 skaters will have the opportunity during the first week of January to register for the show and stock costumes will be ordered for those registrants at that time.*

BASIC SKILLS COMPETITIONS

Our own basic skills competition, **BATTLE OF THE BLADES**, is open to skaters in ALL LEVELS, including Basic 1, and is set for FEBRUARY 20, 2015. The figure skating clubs in Willmar, St. Cloud, and Fergus Falls host their own competitions and all four clubs work together to host a series for our skaters in which they can receive trophies or medals based on how they performed overall in these competitions. You are not required to compete at all four locations, but are encouraged to

do so. You should be working privately with a coach to aid in preparing for these competitions. **For more information about competitions, please speak to Kris Juettner. Remember, this is the pathway to the Olympics! REALLY!**

TESTING NIGHT – MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

On this evening we evaluate your skater to see if he/she is ready to move into the next level of skating. The skaters will be tested by their coaches as they are working on their skills. Please stop by the AFSC office to see what level to sign your skater up for next session. They will either receive a “passing certificate” or a “needs improvement” certificate.

CLASS REGISTRATION DATES – NOVEMBER 30, 2015 AND DECEMBER 7, 2015

Winter classes begin January 4 and go through February. Please be sure to sign your skater up.

VOLUNTEER & FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENTS

We need help from EVERYONE to share their time and talent with our Club to keep costs down. You should have picked up a form regarding this at the time of registration and turned in with your skater’s registration form. If you have not already done so, please make sure to stop by the office and turn your volunteer form in. If you did not receive a volunteer form, please pick one up at the office or at the parent meeting. This year’s fundraisers will be discussed at the parent meetings. Your help is **expected** and **appreciated!**

AFSC COACHING STAFF







Our coaches this season are: Connie Brunkow, Sara Linow, Kelly Cabana, Kelsey Krawiecki, Tessa Dutcher, Kasey Corcoran-Peterson, Anna Thieschaefer, and Kassandra Gibbons. We also welcome back Tarra Garin who skated and coached with the AFSC in the past. Please also welcome our newest coach, Rebecca Zwonitzer, who is working with the Public Health Department in Alexandria. She has skated and coached with the Three Rivers Skating Club in the Maple Grove area. Most of these coaches are giving private lessons. Please visit the Club’s website for more coach information www.alexandriafigureskating.org.

We are also excited to announce that we have two student coaches who will be taking on private lessons at the lower skating levels, Morgan Hess and AnaLea Sheets. If you would like contact information for these student coaches, please inquire in the office.

2015/2016 AFSC BOARD MEMBERS

A list of the current Board Members is posted on the AFSC bulletin board along with their contact information.

WAYS TO KNOW WHAT’S GOING ON IN THE CLUB

-  Website: www.alexandriafigureskating.org
-  Facebook – “like” us on Facebook to see newsfeeds and receive notifications
-  Newsletters
-  Parent meetings
-  Bulletin board outside the AFSC office and dry erase board
-  Ask questions of any AFSC board member

The AFSC is very excited to be working with you and your skater!