

2026 Spring Show Club Member Information

Ames Figure Skating is proud to present the 33rd Annual Spring Show featuring the theme “Skates and Stripes Forever”. Skaters will have the option to sign up for one, two or four group numbers, plus the option to participate in the Family/Child number and Skating Skills number.

2026 Show Details | Save the Date

SHOW EVENTS

April 25th | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

April 26th | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Ames Ice Arena

Registration Deadline: October 31st

Group Registration Options and Fees:

- One Group | Adult Group Number | Skating Skills Group Number = \$50
- Two Group Numbers = \$75
- Full Show | Four Group Numbers = \$95

Additional Options and Fees:

- Family/Skater = \$50 | Open to any family member aged 16 and older. Due to safety issues any participant in the family/skater is highly encouraged to sign up for a Learn to Skate class if they have not skated in the last nine months. Child skater level must be a minimum of Basic 6.
- Skating Skills Group = \$50 | Open all club and associate members who have passed the Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills test
- Senior Solo = No Cost | Available to all club members graduating from high school. *(Not available to associate members.)*

Registration fees & costume deposits are non-refundable.

Skaters must be current AFSC members or associate members and contracting ice for the Fall, Spring and Summer sessions.

Plus, skaters may also sign up for a Highlighted Role (Solo, Feature or Duet/Trio) based on their met requirements.

Note: Associate Members are not eligible for Highlighted Roles

Solo Requirements

- Must participate in the show as a club member
- Must have an all-ice contract for the school year
- Must have at least three (3) sessions per week or 4-week ice contract for summer camp (dependent on how summer camp contracts are set up)
- Must ice monitor at least 10 times per semester and 8 times during summer camp
- Must have previously earned a duet/trio or feature
- Must volunteer at least once at the leadership level and twice at the contributor level or 3 times at the contributor level and 4 times at the participant level
- Must compete or test in two (2) solo events that are choreographed and skated to music or a comparable activity approved by the Board within the calendar year (Jan-Dec) preceding the show registration deadline.

- Events include free skate competition or test, free dance test, skating skill level test or choreographed showcase competition numbers
- Non-choreographed (interpretive showcase) events, pattern dance tests and events without music (jumps, spins, compulsory) will not count toward this requirement.
- This requirement can be met without leaving Iowa by competing in choreographed events (for example, free skate and lyrical pop showcase) at the Iowa Games.
- Music length will be determined by skater's free skate level

Feature Requirements

- Must participate in the show as a club member
- Must have at least three (3) sessions per week ice contract for the school year
- Must have at least two (2) sessions per week or 3-week ice contract for summer camp (dependent on how summer camp ice contracts are set up)
- Must ice monitor at least 8 times per semester and 6 times during summer camp
- Volunteer at least one (1) time at the leadership level or two (2) times at the contributor level and three (3) times at the participant level
- Must compete or test in two (2) solo events that are choreographed and skated to music or a comparable activity approved by the Board within the calendar year (Jan-Dec) preceding the show registration deadline.
 - Events include free skate competition or test, free dance test, skating skill level test or choreographed showcase competition numbers
 - Non-choreographed (interpretive showcase) events, pattern dance tests and events without music (jumps, spins, compulsory) will not count toward this requirement.
 - This requirement can be met without leaving Iowa by competing in choreographed events (for example, free skate and character showcase) at the Iowa Games.
- Music length approx. 1-1.5 minutes

Duet/Trio Requirements

- Must participate in the show as a club member
- Must have at least two (2) sessions per week ice contract
- Must have at least one (1) session per week or 2-week ice contract of summer camp (dependent on how summer camp ice contracts are set up)
- Must ice monitor at least 6 times per semester
- Volunteer at least one (1) time at the contributor level and two (2) times at the participant level
- Must compete or test in two (2) solo events that are choreographed and skated to music or a comparable activity approved by the Board within the calendar year (Jan-Dec) preceding the show registration deadline.
 - Events include free skate competition or test, free dance test, skating skill level test or choreographed showcase competition numbers
 - Non-choreographed (interpretive showcase) events, pattern dance tests and events without music (jumps, spins, compulsory) will not count toward this requirement.
 - This requirement can be met without leaving Iowa by competing in choreographed events (for example, free skate and comedic showcase) at the Iowa Games.
- Music length will be determined by highest free skate level

Show Details:

Registration fees & costume deposits are non-refundable.

