

# **Southgate Figure Skating Booster Club Handbook 2016-2017**



*(Updated July 2016)*

*In the following pages you will find all the important information about the Southgate Figure Skating Club. Please do not lose this handbook and make sure that you completely read through it. Please refer back to this handbook throughout the season when you have any questions. Important dates & information will be found in this handbook, along with on our Figure Skating Bulletin Board and via our Club Email Updates.*

## **BOOSTER CLUB MEETINGS**

Our monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. **in the Parkside Gardens Banquet Hall. The November Meeting will be held in the Party Room located in Rink A due to Elections**

## **SFSBC MEMBERSHIP**

Booster Club Membership Registration runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> until November 12<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available at the Southgate Parks and Recreation Department. Membership fees are \$25.00 per family. There will be one designated voter per family if you meet your ACTIVE Membership requirements as defined in the SFSBC By-Laws. Bundles are available if you are joining the Booster Club, ISI & US Figure Skating.

## **CODES OF CONDUCT**

Any and all participants of the SFBSC, the Southgate Parks & Recreation Figure Skating Classes or skaters that utilize Freestyle Ice are required to read, follow, and consent to the Parents and Skaters Codes of Conduct.

## **TYPES OF FIGURE SKATING CLASSES OFFERED**

The Parks and Recreation Department along with the SFSBC is proud to offer the following classes:

### **Learn to Skate USA :**

Everyone that enrolls in Snowplow Sam (Tot) and Learn to Skate will automatically be registered with US Figure Skating in their Learn to Skate USA Program. Skaters will receive a number, a membership card and some other goodies.

- Snowplow Sam Classes have 4 levels.
- Basic Skills Classes have 6 levels.

Each badge consists elements that must be completed before moving onto the next level. Basic Skills classes are available starting at the age of six.

**ISI Freestyle Classes:** Freestyle Classes are available ranging from Alpha – Delta and Freestyle 1 – 10 as regulated by the Ice Skating Institute (ISI).

**Couples:** Couples is broken into Low/High Couples and regulated by the ISI.

**Dance:** Dance is broken down into Low/High. Dance Levels 1-10 as regulated by US Figure Skating. **You must have completed all your Badges to participate in dance class.**

**Moves in the Field:** This class follows the US Figure Skating Guidelines. The skaters will learn and work on the USFS Moves in the Fields Patterns.

**Team Compulsory:** Team Compulsory is available for skaters that are passed Delta or have completed Badge #10. You must have tried out in order to participant in this class. Team Compulsories are a competitive team that consists of six to seven members depending on the level of the team. Additional Fees are necessary.

**Synchronized Skating Teams:** Synchronized Skating Teams are broken into age brackets. Participants must be at least 4 and have some skating ability. Participants must have tried out in order to participate in this class. Additional Fees are necessary.

**Theatre on Ice Team:** TOI Teams consist of 8-20 skaters. Team Members will be selected based on needs. Guidelines are set by US Figure Skating. This team will compete. Additional Fees are necessary.

### **FUNDRAISING**

The SFSBC offers many fundraising opportunities throughout the year. There is one mandatory fundraiser in September if you plan on participating in our annual ice show. All other fundraisers are optional.

### **BOOSTER DOLLARS**

Booster Dollars are the SFSBC's "funny money". Booster Dollars are earned through fundraising or by chairing a committee. Booster Dollars can be used as cash for things such as classes, freestyle ice, tights, locker rentals and various ice show items. Booster Dollars expire August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### **FREESTYLE ICE**

Freestyle Ice is used for any of our skaters wishing to have extra practice time or anyone involved in private lessons. We offer freestyle ice seven days a week at various times. Sessions are 50 minutes in length. Ice Time is purchased through the Recreation Department.

*Fees are as follows:*

*50 Minute Session Drop In is \$10.00*

*25 Minute Session Drop In is \$6.00*

*We also have Discount Punchcards for sale. Each punchcard contains 20 – 25 Minute Sessions. Prices are as follows:*

***Member - Residents - \$75.00***

***Member – Non-Residents - \$90.00***

All skaters using freestyle ice are required to read and follow the guidelines set by the SFSBC and its director.

