

ICE SHOW CRITERIA

The following criterion has been set forth for the selection of featured spots in the annual production of “Melody on Ice”. Originally presented to and approved by the Marquette Figure Skating Club’s Board of Directors on May 11, 1989, with amendments on August 1, 1991 and May 5, 1997. Reviewed October 25, 2024.

This criterion will be used for all subsequent years.

Ice show criteria are guidelines to be used so that appropriate consideration is given to all skaters. However, the ultimate goal of the ice show committee is to put on the best “Show” possible, creating public interest and pride in the Marquette Figure Skating Club. The goal is to profit from this event in an effort to support the mission and goals of the club in the future. Therefore, in the criteria, it is recognized that the director must have some discretionary powers to achieve the desired outcome.

FEATURED SKATERS:

1. First determining factor – FREESTYLE TEST LEVEL
Gold (Senior)
Pre-Gold (Junior)
Silver (Novice)
Pre-Silver (Intermediate)
Bronze (Juvenile)
Pre-Bronze (Pre-Juvenile)
Preliminary
Pre-Preliminary
Guaranteed Solo Position
2. If tied, the second determining factor – COMPETITION RESULTS.
 - A. Calculate the total number of points for each skater based upon the advancement award point system for competitions.
 - B. Categorize skaters according to their level of competition with the higher level receiving consideration first. Any skater, whose level of competition is in question, shall be categorized at the discretion of the selection committee.
3. If tied, fourth determining factor – DANCE TEST LEVEL.
4. If tied, fifth determining factor – SKATING SKILLS TEST LEVEL.
5. If skaters are still tied at this point, it is up to the discretion of the selection committee.
6. After the selection of solos, the same guidelines will apply to pairs, trios, and quartets, etc. with the matching of ability, size and nature of the music in question being at the discretion of the selection committee. All of the above will be considered featured skaters in the show.
7. Novelty parts are to be left to the discretion of the director or on a recommendation of the coaches.
8. Featured skaters are expected to skate in one line number with the exception of male skaters. Male skaters have the option of skating in a line number.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. Committee will consist of the following: Director; Coaches – All contract coaches with the MFSC; Club President – For tie breaker vote only, and to monitor the selection procedure.
2. All parties will be notified at least one (1) week prior to the date set for the selection committee to meet.
3. Date to be set and meeting called by the director.
4. Function is to go over the format of the show as it stands to date and to select featured skaters to fill the number of slots available in the current show format.
5. There is to be no discussion about who got what part prior to the parts being posted by any member of this committee.

PAIR AND DANCE COMPETITORS

1. Non-Qualifying freestyle pair or dance team competitors will be given the choice of skating as a pair in the show, or if qualified by the rules of feature selection, to have the option of skating a feature, but not both.
2. Qualifying freestyle pair or dance team competitors (including non-qualifying events at a qualifying competition) will have a part in the show, and if qualified by the selection criteria may also be considered for an additional featured part.

QUALIFYING SKATER RECOGNITION

All qualifying (including non-qualifying events at qualifying competition) single, pair, or dance competitors will be recognized in the program and introduced in the show for that calendar year.

NATIONAL QUALIFYING COMPETITORS

1. National competitors (single, pairs or dance) may be considered for more than one featured part. This will be at the discretion of the selection committee and/or Ice Show Director.
2. Any skater representing the MFSC at qualifying competition, but training and skater elsewhere may be considered for ice show participation. Therefore, skater responsibility point #2 would not be applicable to this situation. This will be at the discretion of the selection committee and/or Ice Show Director.

SKATER RESPONSIBILITY

1. Points will follow the USFS calendar year (July 1 to June 30). Ice show points will be calculated from the previous skating season. It will be the responsibility of the skater to provide the awards chairperson with a copy of their final competition results (qualifying/non-qualifying) for each competition/event entered prior to the months when points are accumulated (November & April).
2. Those considered for featured parts must have purchased a minimum of four sessions in any combination per week throughout the fall and winter skating season. Skating skills or any group class/session is not to be considered as one of the four sessions.
3. Accumulated points will be posted for review twice a year, during the months of November and April

POINT SYSTEM - For Advancement Award & Ice Show Criteria (Updated 2024)

Ice show placements are determined by freestyle level and ties are determined by competition points.

