

Wonders on Ice

Figure Skating in Minnesota

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Spirals, spins, jumps, intricate footwork — we all marvel when figure skaters perform their *Wonders on Ice*. Many of us are skaters, while others prefer to watch the simple grace of the sport. Minnesotans have been figure skating for 150 years. We have built rinks, started clubs, held local, national, and world competitions, and attended ice shows such as the Ice Follies, Holiday on Ice, and Tom Collins' Champions on Ice, all with strong ties to Minnesota. Skating is a lifelong sport that can be enjoyed by the whole family.

The Twin Cities Figure Skating Association (TCFSA), started in 1973 with three member clubs, has now grown to twenty figure skating clubs. Under the umbrella of the United States Figure Skating Association, the TCFSA works to promote figure skating on many different levels, including basic skills, singles, pairs, dance, and synchronized team skating. The purpose of the TCFSA is to foster, promote, improve, and encourage the sport of figure skating among young people in the state of Minnesota; to promote cooperation between member clubs, and to encourage and facilitate participation in regional, sectional, national, and international figure skating competitions.



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