

Vacationland Figure Skating Club 2012 Ice Show Criteria

1. All placements for all skaters in VFSC for the 2012 show will be based on points and test level (Sr club) and track and test level (either Basic skills/Freeskate test or USFSA test) for Jr Club as of August 31st, 2011. Snowplow Sam, Basic Badges and Freeskate Classes will perform at their skill level. These will be assigned by the Show's Head Pro(s).
2. Points or track election for feature skaters are counted from September 1st thru August 31st of each skating year. Example would be those skaters testing anytime from September 1st, 2010 till August 31st 2011 will be applied towards Show placement for the 2012 Ice Show. Snowplow Sam, Basic Skills, Freeskate and Junior Club skaters do not accumulate points until they have passed their first US Figure Skating Test level. (Pre-preliminary Moves and Freestyle)
3. To qualify for the annual Ice Show, Basic Skills, Freeskate Classes and Junior Club skaters must skate the entire skating season (typically September/October up to the show) of the skating year. For example, for the 2012 show, the skater would skate the season starting September/October 2011 up to the show of 2012.
4. Those skaters who qualify for a Feature or Solo must **skate** the minimal requirement as explained in either Jr Club Criteria or Sr Club Criteria. All skaters must be **active** skaters on VFSC ice in order to participate in the show. Please see item #5 under "other policies" for definition of 'active'. In order to qualify for the annual VFSC Ice Show every Feature and Solo skater is required to have verification of a current VFSC approved coach. The criteria committee will address any concerns about this policy.
5. All show music for groups, features and soloists will be assigned. All show coaches will be assigned. Show tapes/CD's/MP3s are property of VFSC.
6. Special groups such as Synchro, Dance, Bridge, etc., must skate the entire skating season (defined earlier) of the skating year to skate with the team/group in the show. For example, for the 2012 Ice Show, the skater would skate September/October 2011 up to the Ice Show of 2012.
7. Additional Show numbers such as dance, pairs, boys only, graduation, parent/skater, etc may be added at the discretion of the Show Chair(s) and Show Head Pro(s) with the approval of the Criteria Committee.

Effective October 1st 2008 there will be Jr club AND Sr Club criteria rules. Points start accumulating September 1st 2010 for the 2012 show for Sr club skaters. Gold or Silver track must be elected by September 1st 2010 for Jr club skaters. A 30 day grace period will be allowed for track election this year only! Jr club skaters will not accumulate points.

Sr Club Criteria

A Sr club skater is defined as a skater that has passed his/her pre-preliminary moves in the field and freestyle tests. Points start to accumulate, **and requirements begin**, the month following passing the pre-preliminary freestyle test. All Sr club skaters must skate a minimum of 2 freestyle sessions per week on VFSC ice when ever VFSC has contract ice available, including summers. If criteria rules are met a Sr club skater will be guaranteed at least a trio. Specific show positions available will be based on percentages as well as Criteria Committee discretion and announced prior to season ice registration each year. As a guideline positions will be determined, based on the number of Sr club skaters, as follows:

The top 33% of point recipients will receive a single or solo
The next highest 28% of point recipients will receive duets
The remaining skaters will receive no less than a trio

Estimated available positions for the 2012 show are:

Singles/Solos 6
Duets 2
Trios 2 or more

The specific number of solos, singles, duets and trios that will be available will be determined by the size of the Sr club and the percentages listed previously.

In order for a skater to qualify for a solo, he/she must have passed the pre-juv freestyle test by August 31st. The remaining top point recipients will be awarded singles until those positions, as previously determined are filled. A skater must have a minimum of 40 points to receive a single or solo.

The Senior Girls Number will include all skaters who meet the following criteria

- 1) Eighth grade and above.
- 2) Passed Pre-Preliminary Freestyle test.
- 3) Skate the minimal skating requirement of at least 2 freestyle sessions per week, during the skating season. A second senior number may be added if it would benefit the show. The inclusion of non-club members (escorts) for the Sr. Number will be determined on an annual basis. The Show Chairperson(s), Pro(s) and Criteria Committee will determine this.

All Sr Club skaters will also participate in a Senior Group Number, divided into 2 groups

One group will consist of all the skaters awarded solos and singles

One group will consist of all the skaters who were awarded duets and trios

These numbers will be in addition to the Senior Girls number, the graduation number, opening number, etc.

