

# The Edge



The News Letter of the Missoula Figure Skating Club

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## End of MFSC's 2008-09 Season

### Showcase On Ice

Showcase was once again a huge success. Thanks go out to all who helped with show preparation and thanks to the skaters for putting forth great numbers. In particular thanks to Ryan and Brynn for heading up the Showcase effort. The list of volunteers is extensive but here is a synopsis of what was going on behind the scenes:

Debbie Austin-Stage Manager  
Jim Cox-Videographer  
Karen Darnell-Silent Auction  
Harvey Hergett-Programs/  
Getting the stage to and from the storage unit.  
Pam Hergett-Music/Stage Manager  
Mike Jones-Sound  
Jennifer Loobey-Shirts  
Debbie Maus-Decorations  
Cari Maus-Decorations  
Brynn Molloy-Organization/  
Costumes/music selection  
Kay Spencer-Bears/Flowers

Emily Stone-Concessions and other duties as assigned

Ryan Yearous-Organization/  
Costumes/Music Selection/  
Music Editing

Robin Abenhaus-Skaters Food Table

Cindy Rukasin-Sweepers

Jill Valley-Announcer

Paul Schmit-Announcer

Patty Koster-Advertising

In addition, much gratitude is extended to those who helped with rink clean-up, group monitoring, setup and breakdown of the set, and so much more.

Showcase planning is continuous. If you have an interest in helping out next year please talk to a Board Member. If you have comments or suggestions regarding the 2009 Showcase or ideas for making 2010's show the best yet, please send your comments to [missoulafsc@yahoo.com](mailto:missoulafsc@yahoo.com) or fill out the evaluation form coming shortly.

### Summer Skating Camps

It may be the end of MFSC's ice for the year, but the skating opportunities for MFSC skaters are just beginning...if you are willing to drive. From Spokane to Sun Valley, Seattle to Helena, your family can cover the West this summer. Starting in June, the Lilac City Figure Skating Club in Spokane offers a camp every week along with several club ice sessions Monday through Friday. Their camp includes Power Skating as well as classes for jumps and spins. Some of our skaters are headed to Sun Valley for their summer camp. Camps are a great way to stay in shape, build endurance and work with different coaches. If you're interested in attending a camp, talk to your coach to find the right opportunity for you. For more information on nearby skating camps, see page 2 of this newsletter.

### Dates to Remember

#### June 16, 2009

Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet

UM Village Community Center 6:00 p.m.

#### June 30, 2009

USFS memberships expire. If you plan to skate or compete at another facility this summer you must renew your membership. A great time to do that is at MFSC's annual meeting.

#### June 30, 2009

Coaches Registration, PSA Membership & Liability Insurance expire. Don't forget to renew all of your coaching requirements for 09-10.

#### July 11, 2009

MFSC Swim Party at Splash Montana

#### August 11, 2009

Rink opens during the Western Montana Fair

#### September 12, 2009

Fire & Ice Fundraiser

## Board Elections

At this year's Annual Membership Meeting, MFSC will be replacing four Board members. Open are the positions currently held by Brynn, Ryan, Jennifer and Jill. MFSC is currently taking nominations for these positions. An elected board member serves a 2-year term. Nomination forms were sent out via email and are available at [www.missoulafsc.org](http://www.missoulafsc.org). **Nominations are due by 5pm on Friday, June 5th.**

- Nominees must have been MFSC members for at least 3 months prior to the elections.
- Nominees must agree to accept the nomination before their name will be placed on the ballot.
- Nominations are accepted by email ([missoulafsc@yahoo.com](mailto:missoulafsc@yahoo.com)) or standard mail.

Board members are expected to attend monthly meetings and participate actively in the planning and running of Club activities, such as Fair Fundraiser, Fire & Ice, Learn to Skate, Skating School, Halloween Party, Skate-a-thon, Holiday On Ice POPS, Spring Skating Spectacular POPS, Showcase On Ice and USFS Test Sessions.

Only home club members of MFSC, who are 18 years and older, who have been a member for at least three months, and who have no outstanding debt and their dependents have no outstanding debt to MFSC, may participate in annual Board member elections.

**Vote for Board members at the Annual Meeting on June 16th or email your absentee vote to [missoulafsc@yahoo.com](mailto:missoulafsc@yahoo.com) by 5pm on Monday, June 15th.**

## Summer Skating Camps Near Missoula

**Butte Figure Skating Club Skating Camp**  
Butte, MT  
June 6-10, 2009  
at Civic Center.  
Two onsite coaches available for lessons. Camp takes place on “show ice” which is smaller than a normal ice rink.

**Lilac City Figure Skating Club Summer Camp**  
Spokane, WA  
June 22-August 14, 2009

**Yellowstone Valley Figure Skating Club Summer Camp**  
Billings, MT  
July 20-24, 2009

**Helena Figure Skating Club**  
July Pre-Season Camp

Check out the MFSC Events Calendar at [www.missoulafsc.org](http://www.missoulafsc.org) for more information on the above camps.

## USFS Governing Council Update

At the 2009 Governing Council Meeting, some decisions were made that affect many of our skaters. Please take a few minutes to look this over. The full official report is available at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Story.asp?id=43041>. Governing Council changes start on page 5 of the PDF document.

### 68. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Add a new rule 3242 (page 204 Rulebook) to read: **Adult competitors who pass a free skate test, a pairs test or a dance test after the close of entries, at a level higher than the tests allowed for the event entered by the competitor will forfeit their eligibility to enter.**

### 104.5 APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend rule 3701 Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 282 Rulebook) to read: Jumps generally: **Only two different double jumps may be attempted.** The number of single jumps is not limited. *Balance of rule remains the same.*  
**This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.**

### 105. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend rule 3701 Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 282 Rulebook) to limit the double jumps that may be performed to double salchow, double toe loop, and double loop. Neither a double flip nor double Lutz would be allowed.  
**This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.**

### 106. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend rule 3691 Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 282 Rulebook) to reduce maximum number of allowed jumping elements from six to five.  
**This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.**

### 126. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Moves in the Field Task Force

**Implementation of all Moves in the Field changes: September 2, 2010.**  
See <http://www.usfsa.org/Shell.asp?sid=42287> for diagrams, descriptions, and videos.

**130. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Amend rule 3502(A), (page 252 Rulebook) to read as follows: For singles and pairs short program and free skate, vocal music with lyrics is not permitted except as follows: for all short and free skate programs up to and including the intermediate level and for all events using the 6.0 system of judging, vocal music with lyrics is permitted.**

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For new parents, here is a great PSA (Professional Skaters Association) website <http://www.skatepsa.com/Parent-Information-PSA.htm>

Thank you to Ryan for compiling this information.

Please check your e-mail this Summer for important information regarding: Annual Meeting, Splash MT Party, Membership Renewal, Fair Exhibition and Fundraiser, Club Ice Time, Off-ice Class, Power Class, Skating School, “Learn to Skate” Basic Skills, Fundraisers, and other important information for the 09-10 season.

Thanks for a great season—see you in August!!