

Snoqualmie Stars Production Team

2023-2024 Agreement and Handbook

Welcome to the Team!

The information below is an introduction to the realm of Theatre on Ice provided by U.S. Figure Skating

Theatre On Ice (TOI) is a form of competitive figure skating that combines the grace of figure skating with the excitement of theatre and dance. Known as “Ballet on Ice” in Europe, TOI teams consist of eight to 30 skaters on the ice telling a story together. TOI brings skaters together and increases club skaters, giving athletes the chance to be a part of a team, travel locally and internationally and make new friends.

TOI consists of two programs: the free skate and the choreographic exercise. Programs are evaluated on technical merit and presentation with emphasis on originality, costuming, artistry and musicality.

Teams are determined by guidelines set forth by US Figure Skating with requirements based on skating ability, tests passed, and age.

Tenants of Professionalism

As athletes, and as members of Snoqualmie Stars Production Team, we will honor our promises and our commitments, whether oral or in writing, and strive to build a reputation for dignity, honesty, and integrity while on and off the ice.

As athletes, and as members of Snoqualmie Stars production team, we will strive to expand our knowledge of skating and to achieve and maintain proficiency in our skating skills outside of Theatre on Ice practices alone.

As members of Snoqualmie Stars production team, athletes will be civil and courteous, respectful, encouraging, and kind to all with whom we come in contact and will endeavor to maintain a collegial relationship with each team member.

I have read and understand the above information:

Initial here: Parent/Guardian _____ Athlete _____

Team Leadership

- Director and Head Coach: Lisa Bell
- Team Manager and Assistant Director: Courtney Kuhn
- Team Coach: Alanna Collins
- Skating Director and Team Advisor : Ashley Wyatt

Team Member Requirements

The below information has been copied from the 2023-2024 U.S. Figure Skating TOI guidelines and handbook

Teams may roster from 8-28 skaters, with 8-24 allowed to compete in each program. The same number of skaters must skate the CE and FP segments of a competition. A maximum of four rostered skaters may be different between the CE and Free Skate programs.

All Theatre On Ice teams must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating before entering any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned competition. Teams should register prior to commencing practices for the season; rosters and team level may still be modified after team registration is complete.

All Theatre on Ice team members must meet the criteria in Rule 3060 – Eligibility to Compete in non – qualifying competitions. Learn to Skate members only are not eligible to compete in Theatre on Ice competitions as defined by Privileges of Learn to Skate USA Members (Rules MR 30.30 to MR 30.33)

To compete in the National Theatre - On - Ice Competition teams must have registered with U.S. Figure Skating no later than April 1, 2024

Current Team Level	Open
Individual Test Requirements ** Test requirements MUST be met PRIOR to registration of first event	At least 1 Skating Skills or Dance test
Snoqualmie Stars Age Requirement <i>(Team Director may assign 2 members above the requirement)</i>	6 - 24 yrs

US Figure Skating Membership

All skaters are required to be full skating members of U.S. Figure Skating. Membership may be done through a club (such as Cascade Valley FSC or Kingsgate FSC) or through individual membership with US Figure Skating. If a skater is not sure how to become a member of US Figure Skating, please partner with your Head Coach or Skating Director at the beginning of the season to begin this process.

Once skaters have joined US Figure Skating, they must complete the medical registry form and likeness and appearance waivers through Members Only. Your Team Coaches can assist you with this process.

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2023 - 2024 Annual Fees

The 2023 - 2024 season will run Saturday, September 16, 2023 through June 29, 2024.

Fees include: Coaches fees, ice time, costumes and costume maintenance, event fees, practice ice fees, coaches travel and lodging, and administration. Payments may be made in full at the time of registration or via a four time installment plan available on the registration website.

Total due to Sno-King Ice Arenas "Snoqualmie Stars Production Team" (One Skater)	
Paid in Full; Due: September 16, 2023	\$1906

Total due to Sno-King Ice Arenas "Snoqualmie Stars Production Team" (Installment plan)	
First Payment Due: September 16, 2023	\$476.50
Second Payment Due: November 18, 2023	\$476.50
Third Payment Due: February 16, 2024	\$476.50
Fourth Payment Due: April 19, 2024	\$476.50

Those that choose to utilize the payment plan will have their card of choice automatically charged on the due date, via the Bond Sports registration system. Questions or issues with payment should be directed to Assistant Facilities Director, Paula Shively: paulas@snokingsnoqualmie.com

Refund policy

- Refund requests will be accepted and granted in full if made 48 hours prior to the start of the season on September 14, 2023.
- Refund requests made after September 14, 2023 and before November 16 2023, will be granted for 50% of the season registration fee. A total of \$953 will be returned to the resigning athlete.
- **There will be NO refunds granted after November 16, 2023.**
- There are no make-up dates for missed practice sessions except those that occur due to a facility conflict. In which case the team directors will inform members of the make-up time.
- There are no transfers, credits, or trades allowed for missed practice sessions. Team athletes who miss a practice are not allowed to attend another Sno-King class in place of the missed session.

