

Festival on Ice 2024 Special Parts Try-out Information

Application Deadline: October 20, 2023

Special parts try-outs for the 2024 Festival on Ice will be held on **Sunday, November 5, 2023, from 1 to 3:00 p.m.** Skaters will have an opportunity to warm up prior to try-outs starting; skaters are asked to be ready to skate at 12:50 p.m. Try-outs will be judged by three judges. Final placement of special parts is based on the judges scores and placements will be made at the discretion of the show director, Julie O'Connor. All questions regarding try-outs should be directed to Julie in person, via phone at 734-748-4207, or via email at skatecompanyshowdirector@gmail.com.

POSSIBLE SPECIAL PARTS INCLUDE

- **Solo** – Skaters awarded a solo will have an individual number approximately 1.5 – 2 minutes long.
- **Feature** – Skaters awarded a feature will be a featured skater of a group number that skates before or after the group skates. The group may or may not remain on the ice as the featured skater skates to an individual number that is approximately 1.25 – 1.5 minutes long.
- **Duet, Trio or Quartet** – **Note: tryouts are done individually to assess skating skills** – Skaters awarded duets, trios, and quartets will be placed according to their skills and age. The music will be approximately 1.5 minutes long.

Skaters trying out are only allowed one special parts placement.

SPECIAL PARTS SKATING REQUIREMENTS

Please carefully read the requirements with your skater for the 2024 show, as changes have been made.

- **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT**: Skaters must be a **first club member** of Skate Company Skating Club by October 1, 2023. (NEW!)
- **MINIMUM SKATING LEVEL REQUIREMENT**: Skaters should have passed the **Pre-Freeskate badge at a minimum**. Required elements for try-out programs can be found on page two under **Program Try-out Requirements**.
- **LINCOLN PARK FREESTYLE ICE REQUIREMENT**: Skater's awarded a special part are required to **practice a total of 20 hours on Lincoln Park freestyle ice**. Counting of hours will begin October 3, 2023 until the end of the season. Freestyle ice is on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3 to 5:50 p.m. Additional freestyle sessions will be held on Saturdays periodically throughout the season in Lincoln Park and will count towards freestyle hours. A sign-in sheet will be on a clipboard at the concession stand located near the ice surface where you pay ice time. All skaters must pay and sign-in prior to skating on freestyle sessions. The director will provide all special parts skaters a tally of their hours recorded on January 9, 2024 and March 5, 2024 to assist them in tracking how many hours they need to complete their required ice time.
- **PRIVATE LESSON REQUIREMENT**: Skaters trying out **must be in private lessons by October 3, 2023 and must take a minimum of 2 hours of private lessons every month throughout the entire 2023 - 2024 season with their private coach**. (This works out to a half hour lesson each week.) If you do not have a coach prior to October 1, 2023, one can be suggested to suit the skater. Families are responsible for all costs associated with private lessons and ice time. Private lessons may be taken at another arena, but does not count towards your required ice time in Lincoln Park.
- **ADDITIONAL SKATE COMPANY CLASSES/WORKSHOPS REQUIREMENT**: All special parts skaters are required to participate in additional Skate Company Classes/Workshops. This year there will be two options to fulfill this requirement. **Option 1**) If the skater has not completed their basic skills badges (including all freestyle badges), they are required to participate in a minimum of two sessions of Skate Company Learn to Skate lessons. High freestyle skaters who have passed all their badges may choose to participate in two sessions of Skate Company's advanced class during Learn to Skate or choose option two. Four sessions of Learn to Skate group lessons will be offered this season. **Option 2**) Skate Company will offer approximately 5 workshops (approximately 2 hours each) related to various skating skills (jumps, spins, freestyle, dance, artistry, etc.) on weekends throughout the season. Skaters who have passed all their badges and choose this option must participate in a minimum of 3 on-ice workshops. Families are responsible for Learn to Skate and workshop costs. Dates and times for workshops will be announced soon.