Group Registration Details

Skaters will be placed in specific numbers by the Show Director based on the overall ability of the skater. The Show Director will consider all facets of the skater when determining their placement in the show including current Skating Skills level, current Free skate level, number of competitions, skaters age, presence or performance ability on the ice, ice etiquette, overall attitude during classes, etc. All elements of a skater's abilities are carefully considered before placing

them in the various group numbers. Skaters agree to accept any role for which they are cast. Solo | Features | Duet/Trio Skaters interested in these numbers will have minimum requirements they are expected to achieve between Jan-Dec preceding the annual ice show. These requirements help to establish that a skater has the experience to perform at the level expected for the show. Skaters will have the opportunity to audition, to have their skills evaluated, for their highlighted roles in December (date to be announced). Casting decisions will be made by the Show Director based on the same overall skating abilities outlined above for group numbers. Skaters agree to accept any role for which they are cast. There are no additional costs for skaters to perform in a solo, feature, duet/trio except for the costs of the costumes. *Note: Associate members are not eligible for highlighted roles.*

Additional Show Costs

- Costumes: a \$25 costume deposit will be required at the time of registration. Generally, costumes range from \$30-\$75+ per number and will be decided by the Show Committee. The total cost for costumes must be paid upon delivery of the costumes. Once costumes are ordered, they are not returnable or refundable.
- Tickets: Each family is required to purchase a minimum of 6 tickets at the time of registration. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and school-age children 5 and older. Tickets can be resold. Each registered skater will receive one VIP ticket. The VIP ticket allows admittance into both performances for a guardian, of the same gender as the skater, to help the skater get dressed.
 - Additional advance purchase tickets are available for \$10 each and can be purchased until one week prior to the show.
 - Senior citizens (60 and over) and students (with ID) will be \$7 at the door.

Sponsorships

We ask each family to reach out to local businesses for sponsorship ads, which will be featured in the Spring Show program. Sponsorship packets will be distributed later.

If you prefer not to contact local businesses, you may make a \$75 personal donation to the show instead.

- Sponsorship Bonus: As an incentive, skaters will receive costume credit equal to 10% of any sponsorships collected beyond the \$75 requirement.

If the \$75 sponsorship goal is **not** met, the skater will be responsible for the remaining balance as a personal donation. Example: If a skater secures a \$50 sponsorship, they will owe a \$25 personal donation.

Practice Schedule

We will share the practice schedule for group numbers soon. Each group will have at least three (3) practices, 30–45 minutes each. Times will be set based on the size of the group and the complexity of the choreography.

Typical Practice Times:

- Weekdays at 4:30 PM or later
- Sunday mornings
- After Club Ice on Saturdays

Spring Show Week:

- Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday: Full show run-throughs — skaters must stay until dismissed by the show director or committee chair. If your group doesn't need to attend, you will be notified.
- Friday: Official Dress Rehearsal — skaters must be in full costume.

A full schedule will be sent to all skaters once group assignments are complete.

ALL REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY!

If you must miss a rehearsal for a number and wish to remain in that number, you are required to:

1. Contact the coach choreographing the number **AND** one of the show chairs before the rehearsal to notify them of your absence.
2. Arrange and pay for a private lesson with the coach to learn the missed material.

If you miss more than one rehearsal for any number, you may be removed from that number. You will still be responsible for the cost of the costume.

Costume Measurements

After registration closes, a show chairperson will take costume measurements for all skaters. Please watch for an email for further instructions and measurement dates. For the most accurate measurements, skaters should wear tight-fitting clothing.

Senior Solo

Skaters who qualify for a Senior Solo are asked to provide a skater biography and a senior photo. These will be featured in the show program and displayed at the rink during AFSC events. Additional photos may be requested later. Please send this information to the Show Chairpersons by October 31st.

Senior soloists may choose their own music, which will be reviewed by the Show Director. Music length should match the skater's competition level. All choreography must be completed by a Club Coach and be "competition-ready" for the show.

Volunteer Information

Our Spring Show is a true team effort, and we love having families involved! Most volunteer opportunities happen from March through January in the year before the show. Skaters who help during this time are often considered for highlight roles in the following year's show.

If you couldn't volunteer last year, no problem — there are still plenty of ways to get involved! Just reach out to the Show Chairs or the Club President, and we'll help you find a role that fits your schedule and interests.

Additional opportunities may be added as we get closer to the show, so keep an eye out for updates.

