



Dear Parents and Skaters:

Join us once again as the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club sponsors the USFSA Basic Skills learn-to-skate program at Schenley Park Ice Rink. We will be skating 10 sessions this year for a fee of \$100.00 for the first skater in a family and \$95 for each additional skater in the same family. You may also "Pick 5 Sessions" for \$75 (\$70). These fees include on-ice instruction, registration with the United States Figure Skating Association, testing of completed skills, badges and certificates and ice time following the class. Skate rental is NOT INCLUDED in the registration fee. Skates may be rented at the Schenley Ice Rink. Please contact The Schenley Ice Rink directly for the cost of renting skates.

The program begins on Saturday, December 10, 2011 with ice time from 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Instruction will be for approximately 30 minutes following a brief warm-up. Skaters then have the opportunity to practice their skills until 11:50 am. To register, please mail all proper forms and payment to the address below by November 30, 2011. Registrations received after this date will be accepted if space is available. If you choose "Pick 5 Sessions", indicate which Saturdays you plan to skate to help with instructor scheduling.

Please arrive at 9:00 a.m. on the first session date to allow time to complete your registration. At the first session, the instructors will place the skaters in their initial class level based on the skills completed from the previous years. For new skaters, an evaluation will be done to determine a proper placement. As skaters progress in their skills during the 2011-2012 program, there will be an opportunity for advancement to the next level. As time allows, there will be a skating session during the first class.

All children in the Snowplow Sam levels are required to wear protective head gear such as a bicycle helmet. Parents/guardians of the Snowplow Sam level skaters must complete the "Protective Head Gear" acknowledgement form as part of the registration.

For each skater, it is highly recommended that a responsible adult remain in the rink area during the class and free skate. Please wear appropriate clothing and gloves for skating in an outdoor rink.

The program will be on 10 Saturdays from December 10, 2011 to February 18, 2012 with a single break on December 24, 2011. (Note that we will skate New Year's Eve Day, December 31, 2011.) Please be advised that if class is canceled due to weather, a make-up day or time will be provided if possible. A list of class dates will be provided at the first session.

Please review the enclosed Policies and Rules with your skater and sign the "Policies and Rules Acknowledgement and Photograph Release Form for each skater as part of their registration. We want everyone to have an enjoyable season. If you have questions, please call Elissa Uram at 412-337-7759 or e-mail at PFSCCLTS@aol.com.

We hope to see you on the ice.

Sincerely,
Elissa Uram, Director
PFSC Basic Skills Program
c/o RM ISC - 7600 Grand Avenue
Pittsburgh (Neville Island), PA 15225