TESTS

Level	Skating Skills	Freeskate	Level	(Per Dance)
Pre/Pre	12	13	Preliminary	3.5
Preliminary	13	15	Pre-Bronze	4.5
Pre-Bronze	14	18	Bronze	5
Bronze	16	20	Pre-Silver	6
Pre-Silver	17	23	Silver	7
Silver	18	26	Pre-Gold	8
Pre-Gold	21	31	Gold	9
Gold	23	37	International	10

ADULT

Level	Skating Skills	Masters Skills	Freeskate	Pairs	Free Dance	Masters FD
Ad Pre-Bronze	13		15		13	
Ad Bronze	14	13	18	18	14	14
Ad Silver	16	14	20	20	16	16
Ad Gold	17	16	23	23	17	17

COMPETITIONS

Level	Excel Freeskate	Well Balanced Freeskate	Comp/Spins/Jumps Artistic/Specialty/Team	Short Freeskate	Dance-Level	
Placement	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +		
Basic Skills	2 - 1.5 - 1.0 - .5		2 - 1.5 - 1.0 - .5			
Aspire 1 & 2	2.5 - 2.0 - 1.5 - 1		2.5 - 2.0 - 1.5 - 1			
Aspire 3 & 4	3 - 2.5 - 2 - 1.5		3 - 2.5 - 2 - 1.5			1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +
Pre-Pre/No Test	3.5 - 3 - 2.5 - 2	5 - 4.5 - 4 - 3.5	3.5 - 3 - 2.5 - 2		Preliminary	3.5 - 3 - 2.5 - 2
Preliminary	4 - 3.5 - 3 - 2.5	5.5 - 5 - 4.5 - 4	4 - 3.5 - 3 - 2.5		Pre-Bronze	4 - 3.5 - 3 - 2.5
Pre-Bronze	4.5 - 4 - 3.5 - 3	6 - 5.5 - 5 - 4.5	4.5 - 4 - 3.5 - 3		Bronze	4.5 - 4 - 3.5 - 3
Bronze	5 - 4.5 - 4 - 3.5	6.5 - 6 - 5.5 - 5	5 - 4.5 - 4 - 3.5	5 - 4.5 - 4 - 3.5	Pre-Silver	5 - 4.5 - 4 - 3.5
Pre-Silver	5.5 - 5 - 4.5 - 4	7 - 6.5 - 6 - 5.5	5.5 - 5 - 4.5 - 4	5.5 - 5 - 4.5 - 4	Silver	5.5 - 5 - 4.5 - 4
Silver	6 - 5.5 - 5 - 4.5	7.5 - 7 - 6.5 - 6	6 - 5.5 - 5 - 4.5	6 - 5.5 - 5 - 4.5	Pre-Gold	6 - 5.5 - 5 - 4.5
Pre-Gold	6.5 - 6 - 5.5 - 5	8 - 7.5 - 7 - 6.5	6.5 - 6 - 5.5 - 5	6.5 - 6 - 5.5 - 5	Gold	6.5 - 6 - 5.5 - 5
Gold	7 - 6.5 - 6 - 5.5	8.5 - 8 - 7.5 - 7	7 - 6.5 - 6 - 5.5	7 - 6.5 - 6 - 5.5	International	7 - 6.5 - 6 - 5.5

*We will add the pairs points back in IF we have pairs skaters. Currently we do not have any in our club.

High School Competitions *(Updated 2024)*

FreeSkate	Initial Round	Final Round	Solo Dance
Placement	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +	
Beginner	3 - 2.5 - 2 - 1.5	6 - 5.5 - 5 - 4.5	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +
Pre-Prelim	3.5 - 3 - 2.5 - 2	7 - 6.5 - 6 - 5.5	
Preliminary	4 - 3.5 - 3 - 2.5	8 - 7.5 - 7 - 6.5	Prelim 3.5 - 3 - 2.5 - 2
Pre-Bronze	4.5 - 4 - 3.5 - 3	9 - 8.5 - 8 - 7.5	Pre-Bronze 4 - 3.5 - 3 - 2.5
Bronze	5 - 4.5 - 4 - 3.5	10 - 9.5 - 9 - 8.5	Bronze 4.5 - 4 - 3.5 - 3
Pre-Silver	5.5 - 5 - 4.5 - 4	11 - 10.5 - 10 - 9.5	Pre-Silver 5 - 4.5 - 4 - 3.5
Silver	6 - 5.5 - 5 - 4.5	12 - 11.5 - 11 - 10.5	Silver 5.5 - 5 - 4.5 - 4
Pre-Gold	6.5 - 6 - 5.5 - 5	13 - 12.5 - 12 - 11.5	Pre-Gold 6 - 5.5 - 5 - 4.5
Gold	7 - 6.5 - 6 - 5.5	14 - 13.5 - 13 - 12.5	Gold 6.5 - 6 - 5.5 - 5
Int/Nov Well Bal	7.5 - 7 - 6.5 - 6	15 - 14.5 - 14 - 13.5	
Jr/Sr Well Bal	8.5 - 8 - 7.5 - 7	16 - 15.5 - 15 - 14.5	

Artistic Showcase

	Initial Round	Final Round
	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 +
Level A	3.5 - 3 - 2.5 - 2	7 - 6.5 - 6 - 5.5
Level B	4.5 - 4 - 3.5 - 3	9 - 8.5 - 8 - 7.5
Level C	5.5 - 5 - 4.5 - 4	11 - 10.5 - 10 - 9.5
Level D	7 - 6.5 - 6 - 5.5	14 - 13.5 - 13 - 12.5

*High School Competition no longer counts towards ice show points, as it excludes skaters not in high school.



