



2025-2026 Workshop & Tryout Information

**Please arrive at least 20 minutes early to the first scheduled event to allow time for taking a photo ID, locker room assignments, and dressing. Skaters are expected to be at as many workshops as possible.

Junior

Monday, March 10 7:45-9:30 PM Skills Workshop at Blue Line Family Ice Center, Fond du Lac

Wednesday, March 12 6:00-8:00 PM Skills Workshop at Ozaukee Ice Center

Saturday, March 15 12:30-3:00 PM Skills Workshop at Oshkosh YMCA 20th Ave

Monday, March 17 7:45-9:30 PM Skills Workshop at Blue Line Family Ice Center, