

WEST ALLIS SPEED SKATING CLUB

2009/2010 SEASON

(Adopted by the WASSC Membership, June 9, 2009)

DIVISIONS (Age as of June 30, 2009)

SPECIAL NEEDS	All ages
TEENY TOT	Age 4 and under
TINY TOT	Age 5 and 6
PEE WEE A & B	Age 7 and 8
PONY A & B	Age 9 and 10
MIDGET A & B	Age 11 and 12
JUVENILE A & B	Age 13 and 14
JUNIOR A & B	Age 15 and 16
INTERMEDIATE A & B	Age 17 and 18
SENIOR A & B	Age 19 thru 29
MASTER 30+ A & B	Age 30 thru 49
MASTER 50+ A	Age 50 and over

A skater's placement in a competitive division is determined by their age as of June 30 of each year. At any time, a skater may choose to compete in a more advanced division.

A skater who is new to the sport of speed skating will usually begin training and competing in Class B (Novice). Class A is for the more advanced skaters. A beginning skater is encouraged to participate in Class B until they acquire the experience to compete with more advanced skaters in their division. A skater may advance from Class B to Class A at any time during the season. While the decision to move from Class B to Class A is ultimately up to the skater/parents, the move should be made in consultation with the Club's Coach.

It should be noted that Special Needs, Teeny Tot and Tiny Tot Divisions are not separated by Classes.

The coaches of the Club strive to assure that each skater competes at an appropriate level within their age division. Although a competitive atmosphere is encouraged on the ice by WASSC, the proper development of the skater's mechanics, technique and style is of the foremost importance.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2009-2010

There are 4 categories of annual membership within WASSC:

- Full skating member. Includes all active skaters, and their parents, who are utilizing the Club's coach and ice time, except Master's division) \$130.00

- Master's level and all currently active skaters who are competing at a level independent of the Club. Includes skaters parents. \$ 65.00

- Non-skating members. Includes any single individual or couple who wish to join the club but are not currently actively skating. \$ 25.00

- Honorary Olympian Member. Includes any skater and their parents who were previously members of WASSC and have competed in the Olympics. No cost

Families with more than one full skating member will receive a dues reduction of 50% (\$65.00) for the second and third skater in the family. Any families with more than 3 members will not be charged for any additional members.

New members may join the Club at any time. Potential members will be permitted to skate with the Club for 2 skating sessions free of charge. If the skater wishes to continue, membership dues must be paid prior to the third skating session. The full membership dues are to be paid regardless of when members join the club during the season.

Membership dues must be paid by July 1 of each skating season, or upon joining the club. Initial invoices will be sent out in June. New skaters must pay membership dues prior to becoming members and beginning to skate with the club.

COACHING FEES

2009-2010

WASSC has 2 coaches on the ice at all skating sessions. The primary coach for this season is Caroline Hallisey-Kepka, a three time Olympian in Short Track. She will primarily work with the Class A skaters. Our secondary coach is Jilleanne Rookard, who is training at the Pettit Center towards future Olympic skating. The secondary coach will work primarily with the Class B skaters.

Annual Coaching fees for this season for each Class are outlined as follows:

- **CATEGORY 1** - MASTER, SPECIAL NEEDS, TEENY TOT, TINY TOT, PEE WEE, PONY B & MIDGET B division skaters. \$200.00

- **CATEGORY 2** - PONY A, MIDGET A, JUVENILE, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR division skaters. \$400.00

Coaching Fees are payable beginning August 1 each year. All fees will be divided into 5 equal payments, payable on the first of the month from August to December. Fees will be charged/paid based on an invoice sent to the member each month.

Any new member beginning after the beginning of the season will be responsible for paying the full coaching fees for the year, less a \$3.00 credit for each skating session missed prior to joining. After joining, no credit will be given for any skating sessions missed, nor will any credit be given for leaving the club prior to the end of the season.

SHORT TRACK/LONG TRACK ICE TIME CHARGES

2009-2010

All WASSC practices are held at the Pettit National Ice Center. Practices are usually held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon/evening. Please refer to the current year calendar for specific dates and times.

LONG TRACK (LT) – Olympic Oval

Payment for ice time on the Olympic oval (Long Track/LT) will be paid directly to the Pettit Center at each session. Cost for each session will be whatever the Pettit Center charges (currently \$12.00). Tickets may be purchased in a group at a lower cost. Check with the Pettit Center office for current costs.

Our club will be skating a total of 20 Long Track practice sessions for the year, so your cost can be computed accordingly.

SHORT TRACK (ST)

For Short Track ice time, the Club is responsible for contracting with the Pettit Center prior to the beginning of the skating season. Therefore, our ice costs are incurred regardless of how many skaters appear for any practice session. Our club is contracted for 40 practice sessions for the 2009-2010 season.

Club members are responsible for paying ST ice costs for the entire year, whether you are present at each practice session or not. Fees for ST ice are payable beginning August 1 each year. All fees will be divided into 5 equal payments, payable on the first of the month from August to December. Fees will be charged/paid based on an invoice sent to the member each month.

Annual costs for ST ice are assessed as follows:

1. Full cost for the season is \$650.00.
2. A reduced cost of \$555.00 /skater for the season (reduction of approximately 15%) is available for families with more than 1 skater.

Any new member beginning after the beginning of the season will be responsible for paying the full ST skating costs for the year, less a \$12.00 credit for each ST skating session missed prior to joining. After joining, no credit will be given for any skating sessions missed, nor will any credit be given for leaving the club prior to the end of the season.

Fee payments must be kept current

Members are expected to meet deadlines for payments made to the Club. There are financial payment deadlines that the Club is responsible for, so a positive bank balance is crucial to meeting those obligations.

Potential Members

Potential Club members may skate with the Club for free for 2 skating sessions. Prior to the third session, all current applicable fees must be paid before the skater may continue.

Skaters from other Clubs

Skaters who are members of other clubs and wish to periodically skate ST or LT with the Club at the Pettit Center, for whatever reason, will be able to do so at a cost of \$25.00 per session, which covers both ice time and coaching. Skaters will be required to follow the coaching of the WASSC Coach.

Speedskating Competitions

All members are encouraged to participate in as many competitions each year as they feel comfortable with. Discussion should be held with the Coach if there are questions about whether you should participate. All competitions are listed in the Event Schedule page of the US Speedskating website at www.usspeedskating.org.

US Speedskating/Wisconsin Skating Association

All members of the WASSC club must also be members of the United States Speedskating Association, and the Wisconsin Speedskating Association. No skater may compete in any local or national competition during the year without being a member of both organizations.

US Speedskating dues vary based on the skaters age. Please go to the USS website, www.usspeedskating.org to ascertain your individual fee. Membership can be done online.

Wisconsin Skating Association dues are being charged directly to you by the WASSC club. Payment to the WSA will be made in your behalf at the beginning of the club season. Cost is \$10 per member, with a maximum of \$25 per family.

As a benefit of being a WSA member, WSA will reimburse each skater for the first competition meet (per lifetime) that you enter. Also, WSA will pay the registration fee for every 6th competition of each season, if you enter that many meets.