TRY-OUT MUSIC INFORMATION

- **Try-out music should be emailed to the show director in MP3 or MP4 format** (no videos, please) no later than November 1, 2023 to skatecompanyshowdirector@gmail.com. Please keep music to approximately 1.5 minutes long.

TRY-OUT APPLICATION FEE AND FORM

- **A try-out fee of \$25 per skater made payable to Skate Company Skating Club and the completed try-out application form are due by October 20, 2023.** Both can be given to the club president Melanie Petri, treasurer Debbie Van Cleave, or show director Julie O'Connor in an envelope marked "Special Parts Try-Outs."

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- Volunteerism is critical to the success of our show. **All special parts families are required to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours in the prop room and must complete the volunteer requirements for show week and the weekend of the show.**

TRYOUT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- To be considered for a **solo** or **pairs** special part, skaters must have a minimum of a loop and a flip jump; a combination jump; a one-foot spin from back crossovers; camel, sit or layback spin; and a spiral, bauer and/or spread eagle in their tryout program. Having the required elements in your tryout program does not guarantee a solo or pairs special part.
- To be considered for a **feature** special part, skaters must have a minimum of a waltz jump, sal chow, and toe loop jump; spiral or lunge; and a one-foot spin from back crossovers in their program. Having the required elements in your tryout program does not guarantee a feature special part.
- To be considered for a **duet, trio or quartet** special part, skaters must have a minimum of a bunny hop, waltz jump, one-or two-foot spin, and spiral or lunge in their program.
- Performances are also being judged on creativity and how you entertain the audience. Other items you will be scored on is facial expression, costume fitting theme of performance, presentation, artistic impression, creativity, rhythm and choreography.
- All try-out programs must be individual skaters. No duet, trio or quartet skater tryouts are allowed. Placement for duets, trios and quartets will be made at the discretion of the director.

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PARTS REQUIREMENTS

- The show director will host a required special parts meeting to announce special parts placements on or before November 23, 2023.
- Those chosen for special parts must register for the show by December 8, 2023. Skaters with a special part are required to sign up for a minimum of two additional numbers. Mini Me does not count towards this requirement.
- Skaters who are given and accept a special part in Festival on Ice understand that music is assigned by the show director; no skater that tries out and is given a special part will be allowed to select their music. The show director will work with the skater and family to select an appropriate costume for the special part. Many special parts fit a specific theme this year, and skater's must be willing to wear a costume to fit the theme they are assigned to.
- Skaters who accept a special part and later decide to drop out of their part or the show understand that no refunds will be given.
- Each skater receiving a special part is required to have a professional coach choreograph their number. Skaters awarded a duet, trio or quartet number must decide together who will coach their special part as a group. Families are responsible for ice time and choreography costs of special parts.

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Please complete all items below – items that are not applicable to you, please write “NA” in the space provided.

Questions? Contact Julie O’Connor at skatecompanyshowdirector@gmail.com.

Skater’s Name: _____
Birthdate: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Cell #: _____
Parent/Guardian Email: _____
Coaches Name: _____
Coaches Cell #: _____
Coaches Email: _____

Please complete all of the below:

Last LTS badge passed: _____
Last USFS MIF test passed: _____
Last USFS Freestyle test passed: _____
Last USFS Dance test passed: _____

What is your favorite type of music to skate to? (fast, slow, country, pop, theatrical, etc.) Please list all.

I understand and accept the requirements for special parts skaters that are set and will be enforced by Skate Company Skating Club.

Waiver: In consideration of your accepting this entry form, I hereby for my child/ward, my heirs, executors and administrators, waiver and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against the Skate Company Skating Club, or its representatives, for any or all injuries suffered while participating in this activity. I further represent that I am in good physical condition and have no disability or ailment that will prevent me from engaging in the activity for which I am registered. In addition, I hereby authorize Skate Company Skating Club to use all photos, both video and audio portions of videotapes on which my dependent or I appear.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

As a coach to a skater trying out for Festival on Ice, I understand and accept the requirements for my special parts skater that are set and will be enforced by Skate Company SC.

Coach Signature

Date