# The Next Chapter for Ozark Figure Skating Club

### Stability, Support, and Skating Forward

Dear OFSC Families,

If there's one thing we've learned this year, it's that building a strong club doesn't just happen — it takes intention, hard work, and a team that's willing to keep showing up even when things get tough.

At Ozark Figure Skating Club, we've done exactly that.

This season, we've hosted **more events than the last three years combined**, brought in major seminars, improved our communication, expanded our programming, and made real progress toward a more sustainable future. None of that was by accident. It took hours of planning and collaboration, and learning some hard lessons — and it's made us better. Now, we're ready to move forward with a clear plan and a club structure that supports the families and skaters who are committed to this community.

#### **Fundraising: No Longer Required**

We introduced a new membership structure at our Town Hall this year — and then we immediately went back to the drawing board based on your feedback.

Starting in the 2025–2026 season, OFSC families will no longer be required to fulfill a fundraising obligation.

Fundraising will still be available — and is encouraged — because it allows us to offer larger seminars, guest coaching events, and more resources for our skaters. But you'll now have the flexibility to participate in the way that works best for your family.

We know how much time and money this sport takes. We heard you, we made changes, and we're moving forward with a better plan — one that puts trust and flexibility at the center.

## Membership, Made Simple

We've cleaned up and simplified our membership tiers. For the 2025–2026 membership year, they are:

- Learn to Skate Membership \$125
  For all ages not testing through USFS (can compete at Aspire levels)
- Full Membership \$250
  For all ages who are testing through USFS
- Collegiate Membership (4 years) \$250
- Coaches Membership \$125

A Club Patron Membership (Non-Skating Membership) is required for all skaters under 18- this is included in the membership pricing.

Multi-Skater Discount: 40% off each additional Full Membership in the same household.

What's included in membership:

- One guest seminar
- Three themed skate events
- End-of-year banquet (free for members)
- Application eligibility for solos, duets, trios, or quartets in the Christmas Show
- Plus, special access to member-only opportunities to be developed in collaboration with The Jones Center

These changes are designed to keep costs low and programming strong — no fluff, no confusion, just value.

### Reprioritizing, Refocusing, and Rebuilding — With Purpose

In 2024–2025, our focus was on expanding programming and events. As we look ahead, we are shifting our focus toward **sponsorships and partnerships** that will help reduce long-term costs for families. That shift, along with a more sustainable approach, is what allowed us to bring membership dues down from \$400 to \$250.

We've also been working closely with our **program partner**, The Jones Center, to shape **exclusive OFSC member benefits** that add real value to your experience. While those details are still being finalized, we're excited for what's to come, and we will share updates as soon as they're confirmed.

#### **Rooted in Tradition, Focused on the Future:**

## Celebrating the Skaters, Families, and Momentum Driving Us Forward

We recognize that every skating family's journey is unique, and some have found paths that look different from ours — and we truly wish them the best.

This isn't about looking back — it's about recognizing the community that continues to believe in what OFSC stands for and the exciting path we're on together.

If you've been watching from the sidelines, wondering where this club is headed, we want you to know: Ozark Figure Skating Club is moving forward with confidence, strategy, and the kind of due diligence that ensures long-term success.

And if you're ready to be a part of that, we'd love to welcome you to the OFSC community.

#### **What Comes Next**

We've learned a lot this year. We've taken chances, made improvements, and grown through the process. From rebuilding our website and expanding our communications, to hosting major events and building structure behind the scenes, we've based our work on more than just assumptions, but with structure, strategy, and due diligence.

We're not trying to "get back" to anything. We're proud of who we are — a strong, established club with decades of tradition and a future we're shaping together.

This isn't just a skating club. It's a community. A support system. A stage for dreams and a soft place to land when things get hard.

We hope you'll continue with us — or consider joining — because Ozark Figure Skating Club is something worth being a part of.

With appreciation and commitment,

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