Volunteer Categories

Leadership Volunteer

- Chair a major club activity (assigned by the board)
 - Holiday Gala Chair
 - Summer Camp Chair
 - Test Chair / VP
 - Competition Chair / VP
 - Spring Show Chair
- Serve as Club President
- Serve as Club Treasurer
- Serve as Club Secretary

- Serve as Junior Board Coordinator
- Serve as Ice Monitor Coordinator
- Obtain sponsorships totaling \$7,000+
- Volunteer 48+ hours during the skating season (July–June)

Contributor Volunteer

- Chair a club event (for example, Great to Skate, Fundraising, Recruiting, Fall Kick-off)
- Event volunteer at competition for 8 hours (all day, e.g., 6:00 AM–2:00 PM)
- Holiday Gala volunteer (setup, tear down, backstage runner, run music, announcer)
- Spring Show setup volunteer — minimum of 4 hours on Friday
- Spring Show Costume Chair
- Spring Show Props Chair
- Spring Show volunteer (spotlights, lightboard, run music, backstage runner)
- Spring Show tear-down volunteer — stays until the end on Sunday
- Spring Show Sponsorship Chair
- Spring Show Cast Party Chair
- Serve as Membership Chair
- Serve as Iowa Wild Coordinator
- Serve as LTS Liaison
- Serve as Coaches Liaison
- Serve as Safe Sport Commissioner
- Obtain sponsorships totaling \$3,000+ (not combined with above)
- Volunteer 25–47 hours during the skating season (July–June)

Participant Volunteer

- Assist with any events listed above (less than the specified amount of time)
- Skate Squad member (minimum 3 sessions with 84% attendance / 5 lessons per session — 12 total sessions during the school year and 1 summer session)
- Ice monitor beyond your required times per your ice contract
- Volunteer 24 hours or less during the skating season (July–June)

AFSC Events Include:

- Bulletin Board – Keep the club bulletin board up to date with schedules, announcements, and event info.
- State/Iowa Games (July) – Help organize or assist during this annual state competition.
- Exhibitions – Coordinate or assist with exhibition performances throughout the year.
- Fall Kick-off (August) – Plan and run our season-opening event to welcome members back to the ice.
- Fundraisers – Help organize and run club fundraising activities.
- Holiday Gala (December) – Assist with planning, decorating, backstage help, or music for our holiday show.
- National Skating Event (Great to Skate) – Participate in this nationwide skating event to promote the sport.
- Publicity & Promotions – Spread the word about AFSC through flyers, social media, and community outreach.
- Recognition Event – Help plan and run our event honoring skater achievements.
- Summer Camp (June–July) – Assist with planning and supporting camp activities.
- Website – Maintain or update the club's website with schedules, news, and results.
- Ice Monitors – Check in skaters for ice sessions and manage walk-on payments.
- Club Room – Keep the club room organized, clean, and welcoming for members.
- Board of Directors – Serve on the club's leadership team to guide decisions and planning.
- Membership Development – Welcome new members, answer questions, and encourage retention.
- Farmer's Market – Staff our booth to promote the club and skating programs to the community.

Show Committee Options

In addition to AFSC events, we ask that a parent/guardian of each skater chair or co-chair an ice show committee. During registration, please list your top three (3) committee preferences. The Show Chairs will confirm your official assignment.

Show Committees:

- Props – Design, build, paint, and organize props for group numbers and solos.
- Cast Party – Plan and run the cast party after the final performance, including food, decorations, and activities.
- Costumes (Sewing/Alterations) – Assist with sewing, alterations, labeling, and organizing costumes for all skaters.
- Sponsors – Contact local businesses for show sponsorships and ad sales.
- Publicity – Promote the show through flyers, press releases, social media, and community outreach.
- Set-Up – Help transform the rink into the show venue (backdrops, lighting, sound setup, seating, etc.).
- Tear-Down – Assist with dismantling and storing sets, props, and equipment after the final show.
- Practice Ice Monitor – Check in skaters, track attendance, and assist coaches during practice sessions.

Additional Considerations

To participate in the 2026 Spring Ice Show, all skaters must be members in good standing with the Ames Figure Skating Club.

What is a Member in Good Standing? A member in good standing:

- Has current AFSC membership (dues are paid and up to date)
- Is current on all ice contracts and walk-on payments
- Has met volunteer requirements or received an exception from the board
- Follows club rules, codes of conduct, and SafeSport guidelines

In the event of an injury or other special circumstance, the AFSC Board of Directors may choose to waive some or all of the participation requirements.

Questions? Contact:

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Please do not call or text after 8:00 PM.

The Ames Figure Skating Club is dedicated to providing a safe, fun and supportive environment for skaters of all ages and abilities to achieve their skating goals.