

**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

Equipment selection and care

How and when to select a private coach

Good eating habits

Recognitions

& Lots of FUN!

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**FIGURE SKATING TEAM**

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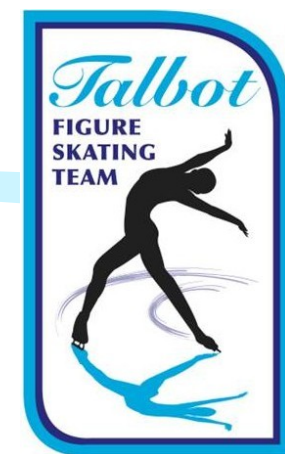
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**FIGURE SKATING TEAM**

**2011-2012  
Membership**

**UNITY  
EDUCATION  
RECOGNITION  
FUN**



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# 2011-2012 Membership Season

September, 2011 — March, 2012

**Talbot Figure Skating Team** is a recreational ice skating club for youths of all ages who have an interest in the sport of figure skating. We are comprised of figure skaters from all over the Eastern Shore in Maryland and Delaware. Although our team meets throughout the year for events and fundraisers, our season on the ice at Talbot County Community Center begins in late September/early October and runs through February/March.

Our club has no paid administrative positions and depends on parent volunteers to administer the club's business, website, exhibitions, and competitions. The club is governed by a board elected from this group of parent volunteers. We encourage you to join in the fun and help make the team and its home ice rink a positive experience for all (no experience required!)

Annual membership is \$75\* per skater. Please contact any team board member or email [info@talbotfigureskatingteam.org](mailto:info@talbotfigureskatingteam.org) if you have any questions or need additional information related to membership with the **Talbot Figure Skating Team**.



\*Join by 10/1/11 and save \$10 on your membership.

*We look forward to having you join us!*

## What's Included:

ISI membership (required to compete)  
Club T-shirt

Free monthly team meetings with education, specialized team opportunities, clinics, club ice, free annual exhibition, field trips, community events, and fun social time!

## 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 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 (September through August). 10 hours are required of single parent families. In addition, we require each parent to take part in our Fall and Spring Exhibitions as well as our Winter Home Ice Competition. 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 (August 31), 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.



## 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

We have a place for anyone that loves figure Skating!