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September 16, 2023 - June 29, 2024; Season Requirements

The 23/24 season will begin Saturday, September, 16, 2023 approximately 34 weeks, and conclude on the last day of Theater on Ice Nationals, June 29, 2024. Practice shall commence September 16, 2023. There will be two practice days weekly: Saturday, on-ice, 8:15 am - 9:15 am, Wednesday off-ice, 5:45 - 6:30 pm.

Rehearsals And Attendance

It is the expectation the coaching staff that each participant will commit to attending every practice, missing no more than 8 days during the season for on ice practice and no more that 10 days for off ice practice.

The team will have one hour block of mandatory on-ice rehearsal per week, as well as one scheduled off-ice rehearsal. Skaters are required to arrive ready to rehearse promptly for each rehearsal. Attendance is required for *all* rehearsals.

If a skater must miss rehearsal for any reason, the skater or parent **MUST** notify the team manager via email at least 24 hours in advance. **There are no guaranteed positions on the team.** Unexplained absences, regular tardiness, and other attendance issues may lead to a skater being removed from the program with no refund for. *If you have concerns regarding this policy, or have extenuating circumstances, please contact the Skating Director or team manager.*

Each team skater is required to take at least 1 private lesson per week with a coach to continually improve their individual skills. This coach does not have to be an Snoqualmie Stars or Sno-King coach.

From time to time there are unforeseen circumstances within the facility and practice time will be changed. Should a change happen, an alternate date will be assigned. If an athlete cannot attend the alternate date, the absence will not count against the required attendance. Team members will be notified of changes by email as soon as the change is made.

Athletes who miss more than the allotted amount will be placed on reserve, as a team alternate. Each team is allotted 4 alternates per season. Team leadership reserves the right to remove a member from the roster.

Season Practice Days and Times

SATURDAY 8:15 am - 9:15 am (On-Ice)

- September: 16, 30
- October: 7, 14, 21, 28
- November: 4, 11, 18
- December: 2, 9, 16
- January: 6, 20, 27
- February: 3, 10, 24
- March: 2, 9, 23, 30
- April: 6, 20, 27
- May: 4, 11, 18, 25
- June: 1, 8, 15, 22

33 weeks

WEDNESDAY 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm (Off-Ice)

- September: 20, 27
- October: 4, 11, 18, 25
- November: 1, 8, 15, 29
- December: 6
- January: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- February: 7, 14, 28
- March: 6, 13, 20, 27
- April: 3, 17, 24
- May: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- June: 5, 12, 19

34 Weeks

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Rehearsal and Competition Dress Codes

Rehearsal and Attire: For an utmost professional presentation, and for the benefit of viewing choreography, you are required to wear **all black, skating appropriate attire** to every rehearsal. The style and design can be of your choice. Sneakers are required for all rehearsals.

Competition Attire: Costumes and warm up attire will be discussed with each team and may vary depending on the season's programs. All athletes must follow the exact creative direction of the team coaches. This includes but is not limited to: Hair, make-up, costuming, and tights.

- Teams will be required to have two costumes each season
 - ➔ Choreographic Exercise "CE": Will require an all black costume
 - ➔ Free Skate: Will require a themed costume
- Costume and costume mat fees have been factored into your registration fees for the season.
- Athletes will not eat or drink in their costumes (water is ok)
- Costumes must be kept in excellent condition throughout the season
 - ➔ Tears, stains, and replacements are the responsibility of the participant.
- Costumes are the property of Sno- King Ice arenas and must be returned in good condition at the end of the season.

Competition day and team uniforms may be assigned later in the season. Team member are expected to comply with the request. This may include purchase of team jackets and/or uniforms.

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2023 -2024 PERFORMANCE & COMPETITION DATES

Snoqualmie Holiday Show – December 16th Fee included in annual registration

- Mandatory Rehearsals: December 15, 4 pm - 7 pm
- This does not include participation in Solos, small or large ensemble numbers. To participate outside of TOI, you will need to register accordingly.

Blades on Broadway – DATE TBD (normally first weekend in April)

ICEFEST – DATE TBD (early June)

Theater on Ice Nationals – June 25th- 29th in Evansville, IL

- Your travel fees are not included. Each team member and their family is expected to properly arrange their own travel and lodging.

