

# St. Moritz Ice Skating Club

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## Club Membership Frequently Asked Questions

We hope this information helps answer your questions about membership with the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact us at the e-mail address above. Thank You! (Note: Some information provided herein was borrowed or adapted from info found on the U.S. Figure Skating website)

### **WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR A SKATING CLUB MEMBERSHIP?**

All skaters who want to take official U.S. Figure Skating tests or participate in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned competitions or shows must be a member of U.S. Figure Skating. The easiest way to become a member of U.S. Figure Skating is to join a local skating club. We recommend working with a professional coach to determine if your skater is ready for these activities.

### **WHAT IS U.S. FIGURE SKATING?**

U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States. It is comprised of member clubs, collegiate clubs, and individual members.

### **HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP?**

Go online to our website at [www.stmoritzisc.org](http://www.stmoritzisc.org). Click the Membership tab and select Renew/Join from the dropdown list. This will bring you to our membership page. Click on the 'Apply for Membership' button and set up your account.

### **WHICH CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP DO I SIGN UP FOR?**

If you have never been a member of U.S. Figure Skating, then you will sign up for our Introductory membership. Other membership categories are described on our Club website membership page. If you need assistance selecting your category, please contact our membership chair at [admin@stmoritzisc.org](mailto:admin@stmoritzisc.org).

### **WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF SIGNING UP FOR A PARENT MEMBERSHIP ALONG WITH MY CHILD?**

More parental involvement is a win/win for your skater and helps create a positive experience within the sport. You will have a direct link to all the information provided by the club and U.S. Figure Skating. You will have a voice and vote with the club (only members who are at least 18 may vote in club elections). In addition, you have a voice and standing with U.S. Figure Skating. Only members may participate in areas such as governance and disciplinary actions. The club also benefits from a larger membership base.

### **WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO ME FROM THE CLUB AS A ST. MORITZ HOME CLUB MEMBER?**

Home Club member benefits include, but are not limited to: U.S. Figure Skating membership & a subscription to *Skating* magazine; Intro rates for first-time members; 4-year Collegiate membership for college students; Regular test sessions for freestyle, moves, dance, and pair skating at member prices; Permission to compete in competitions or shows & exhibitions hosted by us or other local skating clubs – in good standing letters are available online through your membership account; News and updates from the St. Moritz electronic newsletter; Club jackets for purchase; Club support of qualifying competitors in Singles, Pairs, Dance, Synchronized Team Skating (skaters need to be dues-paying members for a minimum of one (1) year to be eligible).

### **IS THE ST. MORITZ ICE SKATING CLUB ASSOCIATED WITH ANY LOCAL RINKS?**

The Oakland Ice Center (OIC) is the designated principal skating headquarters for the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club. Our annual competition is held there along with some testing and other sessions or activities. We also have a long-standing association with Dublin Iceland. It is one of our listed rinks and we hold tests and occasional competitions there as well as other activities. Club information is posted at both of these ice rinks as needed. [Note: Skating at one of these rinks is not a requirement of membership. We do have members who train at other rinks.]

### **DOES THE CLUB RECOMMEND COACHES FOR MY SKATER?**

The St. Moritz Ice Skating Club has many Coaches as members, but we do not make specific recommendations toward your coaching choices. If you need a list of St. Moritz member coaches or a list of coaches at the rink you train at, we can help you with that.

When selecting a coach, U.S. Figure Skating recommends setting up a face-to-face meeting where you can ask important questions and see how you and your child interact with the prospective coach. Things to consider are personality, learning and teaching styles, as well as experience and technical know-how. There is a list of sample questions provided by U.S. Figure Skating. Feel free to contact the club if you need help finding those.

### **WHAT ARE U.S. FIGURE SKATING TESTS?**

The testing structure is the common core of figure skating. Every athlete in every discipline must take tests which help build skating skills and allows the skater to move up through the levels in figure skating competitions. Skaters begin with Moves in the Field tests, which are set patterns of turns, edges, spirals, and other movements. There are also tests for Free Skating & Pairs as well as Dance (solo or partnered). Tests may be taken for qualification and advancement in competitions as noted above or the skater may take their tests as an proficiency goal they are aiming to accomplish. For more information on tests, please go to our website ([www.stmoritzisc.org](http://www.stmoritzisc.org)) and click on the Testing & Program Info tab.

### **WHAT IS A NONQUALIFYING COMPETITION?**

A U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying (NQ) competition is an event that a member club can host and any U.S. Figure Skating member can choose to enter. Most nonqualifying competitions offer the core levels and events for singles skating, with many of them also offering events in pairs and dance, and sometimes Synchro (team) as well. The host club will provide an announcement (generally posted on a club's website) with all the relevant information about the competition. NQ Competition results are often posted, but they are not recorded as part of a skater's record or used to rank skaters nationally in any way. Reasons for participating in nonqualifying competitions include, 1) to assist with goal-setting and measuring progress through a skating season; 2) for the opportunity to compete against other skaters, see friends, and meet new people; 3) to receive feedback about strengths and weaknesses.

### **RINK ADDRESSES AND MAILING ADDRESS**

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