### **PRIVATE LESSONS**

The Southgate Figure Skating Staff Members are available for private lessons. Coach Contact cards are available in the rack located outside of the Coach's Room or you can contact Julie Goddard for more information.

### **LOCKER RENTALS**

The City of Southgate offers locker rentals to the SFSBC skaters for the cost of \$75.00 per season (*September 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 31<sup>st</sup>*).

Contracts are available and must be filled out through the Parks and Recreation Department. If you do not currently have a locker please see Recreation Department to obtain an open locker number.

### **TIGHTS**

Tights are available for discounted purchase through the SFSBC several times throughout the season. Watch the bulletin board and your emails for pricing/availability.

### **CLUB APPARREL**

Club Clothing – Warmups, sweats, t-shirts, etc. are available usually once a year in the Fall. Watch the bulletin board and your emails for more information.

## **SKATE SALES**

Skate sales are held throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to sell or buy items such as but not limited to – dresses, skates, sweaters, bags, etc. The SFSBC uses the skate sales as a general fundraiser and takes a small percentage of all sales.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY & EXHIBITION**

A Christmas Party and Skating Exhibition is held every December. The Christmas Party date for this year is December 11<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome to participate in the Annual Exhibition. A party follows the Exhibition at the Epicurean House in Wyandotte at 2:00 p.m.

## **END OF THE YEAR BANQUET**

There will be an end of the year banquet for all skaters – both competitive (ISI and US Figure Skating) and ice show at Parkside Gardens (Banquet Hall inside of the Ice Arena) on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see Kristen Slowik, Julie or Lindsay if you have any questions.

## **ICE SHOW**

See the Ice Show Handbook for all information.

## **COMPETITIONS**

The SFSBC offers a competitive program. Individuals and Teams are encouraged to participant in all local competitions. A list of competition dates can be found on the SFSBC Bulletin Board. Skaters of all levels and ages including Basic Skills can have the opportunity to participate in any competition.

## **FRIDAY STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**

Any skater in our program that is the age of 12 and above and has passed F/S #4 may help with the tot and basic skills classes on Fridays. See Julie if you would like to volunteer.

## **SENIOR VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year (if funds allow) the SFSBC awards one to three scholarships to our graduating seniors. Seniors must complete volunteer hours throughout the season cumulating with Ice Show. Detailed information/requirements can be obtained from the SFSBC Board.

We hope we've covered everything you need to know. Please continue to check the bulletin board/club emails for additional information. We have close to 200 skaters in the program and we cannot call everyone whenever there is new or changing information.

***THE PROGRAM IS FOR ALL OF OUR SKATERS AND IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR TO LEAVE ALL THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO JUST A FEW PARENTS – GET INVOLVED.***

We hope this will be an enjoyable experience for you and your skater/s

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Program Director, Julie Goddard at [jgoddard@ci.southgate.mi.us](mailto:jgoddard@ci.southgate.mi.us) or the club with any questions via email at [sfsboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:sfsboosterclub@gmail.com) Please leave a detailed message and someone will return your call/email within 48 hours.

**And please – DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK QUESTIONS**

*Thank You  
The Southgate Figure Skating Booster Club*

**2016-2017 Booster Club Board Members**

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>President</i>               | <i>Kristin Slowik</i>     |
| <i>Vice-President</i>          | <i>Melissa Guerra</i>     |
| <i>Secretary</i>               | <i>Nicole Hales</i>       |
| <i>Treasurer</i>               | <i>Melissa Holzhueter</i> |
| <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>         | <i>Jennifer Godbout</i>   |
| <i>Sergeant At Arms</i>        | <i>Bridget McLaughlin</i> |
| <i>Program Director</i>        | <i>Julie Goddard</i>      |
| <i>Competitive Coordinator</i> | <i>Lindsay Armos</i>      |

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