**2011-2012
PFSC USFSA
BASIC SKILLS LEARN-TO-SKATE
POLICIES AND RULES
SCHENLEY PARK ICE RINK**

- **Payment** - \$100 for the first skater, \$95.00 for each additional skater in the same family. "Pick 5" is \$75 for the first skater, \$70 for each additional skater in the same family. Payment is due in full by the first day of class. Cash, check or money orders accepted only, no credit cards. Student skaters provide their own skates. Rentals are available at Schenley Park for a nominal fee.
- **Walk-on Skater** - We will be able to accommodate un-registered student skaters for instructions on a limited basis. The walk-on (unregistered) fee is \$18.00 per skater, per session.
- **Clothing** - Wear warm clothing for outdoor skating. Gloves, mittens and hats are recommended. Layering your clothing is a good way to provide warmth with freedom of movement.
- **Snowplow Sam Level Skaters** - The beginner skaters in SPS should wear protective head gear and mittens or gloves. The consent form referring to the Snowplow Sam Level must be completed at the time of registration.
- **Forms** - Must be filled out completely for each person enrolled in the program. Please print names and e-mail addresses neatly on the forms. Any unclear writing may lead to errors on your USFSA registration card or certificates and/or no communication from the Director through e-mail.
- **Behavior** - There is a zero tolerance policy for bad behavior. We expect polite behavior from all of our skaters. Pushing, shoving, running, spitting, leaving assigned groups without permission, arguing with the instructor, littering on the ice or any activity that may cause injury to yourself or others will not be tolerated. You may be asked to leave the ice if you cannot cooperate. No refund will be given for the class and/or the rest of the skating classes.
- **Schedule** - There will be a brief warm-up beginning at 10:00 A.M. Class starts shortly after 10:00 a.m. and ends at 10:45 a.m. There is approximately one hour of free skate after the group lesson. Individual lessons may be available upon request and at an additional charge. Please contact Elissa Uram, Director PFSC Learn to Skate, if you are interested in individual lessons.
- **Instructors** - All of the instructors have passed the required USFSA test level he or she is teaching. Please give the young instructors the respect you would give to any coach, adult, parent or teacher.
- **Problems or conflicts** - If you have a problem with the instructor, placement, etc., please see the Director.
- **Canceled classes** - If the class is canceled, it will be rescheduled if possible. The Director will issue an e-mail to skaters, at the earliest possible time, the morning of any cancelled class.
- **Name tags** - Please wear the name tag that is provided for you and **leave it at the desk** after each class.
- **Spectators** - Parents and siblings not enrolled in the class are encouraged to watch from the second floor meeting room. Please do not block the entrance way to the ice. Everyone is encouraged to stay and participate in the free skate after the lesson. Additional skate rental is separate and payable to Schenley Ice Rink.
- **Refunds** - No refunds will be issued for any class that cannot be rescheduled due to the weather. No refunds will be issued for classes that you miss. In the event of injury or serious illness, a credit will be given for next year's class for the remainder of the classes missed. Please provide a doctor's advisement in the case of injury or serious illness.
- **Photographs** - Photographs may be taken at any given class and may be used for advertising or promoting PFSC Learn-to-skate program. Through registering for this program you or the parent or guardian of a skater are granting permission for PFSC to use those images to advertise and promote the program through any media.
- **Promptness** - Arriving promptly to class is essential to success in learning to skate. Skaters arriving late may be asked to delay going onto the ice.
- **Refreshments** - Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice and donuts will be sold in the lobby. Prices will be posted. Proceeds benefit the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club.

**2011-2012 SKATE WITH US BASIC SKILLS LEARN-TO-SKATE
POLICIES AND RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
and PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE FORM
SCHENLEY PARK ICE RINK
(must be completed for each skater)**

I, the skater, or parent/guardian of, _____ have read and reviewed the Policies and Rules of the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club's USFSA Basic Skills learn-to-skate program for myself or with my child and I/we understand the importance of these rules and will follow them. We realize that these guidelines were set for the safety of the skaters and instructors. Also, through this registration I grant permission for PFSC to use any photographs of myself or my children that may be taken at any given class to advertise and promote the program through any media.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

**PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
(must be completed for each beginner skater in the Snowplow Sam levels)**

I, the parent/guardian of _____, who will be part of the 2011-2012 Basic Skills learn-to-skate season conducted by the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club, understand the importance of wearing protective head gear to prevent injury. For the safety of my child, I understand that he/she is required to wear protective head gear while in the Snowplow Sam level. This protection should be in the form of a bicycle/hockey/skate board helmet. He/she will also be required to wear gloves or mittens as a form of hand protection. Ice skating is a fun sport, but, as with any sport, there are risks. The above equipment will provide additional protection in the case of a fall. I have read and understand the above. I understand that by not following the above, my child should not participate.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

**2011 / 2012 REGISTRATION FORM
PITTSBURGH FIGURE SKATING CLUB
USFSA BASIC SKILLS LEAN-TO-SKATE PROGRAM
SCHENLEY PARK**

NAME (print clearly) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (print clearly) _____

USFSA NUMBER _____

DATE OF BIRTH / AGE - required by USFSA _____ / _____

PARENT'S NAME IF UNDER 18 _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

RELATIONSHIP TO SKATER _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER _____

HAS THE STUDENT SKATED BEFORE? Yes _____ Some _____ No _____

REGISTRATION FOR:

_____ **All Sessions at \$100 (\$95 for 2nd skater) or**
_____ **Pick 5 for \$75* (\$70 for 2nd skater) (note dates on**
back)

----- **PAYMENT DUE BY THE FIRST CLASS - MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO PFSC** -----

*** Single session (Walk-on) fee is \$18 per skater per session.**

Mail to: Elissa Uram, Director, PFSC LTS
c/o RMU ISC 7600 Grand Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15225

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Prior year highest level passed: _____ 2011-2012 Initial Placement _____

Payment amount: _____ Date Received: _____

Check # _____ Bank _____

of Skaters : _____ of _____

Reference: _____ / _____