



Volunteer FAQ

1. How many hours are required?

All SKATING home club members and their families must complete at least 10 hours of service; families with more than one home club skating member must complete at least 15 hours of service, before May 31st of this year.

All SKATING associate members and their families must complete at least 5 hours of service before May 31st of this year.

There are different requirements for members who join after January 1st, see #3 below

2. Where can I fulfill my hours?

There are many opportunities throughout the year to fulfill volunteer requirements. Serving on the Board of Directors, working as a committee chair, or holding one of several other positions is a great way to not only fulfill your hours but also learn more about figure skating. Other opportunities include working at fundraising events, serving as an ice monitor during club ice, helping with the annual silent auction, and assisting at special events such as National Skating month, banquet, or USFS test sessions.

All members (home and associates) are required to get at least ½ of their hours completed by working at the 2 ISI competitions held at the National Sports Center, Frosty Blades and Summer Sizzle.

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3. We joined Northern Blades after January 1st, aren't our requirements different?

Families joining Northern Blades NSC FSC after January 1st of any membership year will need to fulfill only ½ of the annual volunteer hours required of their membership level. In the case of families joining after January 1st at least one-half of your volunteer hours must come from working at Frosty Blades and the Silent Auction. Not many hours are available during the Silent Auction so new members are encouraged to try to fulfill all of their hours at Frosty Blades.

4. I will be a dressing room mom, or sell flowers, etc., at the ice show, do these hours count?

Although it is important to volunteer to help the ice show run smoothly, the ice show is run by the NSC Skate School and those hours will not apply to your club volunteer requirements.

Helping with the NB Silent Auction by becoming a committee member or helping with the auction during Ice Show performances does apply toward volunteer hours.

5. When do I have to have my hours done by?

At least ½ of your total family requirement must be completed by February 28th of this year with all hours being fulfilled in their entirety by May 31st of this year.

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6. What if I don't complete at least half of my required hours by February 28th?

Any families not meeting $\frac{1}{2}$ of their volunteer commitment by February 28th will be billed at a rate of \$10/hour for each unfulfilled hour of the full total due and, until payment is made, the skater will be marked as "Not In Good Standing" with US Figure Skating.

For example: If the family obligation is 10 hours, but only 3 have been completed by February 28th, the family will be billed \$70 for the balance of those hours.

7. What if I don't fulfill all of my hours by May 31st?

All unfulfilled hours will be billed at a rate of \$10/hour for each unfulfilled hour of the total due and, until payment is made, the skater will be marked as "Not in Good Standing" with US Figure Skating.

8. What does it mean to be marked as "Not in Good Standing"?

Skaters marked "Not In Good Standing" with US Figure Skating are not allowed to skate on club ice, compete or test with US Figure skating, Skaters may not renew their US Figure Skating Membership with any club, or participate in any club benefits afforded by their membership level until such time as all outstanding bills are paid.

9. I'd like to take on one of the ongoing positions, who do I contact?

Contact any board member or send an email to nbnsfsc@northernblades.org

10. How do I make sure I'm credited for hours I worked?

Typically whoever organized the event you worked at will report the hours you worked to the volunteer coordinator. We also have a volunteer voucher form available on the northernblades.org website which you can fill out and turn in to ensure your hours are properly credited.

11. How can I find out how many hours I've worked and how many I have left?

Send an email to nbnsfsc@northernblades.org or ask the volunteer coordinator, Carla Hemmila. We'll try to respond to you as quickly as possible.

12. My question wasn't answered here who do I contact?

Send an email to nbnsfsc@northernblades.org and we will do our best to respond to your question promptly.