How Sr Club Skaters may earn points

Points are awarded at the beginning of the period based on the skaters current test level. Additional points will be added as the skater tests. These base points are calculated as follows:

Vacationland FSC Points for USFS Tests

1. Test Level: (Points are not cumulative – points are given September 1st and added to as skaters test)

<u>Moves</u>		<u>Freestyle</u>		<u>Dance (compulsory)</u>		<u>Freedance</u>	
Pre-Pre	3	Pre-Pre	6	Preliminary	3	Juvenile	3
Prelim	6	Preliminary	12	Pre-Bronze	6	Intermediate	6
Pre-Juv	9	Pre-Juvenile	18	Bronze	9	Novice	9
Juvenile	12	Juvenile	24	Pre-Silver	12	Junior	12
Intermediate	15	Intermediate	30	Silver	15	Senior	15
Novice	18	Novice	36	Pre-Gold	18		
Junior	21	Junior	42	Gold	21		
Senior	24	Senior	48	International	24		

Points are awarded for attending and placing at USFS or ISI sanctioned competitions. The maximum points that a skater may earn in any criteria period for competitions is 30. Only points from the two highest competitions will be used. As an example, if a skater competes in 3 competitions and earned 12 points at the first, 6 points at the second and 3 points at the third, allowable criteria points would be 18. This is the total of the 2 highest point competitions, the first and second. **A competition result sheet with placement must be mailed to VFSC, P.O. Box 173, Brainerd, MN 56401, or delivered, whether electronically or in person, to the Criteria Committee Chair Person, within 30 days after the competition. If not received, points will not be awarded. If a results sheet is not available (Some competitions do not provide them, if provided you must get one) please contact Criteria Chair for alternate method to prove participation. Maximum points per competition is 15. IF the**

competition is named/promoted as a “Basic Skills” or “Learn to Skate” competition, the skaters points for participation are limited and no points are awarded for placement. Skaters Points are awarded as follows:

Competition participation in 1 or more events (regular)	3 points <i>per competition</i>
PLUS Placing in the top 4 in any event (regular)	3 points <i>per event</i>
Competition participation in 1 or more events (basic skills)	2 points <i>per competition</i>
Placement in any Basic Skills competition	No additional points

Points are awarded for on-ice time. This may be freestyle sessions, moves in the field, dance, power, etc on VFSC ice. One point will be given for every 15 minutes of ice skated. This must be VFSC contracted ice. Ice must be registered for and paid for (or VFSC payment plan elected) within 3 weeks of the start of the session. Walk ons may only be used for make-up and only in accordance with the make-up policy.

Points are awarded for camps and workshops: One point for a 4-8 hour class; two points for a 9-16 hour class; and three points for anything over 16 hours. The skater must turn in a copy of their registration sheet to the Criteria Committee Chair within 30 days after the workshop. A maximum of 10 points per skating year.

Points are awarded for season off ice classes. One point per season, per class, for any VFSC full season off ice contracted class. Walk-ins will not receive points. Skater must be an **active** participant. See item #5 under “other policies” for definition of “active”.

Points are awarded for Out of Town Ice: One point will be given for each contracted session (fall, winter, spring and summer). The skater must turn in a copy of his/her registration to the Criteria Committee Chair. A maximum of 4 points per skating year.

If there is a tie in points, ranking for show positions will be determined as follows:

- Date of Freestyle Test.
- Level and Date of Moves in the Field Test.
- Years in VFSC.
- Years in USFS/ISI

Jr Club Show Criteria

At the beginning of each criteria period on September 1st of each year, a Jr club skater must choose their track. The choice must be reported to the Criteria chair by filling out and signing the “Jr Club Track Options” form. Once a commitment is made the skater must stay in that track until the following year’s criteria election.

Silver Track

Must be a home member of VFSC and receive private lessons from a VFSC approved coach. Must have passed basic badge 3 or above. Skater will receive a Jr club group number in the show. Once Silver track is elected a skater may not change to Gold track until the following year’s criteria period.