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Code of Conduct

Violation of any of the listed guidelines may result in removal from The Snoqualmie Stars Production Team with no refund of payments or to Ice Forum. The Snoqualmie Stars Production Team reserves the right to enforce this Code of Conduct using a “no strike” policy depending upon the severity of the violation.

Rehearsals (both on AND off ice)

- Skaters are to be prepared to rehearse promptly at the scheduled start time
- Skaters are to refrain from cross-talk, especially when a member of the coaching staff is giving instruction
- This includes when a coach is providing instruction to a group the skater is not in
- If a skater has a question or needs assistance with choreography, the skater should raise their hand to ask a member of the coaching staff
- While we are a team and encourage skaters to work together, choreography should be taught and clarified by coaching staff
- Skaters are to remain respectful of their peers and coaches at all times
- Parents/spouses/partners/guardians are *not allowed* to watch practices from the ice level; this is to avoid distractions during rehearsal time.
- There is to be no photography or video taking of rehearsals; Snoqualmie Stars Production Team considers our choreography and choreographic process as protected information. Any skater, parent, or other party witnessed taking unauthorized photos or videos will be asked to leave the practice session. This includes sharing videos from Live Barn. Violations of this guideline can also lead to removal from The Snoqualmie Stars Production Team with no refund of payments made.

Competitions

- Skaters and parents are responsible for their own travel expenses for any and all events
- Skaters are to arrive at all scheduled events at least 5 minutes prior to the published time. For example, if a schedule says to arrive in the lobby of an arena at 8:00am, the skater is expected to arrive by 7:55am
- Skaters are expected to be respectful of host arenas by keeping areas tidy and leaving any areas exactly as they were found (no trash, no belongings left in stands)

or locker rooms) Skaters act as representatives of Sno-King Ice Arenas and the Snoqualmie Stars Production Team when at competitions and should refrain from disrespectful behavior, such as speaking negatively of other teams or any officials.

Judge Critiques

- Skaters should arrive at least 5 minutes prior to the stated call time
- Skaters should refrain from talking during critiques unless answering a question from a coach or judge
- When not skating, skaters will stand still with hands by their sides or behind their backs
- Skaters should remain polite and professional throughout the critique, both on the ice and off.

Parent Expectations

- Skaters and parents are responsible for their own travel expenses for any and all events.
- Parents should direct all questions and concerns to their appointed Head Coach
- If a parent still has questions after speaking with the Head Coach, those questions should be sent via email to The Skating Director, Ashley Wyatt
- Parents are to remain polite and respectful at all competitions and events; refrain from speaking negatively about the host venue or any other teams
- Parents are not allowed inside of the rink during practices. During practice, parents may sit in the upper balcony or upper viewing area. Parents are not allowed to watch off-ice practice.
- Parents are not permitted to take photos or videos of practice sessions.
- Parents are to refrain from starting or spreading rumors regarding any unconfirmed information. If information has not been provided by Team Managers or Coaches this information should not be discussed or distributed.

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Zero-Tolerance Bullying Policy

U.S. Figure Skating strives to provide a safe environment for its members that is free of misconduct and harassment. The association will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment or misconduct of any of its members, including athletes, coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, volunteers or any other persons while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating. All forms of misconduct are unacceptable and in direct conflict with U.S. Figure Skating rules. Sno-King and The Snoqualmie Stars Production Team not only believes in upholding the rules and values of US Figure Skating but going further to ensure the organization remains a safe and welcoming environment for all skaters.

There will be zero tolerance of any bullying, harassment, or misconduct within the organization. If a skater feels they have been the target of such conduct, they are encouraged to immediately bring this to any member of leadership. If a skater has been found in violation of this policy, the skater will face disciplinary action up to and including permanent expulsion from the Snoqualmie Stars Production Team with no refunds of payments made.

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Social Media Policy

Sno-King Ice Arenas and the Snoqualmie Stars Skating Academy have various social media accounts and we may post images or videos of our skaters throughout the season. Feel free to share and tag these posts to widen the reach of our channels!

Please note that *no videos are to be taken of rehearsals*. Anyone seen taking videos of rehearsal without prior permission from the coaching staff will be asked to leave the rehearsal space. Continued violations of this guideline may result in removal from the Snoqualmie Stars Production Team with no refund of payments made. Individual skaters and parents are welcome to create posts and tag the Sno-King Ice Arenas and the Snoqualmie Stars Skating Academy social media channels throughout the season following the guidelines outlined below:

- No videos or pictures should be taken within locker rooms
- Videos may not include extended periods of any program
- No videos should be posted of full run-throughs of any program
- Refrain from taking videos of other teams when at competition
- All posts should follow USFS social media guidelines

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Pins and Pin Trading

Pin trading is an exciting tradition at National Theatre on Ice each season. Teams across the country design pins reflecting their organization and programs. Skaters trade these pins while in the stands at competition

Each skater will receive 10 pins (paid for as part of their dues to The Snoqualmie Stars Production Team. Only the pins designed and distributed by The Snoqualmie Stars Production Team should be traded at competition. No skater or parent is authorized to design and distribute pins other than the official team pins. Any skater or parent found to be designing and/or distributing pins other than the official team pin will face disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the organization with no refund of payments made.

