



The Alaska Association of Figure Skaters (AAFS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the figure skaters of Alaska. The club offers lessons to beginners through its popular Learn to Skate program. Skaters at higher levels benefit from opportunities for official USFSA testing and from clinics taught by local, national, and international experts. Ice Shows are offered each spring and holiday season at the Dimond Center Mall Ice Chalet. The Top of the World Skate was established in 1996, attracting skaters from around the state.

Benefits of being a member of AAFS include:

- **Tier IV Scholarship** offered annually to all members. To qualify members volunteer hours are considered to cover fees associated with participation in Top of the World, Regionals, Sectionals and Nationals.
- **Triple Finisher Pin**, offered to skaters that participate in our three signature activities: Spring Show, Top of the World, and the Holiday show in a calendar year.
- **Axel Pin**, this pin is offered to skaters at the annual meeting for achieving the Axel.
- **Senior Jackets**, club members that achieve the Senior Level (Moves in the Field) AAFS celebrates this achievement with you by awarding a special gold medal US Figure Skating jacket. This jacket has the skaters name embroidered. When the member achieves Senior Level in Freeskate and/or Dance this achievement is added to the same jacket from the club.
- **Annual Meeting**, club members are recognized for testing achievement, awards and a discount on membership for the next year. The annual meeting is held in May.
- **Spring/Holiday Shows**, AAFS offers participation in Holiday (December) and Spring (May) shows to all members without a tryout. We encourage all members to participate in a group number and a solo.
- **Cast Party**, this party is held at the end of the holiday show weekend to celebrate the show's success
- **Junior Board**, Activities to get to know other club members outside of the rink.
- **Dress Sale**, Unused or unneeded items can be sold through consignment of the AAFS Dress sales. A portion of the item's sale price goes to the club while the remainder is given back to the member.
- **Newsletter**, AAFS sends out a monthly newsletter to all members of upcoming events

- **Competitions**, Every August, AAFS hosts the Top of the World Skating Competition. This competition and test session have been a tradition since 1996.
- **Learn to Skate**, Skating lessons held at the Dimond Center Ice Chalet by trained coaches and volunteers. Discounts to Learn to Skate for members.
- **Volunteer to Coach opportunities**, teen skaters are eligible to volunteer with AAFS at Learn to Skate to earn volunteer hours for tier IV, at age 16 skaters are then eligible to be paid instructors.
- **Clinics**, AAFS offers skating clinics to members to work on techniques and elements
- **Social Media**, AAFS has a Facebook page, Alaska Association of Figure Skaters
- **Club Gear**, starting in 2019 AAFS will use a vendor to provide club gear with our logo. Club gear is encouraged to be worn at club events, testing and competitions.