Tryout Information

(for skaters passed FS4 and higher)

Ice Show 2026: Ice show tryouts will take place on Sunday, October 5, 2025, starting at 11:00 AM.

Purpose:
The purpose of ice show tryouts is to allow ice show participants the opportunity to earn solos, feature solos, duets, and small groups of 3-7 skaters. In some ice shows, not every tryout role will be a character role. Depending upon the ice show theme and the number of participants in ice show tryouts in a given year, there may be tryout participants who are assigned a skating part that fits the theme but does not act in scenes or portray a specific character. Only skaters who participate in tryouts will receive a skating role.

Requirements
Skaters in 12th grade and under who have passed ISI Freestyle 4 or USFS Preliminary singles (Freeskate) are eligible to sign up. All skaters are required to register to be in 1 or more group numbers in the ice show to coincide with group lesson classes offered in the fall. Tryout skaters must be a full member of NUFSC.

**Must fall into one of these requirements:
1. 2 hours private ice (contracts) and 1 fall group class
2. 1-hour private ice (contracts) and one of the following: 3 fall group classes OR 2 individual events at NUFSC Fall Festival

The deadline to sign up for tryouts this year is Sunday, September 21, 2025. Sign-ups will be held virtually.

****SENIORS in FS1-FS4**
Senior (12th grade) skaters in FS1-FS4 are eligible to register for tryouts as long as they meet the requirements above.

Skater Tryout Contract
Please read and review the attached document below with your skater. You and your skater must sign and turn in a copy of this contract on or before the tryout date. You may scan and send the contract via email (nufsc.headcoach@gmail.com) as well.

Music
To avoid possible hiccups in the RinkMusic system, please email your music to nufsc.headcoach@gmail.com. The music will be played from a laptop. You are still encouraged to upload your tryout music to a RinkMusic tag and bring that along to tryouts as a backup.

Judging Criteria
Please go over these criteria with your coaches.

Tryout Judging Criteria

Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3
Difficulty of Jumps 1-8	Difficulty of Spins 1-8	Music Interpretation & Rhythm 1-8
Correctness of Jumps 1-8	Correctness of Spins 1-8	Choreography & Pattern 1-8
Edges & Flow 1-8	Posture 1-8	Expression 1-8
Presentation 1-8	Presentation 1-8	Presentation 1-8
General Overall 1-8	General Overall 1-8	General Overall 1-8

Tryout Judging Scale: 1=Poor to 8=Superior

Skater/Parent Tryout Contract - Oz on Ice (March 7-8 2026)

Please read, sign, and return

Only skaters who participate in tryouts will receive a skating role.

Attendance Policy: If try-out skaters miss more than **2 practices**, they have the option to make them up at their own expense (ice time and coach fee) or they forfeit their role.

- A skater should plan to adjust work, competition, and personal schedules when they commit to a try-out.
- All try-out skaters are required to attend practices for the opening and finale numbers in addition to their tryout roles and other numbers that they register for.
- Make-ups may be done on open skate or private ice if that works for the coach and other skater(s) but at the expense of the skater who missed practice.
- This does mean that a duet could become a solo, a trio could become a duet, etc.

Availability: All skaters are required to be available for Saturday practices. 2026 Saturday practice dates include January 3, 17, 24, & 31, and February 14, & 21, & 28. If your group does not fit into a practice time on Saturday mornings, please let us know your availability for Sundays or Thursdays:

- Sundays after Private Ice (Circle one): Preferred | Available | Not Available
- Thursdays after Private Ice (Circle one): Preferred | Available | Not Available

*Soloists and feature soloists will be provided ice time on Saturday mornings. If your coach is unavailable at this time, you may opt to use this time as practice ice and learn choreography on your own time and at your own expense.
**Soloist Costumes: Soloist and Feature Soloist costumes may be purchased independently, but must be approved by the skating director before purchase.*

I, _____ agree to act in accordance with all of the following:

I will skate happily to my assigned role(s) and be proud and confident with the music, character, and costume choices for my number(s).

