

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ICE SKATING INSTITUTE (I.S.I.) AND U.S. FIGURE SKATING (U.S.F.S.)?

There are two different ice skating associations in the United States. ISI, the Ice Skating Institute, is for recreational skaters. There are test levels and competitions that are rewarding for all participants. All skaters win medals, trophies, or ribbons at ISI events. There are freestyle, spotlight, interpretive, footwork, and other fun events at ISI competitions. Many skaters begin skating lessons in ISI programs and eventually move on to the U.S. Figure Skating programs if they choose a more competitive track of figure skating. The *Learn to Skate* Group Lessons at Talbot County Community Center follow the ISI test structure.

U.S. Figure Skating (USFS) is the official governing body of figure skating in the United States. USFS programs are competitive, rather than recreational; however, there is a Basic Skills program that is recreational and similar to the ISI program. There are several disciplines of skating including moves in the field, free skating, ice dance, and pair skating, each with a series of tests that must be passed in order to advance in figure skating. Skaters can compete in unofficial and official USFS competitions in all branches of figure skating. (Note: The skating competitions you see on TV are USFS competitions. Most of the local competitions our skaters attend are ISI competitions.)

WHY ARE WE A TEAM AND NOT A CLUB?

As mentioned, our teams home is predominantly an ISI rink. Therefore, the name of our team must be the same (or very similar) as the facility name. Therefore, we have become the Talbot Figure Skating Team!

We are a unified body of skaters representing our rink both locally and while away at competition. We will establish camaraderie to last for years to come!

MONTHLY TEAM MEETINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR MEMBERS AND SOME TOPICS PLANNED TO BE INCLUDED ARE:

Proper equipment fit/purchase and attire - where to shop in local area

Ice etiquette

Ice utilization and good practice habits

I.S.I. testing and competitive structure

Viewing I.S.I testing standards DVD

Team functions

Volunteering/Community Service

Preparation for competition

How and when to select a private coach

Good eating habits

& Lots of FUN!

Talbot
FIGURE SKATING TEAM

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www.talbotfigureskatingteam.org

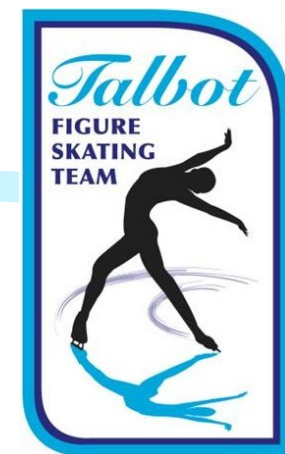
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Talbot
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2009-2010
Membership

UNITY
EDUCATION
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2009-2010 Membership Season

August, 2009 — July, 2010

Talbot Figure Skating Team is a recreational ice skating club for youths four years of age through their senior year of high school. We are comprised of figure skaters from Caroline, Kent, Talbot, & Queen Anne's Counties. Although our team meets throughout the year, our season on ice at Talbot County Community Center begins in late September/early October and runs through the end of March. Our club has no paid administrative positions and depends on parent volunteers for everything. The club is governed by a board elected from this group of parent volunteers. We encourage you to join in and help out (no experience required!)

Please contact our Membership Chair, Shannon Beck at (410) 822-4645 or via email at membership@talbotfigureskatingteam.org if you have any questions or need additional information related to membership with the **Talbot Figure Skating Team**.

We look forward to having you join us!

MISSION STATEMENT:

TO CREATE UNITY AMONGST COMMUNITY SKATERS

TO EDUCATE PARENTS AND SKATERS ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SKATING

TO ESTABLISH AN IDENTITY TO POSITIVELY REPRESENT TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

TO INITIATE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND TEAM BONDING

What's Included:

ISI membership
Team T-shirt

Monthly team meetings with guest speakers, education opportunities, & fun social events!

What's Expected:

TFST is dedicated to the emotional and physical growth of its skaters and to the morale of the community in which they live; continually empowering young people to be champions on and off of the ice. We emphasize family fun and fitness through figure skating. Creating a positive environment where our children can thrive and excel is only possible with the dedicated efforts of all TSFT parents. Your child will be a member of the newly formed Talbot Figure Skating Team, and part of the success we envision will be to the amount of parent volunteers we have. Since this team is run entirely by volunteers, parent support and involvement is **vital** to the success of our team.

Families are required to perform 15 volunteer hours per fiscal year (August through July). 10 hours are required of single parent families. Hours worked are to be reported in the Volunteer Hours Log Book kept and verified by a board member. At the end of the fiscal year (July 30), unserved hours will be charged to your account at the rate of \$10 per unserved hour. Intermittent contact will be made throughout the year to keep track.

TFST has created a list of Volunteer Opportunities and posted them to the website to help you understand what each position/job entails and to assist you in finding the one that best fits your abilities and interests. Thank you for your continued support.

2009-2010 Membership Registration Form

Please complete the information below and include a non-refundable payment of \$60*. Checks should be made payable to "TFST" and mailed to:

Talbot Figure Skating Team
P.O. Box 1853
Easton, Maryland 21601

Member Name	Date of Birth
School Attending for 2009-2010	Indicate team t-shirt size: YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL
Parent Name(s)	
Address	
Email Address	
Home Phone	Cell Phone

Are there any special circumstances, i.e. medical conditions, custody arrangements, etc. that the Board Members should be aware of? If so, please explain:

Method of Payment—

Cash

Check (payable to "TFST")

Current USFS #: _____ Current ISI #: _____

Skating Level:

Highest USFS tests passed:

Freestyle Moves Figure Dance Pairs

Present ISI level:

Pre-Alpha through Delta: _____ Freestyle 1-10: _____

The undersigned, for myself, my family, and the member specified herein, applies for membership with the Talbot Figure Skating Team (TFST) and in consideration of membership with TFST, freely assumes all risks, hazards, and losses connected with participation in TFST, agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of TFST and shall indemnify and hold harmless TFST, its officers, directors, and members from any and all claims, demands, losses, expenses, causes of action and liabilities of any kind of injuries to persons and/or damage to property arising directly or indirectly out of TFST membership and/or activities regardless of the negligence on the part of anyone whatsoever.

* YES! We are interested in selling candy to lower our membership cost! Members who sell one box of candy have opportunity to lower their membership fee to \$30. If you are interested in selling candy for \$1/bar to offset your membership costs, please indicate by checking this box. Incentive prizes available for members selling additional boxes of candy!

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Skater Signature _____ Date _____

A Family Volunteer Policy & Release (can be reviewed online) will be sent along with the Membership Handbook upon receipt of this application.