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MINOR'S LIABILITY WAIVER

PARTICIPATE AT YOUR OWN RISK

In consideration of receiving permission from Sno-King Ice Arenas to participate in The Snoqualmie Stars Production Team or otherwise use the rink facilities I hereby expressly agree:

1. To ASSUME ALL RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITY, for any injuries I may sustain, any injuries I may cause to any other person, and any damage I may cause to Sno-King Ice Arenas or my own property or to the property of any other person in connection with my activities at the Sno-King Ice Arena (including, without limitation, injuries or property damage caused by any equipment I may rent from Sno-King Ice Arenas).
2. To release the Sno-King Ice Arenas and its directors, officers, instructors, and employees FROM ALL CLAIMS AND LIABILITY for any injuries I may sustain or the damage that may be caused to my property in connection with my activities at Sno-King Ice Arenas (including without limitation, injuries or property damage caused by the equipment I may rent from the Sno-King Ice Arenas), even if my injuries or the damage to property is caused, in whole or part, by negligence or fault of Sno-King Ice Arenas, its directors, employees, officers, instructors, or its landlord.
3. To submit any dispute that may arise between me and the Sno-King Ice Arenas and/or its directors, instructors, or employees in connection with my activities at the Sno-King Ice Arena in BINDING ARBITRATION before three arbitrators in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.
4. That if I submit any dispute I may have against the Sno-King Ice Arena and/or its directors, instructors, or employees, relating in any way to my activities at Sno-King Ice Arenas to binding arbitration, and the arbitration panel resolves the dispute against me, or if the award in such dispute is less than the amount which Sno-King Ice Arena and/or its directors, officers, instructors, or employees relating to my activities at Sno-King Ice Arenas, and a court or other tribunal resolves the action against me, or if I should receive judgement in such legal action which is less than the amount which Sno-King Ice Arenas had previously offered in settlement of my claim, I will reimburse the Sno-King Ice Arenas and/or the directors, officers, instructors, or employees for all costs and expenses (including legal fees) that they may incur.

CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

In consideration of the Sno-King Ice Arena granting my son or daughter permission to participate in the Snoqualmie Stars Production Teams or otherwise use the Sno-King Ice Arenas facilities, I agree on behalf of both myself and my son or daughter to ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE.

PRINT MINOR'S NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PRINT GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

DATE _____

GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement

By registering for the Snoqualmie Stars Production Team 2023-2024 Season (as part of U.S. Figure Skating), and for good and valuable consideration, I release and grant to U.S. Figure Skating, including its subsidiary and affiliated entities, and U.S. Figure Skating authorized local organizing committees, clubs, and inter-club associations (collective, for purposes of this Release and Consent Agreement, "U.S. Figure Skating"), the right to use my name, likeness, image, photograph, voice, video, athletic performance, biographical information and any other indicia of identity, in any format, medium, technology and platforms whatsoever, from any U.S. Figure Skating event or activity in which I participate during the 2022-23 season, including any international competitions that I participate in as an assigned member of Team USA (collectively, my "Identifications"), and to distribute, broadcast and exhibit (and to permit U.S. Figure Skating's broadcast partner, NBC Universal Media, to distribute, broadcast and exhibit) my Identifications, without charge, restriction or liability, in any media now known or hereafter devised (including, but not limited to, television, internet, web casting, and video streaming) or in various publications (including, but not limited to, *SKATING* Magazine, the U.S. Figure Skating directory or media guide and marketing materials) into perpetuity, unless otherwise specified and agreed upon. I understand that I will not receive any compensation for any such use of my Identifications. It is also agreed, however, that without my written permission: (a) at no time can my Identifications be used by U.S. Figure Skating for any commercial purpose (e.g., use in connection with the promotion of any commercial entity and/or its relationship with U.S. Figure Skating or with me, including one that expresses or implies an endorsement of any company or its products or services) and (b) at no time may U.S. Figure Skating release or authorize the use of my Identifications to an unrelated third party for the purpose of my endorsement of any commercial property, product or service, without my written permission.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND CONSENT AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If Participant is under 18) _____

Date _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Participant/Skater _____

Date _____

Printed Name of Participant/Skater _____