

Northland Blades Affiliate Membership – \$150

This membership is available to skaters of the Northland Blades Open Adult Synchronized Skating Team and includes U.S. Figure Skating membership through the Duluth Figure Skating Club. Members are not considered full DFSC members and do not receive voting rights or have fundraising obligations. Volunteer support at the Annual Northland Competition is encouraged (4 hours recommended). Skaters may access DFSC ice outside of team practices by purchasing a Northland Blades Walk-On Pass at the associate rate.

Duluth Figure Skating Club (DFSC) - Northland Blades Membership – Statement of Release and Acknowledgement

Membership Type: Northland Blades Affiliate Member

Membership Fee: \$150 per person

This membership is offered exclusively to skaters of the Northland Blades Open Adult Synchronized Skating Team for the purpose of processing U.S. Figure Skating (USFS) memberships through DFSC.

By signing this document, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. Limited Club Affiliation

I understand that my membership through the Duluth Figure Skating Club is for the sole purpose of obtaining my USFS membership and does not entitle me to full DFSC membership benefits. I acknowledge that I am not considered a full or associate member of DFSC.

2. No Voting or Fundraising Responsibilities

I understand that this membership does not grant me any voting rights in DFSC matters or participation in club decision-making. I am not required to participate in DFSC fundraising activities.

3. Volunteering Encouraged, Not Required

While I am encouraged to volunteer up to 4 hours at the Annual Northland Competition hosted by DFSC, this is not a mandatory requirement of my membership.

4. Use of DFSC Ice

I may purchase a “Northland Blades Walk-On Pass” to independently access DFSC ice outside of synchronized skating practices, subject to availability and DFSC’s published ice schedule. I understand that my use of ice is at my own discretion and risk.

5. Eligibility Requirements for Contract Ice Usage

All skaters wishing to utilize approved, sanctioned contract ice through the Duluth Figure Skating Club must meet the following criteria:

- Be SkateSafe certified, and
- Successfully pass a background check, in accordance with the standards required by Duluth FSC for all adult participants.

6. Independent Operation

I understand and agree that as a Northland Blades Affiliate Member:

- I am participating in the Northland Blades Synchronized Skating Team activities independently of DFSC.
- DFSC is **not liable** for any actions, behaviors, injuries, or accidents occurring during any Northland Blades activities, practices, or competitions.

- The Northland Blades team is an **independent entity** and is **not managed, directed, or financially supported** by DFSC.
- DFSC does not assume responsibility for any ice time, funds, travel, supervision, or coordination associated with the Northland Blades team.

7. Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

I voluntarily assume all risks related to my participation in Northland Blades activities and the use of DFSC facilities. I hereby release and hold harmless the Duluth Figure Skating Club, its Board of Directors, coaches, volunteers, and representatives from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or related to my participation, including but not limited to, injury, illness, or property damage.

8. Acknowledgement of Understanding

I certify that I have read and fully understand the terms of this Statement of Release. I understand that by signing this agreement, I am giving up substantial legal rights, including the right to sue the Duluth Figure Skating Club.

Skater Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____