



TWIN CITY FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION BASIC SKILLS COMPETITION SERIES

TCFSA BASIC SKILLS SERIES MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the Basic Skills Series is to promote an introductory competitive experience for the beginning TCFSA member skater allowing them to develop the USFS basic skills in an enjoyable environment. The Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCFSA) Basic Skills Competition Series is sponsored solely by TCFSA and is a United States Figure Skating approved Basic Skills Series. Competition announcements and entry forms will be posted on the official website of each participating competition. Basic Skills skaters are automatically registered and will have the opportunity to compete at 12 different local TCFSA member competitions to earn points for a final standing. Awards will be presented to the skaters with the highest point totals when they compete in at least 5 of the participating competitions. Skaters competing in more than 5 competitions will use their 5 highest placements. Point accumulation information will be available at www.tcfsa.org in the basic skills section. A traveling team trophy will be awarded to the TCFSA member club that accumulates the most points during the series season.

THE POINT SYSTEM: Each skater must be a member in good standing of a TCFSA member club or Basic Skills program. Each basic skills freestyle event in each of the series competitions will be eligible for accumulating points. The system for scoring points for the final standing will be as follows:

| PLACE | POINTS |
|-------|--------|
| 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 2 |

All competitors who place 5th place or lower will be awarded one participation point. Per the USFS basic skills webpage, if there is only one skater in the group, he or she will be awarded three points. Also, should a skater move up a level during the competition series season, their points will follow them to the next level. They will also be rewarded 2 bonus points for moving up ONE time throughout the series season. Participant standings will be posted on the TCFSA website after each competition. Skaters will be notified of their standings via e-mail throughout the season.

A list of participating competitions can be found on the TCFSA website under the basic skills icon.

ELIGIBILITY and RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS: The TCFSA basic skills series is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible members of either the Basic Skills Program or full members of U.S. Figure Skating through a TCFSA member club. Eligibility is based on the skill level as of the closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills skaters through Basic 8 must skate at their highest level passed and MAY NOT have passed any US figure skating tests including Moves in the Field or Dance tests. Males and females may, or may not, be placed in the same group. The competitions in the basic skills series will be conducted under the rules set forth by the US Figure Skating "Basic Skills Competition Manual" program. Basic skills levels included in the TCFSA series are Snowplow Sam, Basic 1 through Basic 8 and Free Skate 1 through Free Skate 6. Elements for each level will be included in the individual announcement for each competition.

PARTICIPATING COMPETITIONS:

| Competition | Host Club | Website | Month of Competition |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Robin Lee Competition | FSC of Minneapolis | www.fscmpls.org | August 2011 |
| Maplewood Fall Classic | Maplewood FSC | www.mfscskate.org | September 2011 |
| Autumn Skate Festival | Burnsville MN Valley FSC | www.bmvfsc.org | November 2011 |
| Granite City Classic | St. Cloud FSC | www.stcloudfsc.org | November 2011 |
| Bend of the River Competition | Mankato FSC | www.mankatofsc.org | January 2012 |
| Hiawathaland | Rochester FSC | www.rochesterfsc.org | February 2012 |
| Skate in the Park | Three Rivers FSC | www.threeriversfsc.org | February 2012 |
| Farmington Spring Festival | Tri-County FSC | www.tri-countyfsc.org | March 2012 |
| Sunflower Classic | Lake Minnetonka FSC | www.lmfsc.org | March 2012 |
| Rosebud Basic Skills | Roseville FSC | www.rosevillefsc.org | May 2012 |
| June Bug Competition | St. Paul FSC | www.stpaulfsc.org | June 2012 |
| McCandless Competition | Braemar City of Lakes FSC | www.braemarfsc.org | June 2012 |

- Competitions highlighted in yellow have not confirmed participation, however, are welcome to do so at any time.