MELODY ON ICE 2026 - CLUB SKATER INTENT FORM SKATER OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Please read carefully before signing

1. Every skater must participate in at least one (1) group/line number. Skaters who withdraw from their group number will not be eligible for a feature part and will deem themselves ineligible for the current and the following year's show. (MFSC Handbook – Ice Show Criteria.) Basic skills level skaters will be placed in an age and skill appropriate number.
2. Featured parts will be chosen by the selection committee in accordance with the Ice Show Criteria as set forth by the Board of Directors. Points are based on your skating successes from the 24-25 season. (See MFSC Handbook – Ice Show Criteria.) Skaters withdrawing from their featured number will deem themselves ineligible for the current and following year's show.
3. **Skaters wishing to participate in a feature part must skate a minimum of 4 club sessions weekly in both fall and winter terms. Circle current sessions skated:**

MON 3:30-4:25	MON 4:25-5:20	TUE 3:30-4:00	TUE 4:00-4:30
TUE 4:45-5:15	TUE 5:15-6:00	WED 6:00-7:00am	WED 3:30-4:25
WED 4:25-5:20	THU 3:30-4:00	THU 4:00-4:30	THU 4:45-5:15
THU 5:15-6:00	FRI 6:00-7:00am		
4. Ice show practices will start March 1, 2026. **All Practices Will Be Mandatory.** *Please check your school activity calendar for any conflicts that may affect your full potential.* Your director will work closely as possible with the school calendar, as well. This year the ice shows will be on **Saturday, March 14th, at 6pm** and **Sunday, March 15th, at 1pm** at Lakeview Arena. Dress rehearsal will be on Friday. Please make sure your skater will be able to skate in both shows. If they cannot attend both shows they will be asked to withdraw.
5. All music for featured skaters will be cleared by the show director, and the coach you are working with. Coaches will work with the costume chairperson to discuss and plan costumes to fit the assigned part. Music and costume must fit the format of the show or it may not be used. Once you are measured and the costume has been ordered, it is the parent's financial obligation to buy the costume(s). Costume measurements will be taken at the rink to guarantee consistency.
6. I, _____ understand my obligations and **WILL / WILL NOT** (circle one) skate in "Melody on Ice 2026" in the parts assigned to me by the Ice Show Committee.
7. **I have registered for the Ice Show on GoMotion and have paid for my line number costume. Feature costumes will be billed to the card on file at the beginning of February. If we find you are not registered on GoMotion for the ice show your card on file will be billed.**

Please check below:

_____ I wish to be considered for a featured part. I skate at least 4 club sessions in both the fall and winter terms and have circled these 4+ sessions above.

_____ If eligible, I do not wish to participate in a featured part, but will participate in the line numbers.

Skater's Signature (required)

Date

Parent's Signature (required)

Date

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR INTENT FORM TO THE ICE SHOW DIRECTOR, LINNEA GUSTAFSON, BY NOVEMBER 6, 2025



MELODY ON ICE 2026 - LEARN TO SKATE INTENT FORM SKATER OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Please read carefully before signing

Ice show practices will start March 1, 2026. **All Practices Will Be Mandatory.** Please check your school activity calendar for any conflicts that may affect your full potential. Please try to avoid scheduling out of town vacations during this time frame. If skaters miss mandatory practices they may be asked to withdraw.

This year the ice shows will be on **Saturday, March 14th, at 6pm**, and **Sunday, March 15th, at 1pm** at Lakeview Arena. Dress rehearsal will be on Friday. Please make sure your skater will be able to skate in both shows. If they cannot attend both shows they will be asked to withdraw.

I authorise my child _____ to participate in the Ice Show and authorise my card on file be charged the Ice Show fee (includes costume).

Parent Name (please print)

Parent's Signature (required)

Date

FOR CLUB USE ONLY:

Current Level _____ Age _____

Measurements (in inches):

Girth _____

Chest _____

Waist _____

Hips _____

T-Shirt Size: YXS YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL AXXL