Gold Track

Must be a home member of VFSC and receive private lessons from a VFSC approved coach. Must have passed basic badge 3 or above. The skater must skate at least two sessions of freestyle ice per week each skating season (typically Sept/Oct thru the show) and one session each summer. Ice must be registered for and paid for (or VFSC payment plan elected) within 3 weeks of the start of the session. Walk ons may only be used for make-up and only in accordance with the make-up policy. The skater must participate in at least one (1) USFS or ISI sanctioned skate competition per year, *not including* any competition VFSC may host. . **A competition result sheet with placement must be mailed to VFSC, P.O. Box 173, Brainerd, MN 56401, or delivered, whether electronically or in person, to the Criteria Committee Chair Person, within 30 days after the competition. If not received, credit will not be given.**

Gold track skaters will be awarded quintets or quartets in the show. Groups will be divided at head pro(s) discretion. These skaters will also be included in either the opening number or the second half opening number, at head pro(s) discretion. If a skater does not meet Gold Track criteria by the end of the criteria period (August 31st) the skater will automatically default to Silver Track.

OTHER POLICIES APPLICABLE TO JR AND SR CLUB:

1. Home Club Membership

- All skaters in the VFSC show must be VFSC Home Club Members. Features must be members of VFSC from April 30th of prior year to current show date. That membership must be active throughout the year.
- Skaters moving to the area are addressed below.

2. Skaters moving to VFSC from other clubs

- Must join VFSC and designate VFSC as the home club.
- Test level will be verified with USFS.
- Skating from previous home club will be verified and honored towards our ice show placement. The same points and guidelines will be used. Points shall not exceed those offered for the same period by VFSC
- This applies to moves between August 31st 2010 and September 1st 2011. Any move-ins, between September 1st, 2011 and the current show, will go directly to the Criteria Committee for review.

3. Skating requirement for skating season 2010/2011

- Skater must register for VFSC ice during Show period, skating season plus summer session of each show year and be an active skater as defined in item #5 under "Other Policies".
- Skater must meet minimum skating requirement and test level for position earned.

4. Any concerns about this criteria or appeals of the criteria decisions, must first be directed to the Criteria Committee. Should the skater feel the concern/appeal is not satisfied, it may be taken to the VFSC Board of Directors for review.

5. Skaters must be active skaters on VFSC ice in order to participate in the show. Skaters must be active participants in off ice classes in order to receive criteria points. Any abuse of this policy will be directed to the Criteria Committee for review. An active skater is defined as one who skates (or in the case of off ice, participates) at least 80% of their contracted ice/off ice time.

6. Other ice arenas that are not VFSC home arena: If VFSC buys ice from another local ice arena and sells ice time to VFSC members, then this ice will be treated in the same manner as VFSC home ice. All criteria rules

then apply. Walk-on on any local rinks *will not* be counted for criteria. However, should a local rink sell a session of ice (similar to St Cloud, Breezy Point and Little Falls), and a skater buys a session of ice, then this ice is treated in the same manner as "Out of Town Ice".

The rules set forth in this show criteria document are intended to be as fair as possible to all skaters. It attempts to reward those that are very active in the sport without leaving behind those that are less involved. The criteria committee seriously considers and re-considers all aspects of the point system and base requirements. We are open minded and welcome any input or ideas that are well thought out and benefit the Jr/Sr clubs, VFSC and each skater as a whole. If you have an idea you would like the committee to consider please submit it, in writing, to the criteria chair.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!! If a skater fails to meet criteria they can **STILL BE IN THE SHOW!** The purpose of criteria is to establish **FEATURE** placements (quintets, quartets, trios, duets, singles and solos) not to establish whether or not they can participate in the show. Every skater that is a full member in good standing may participate in a group number. Those that **CHOOSE** to participate in a feature must follow criteria rules.

Criteria may seem complicated but ignorance is not an excuse. Criteria members are in the arena during nearly every session of ice year around. This document is available online at www.vacationlandfigureskating.com and in the ToePic. You may also email the Criteria Chair at toniren@tds.net If you have ANY questions or concerns **PLEASE ASK!** We are more than happy to help explain the rules. No one wants a skater to lose out on a feature because the rules were not understood!

Criteria Committee for 2010-2011 skating season

Committee Chair/Test Chair	Toni Renford
VFSC President	Sherry Chisholm
Club member	Carol Tower
Club Member	Andrea Glomski
VFSC Coach	Christina Wilson
Head Pro Basic Skills/ Show Head Pro	Stacey Kruger
Head Pro Jr/Sr Club/Show Head Pro	Melissa Hanna

An updated list of Criteria members for the 2011-2012 skating season will be available July 1, 2011