I will show respect to the ice show director, group members, coaches, and all ice show participants at all times.

I will try my hardest at every practice and help anyone that needs help.

I will be a positive participant through tryouts, results, practices, rehearsals, and shows. Everyone's role is important and I commit to having a positive and inclusive attitude.

I am available to attend every practice, rehearsal, and show designated, including for opening and finale, or otherwise will notify the director and my coaches of known scheduling conflicts that exceed 2 practices or any ice shows before tryouts (October 5th, 2025).

I have read, understand, and will abide by the tryout/conduct policies.

_____
Skater Signature

_____
Parent Signature

Tryout Policies (updated June 2024)

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The deadline to sign up for tryouts this year is Sunday, September 22, 2024.

****SENIORS**
- Senior (12 grade) skaters who are in FS1-FS4 are eligible to register for tryouts as long as they meet the requirements above.
- All seniors will receive a feature in the senior number regardless of their level or participation in tryouts.

Automatic solo awards:
There will be no “Automatic Solos for Life”. A one-time automatic (meaning the skater doesn’t need to try out) solo may be awarded to a skater for the achievement of passing a high-level test (as listed below) within the last year and meeting the requirements as stated above. Skaters receiving an automatic solo may choose to have a non-character solo to music that fits within the ice show theme. Music for non-character solos will be provided by the ice show director.

The testing date range for the 2026 ice show: September 22, 2024 - September 21, 2025

A one-time (per qualifying passed test) “automatic” solo will be awarded to any club members who pass the following levels within the designated dates:
- ISI Freestyle 7
- ISI Freestyle 8
- ISI Freestyle 9
- ISI Freestyle 10
- ISI Dance 10
- USFS Novice Free (Silver Singles)
- USFS Junior Free (Pre-Gold Singles)
- USFS Senior Free (Gold Singles)
- USFS Senior Moves (Gold Skating Skills)
- *All USFS Gold Dance Tests

Absence from Tryouts:
Skaters who have an unexpected conflict and are unable to participate in tryouts will receive a score of “0” and will be cast accordingly. Special or catastrophic circumstances may qualify a skater to request to submit a video for tryouts.

Illness or Injury:

If a skater qualifies to participate in ice show tryouts but is unable to participate due to illness or injury:

- In the case of illness, a skater may provide a positive test result or doctor's note. The skater may submit a video for the judges to score.
- In the case of injury, the skater may submit a video if their doctor believes they will be in well enough condition to skate by at least 2 weeks before the date of the ice show. The skater must attend practices and watch from off-ice until they are cleared to skate.
- Videos submitted must be from either a solo event from a competition within the last year or the ice show video of their tryout number from the most recent ice show.

Additional information:

- The ice show director will assign parts and they are final. The director might consult with skaters' coaches on roles/groups that would be best.
- If needed, auditions for additional acting parts will be held by the skating director. Different acting parts will not include extra skating.
- In some ice shows, not every tryout role will be a character role. Depending upon the ice show theme and the number of participants in ice show tryouts in a given year, there may be a few tryout groups with a skating part that fits the theme but does not act in scenes or portray a specific character.
- You may request your skater's tryout scores to be sent to you via email. Scores are not open for discussion.
- Please remember you have signed a contract about behavior, conduct, and attendance; failure to follow could have participation consequences in this show or future shows.
- In the event that there is only one senior in a graduating class, the senior may not have two solos. If the senior receives a solo from tryouts, the solo will take the place of the senior number. A senior announcement would precede the solo in this case. A senior who receives a duet or below (from tryouts) will still be able to perform a 1-skater senior number.
- **NUFSC Club Policy:** Accounts not paid from the previous quarter are no longer considered in good standing. Skaters not in good standing will not be allowed to test, participate in ice show tryout parts/ice show activities, or register for any club events or activities. Skaters will not be allowed on the ice. Private ice coaches will be notified.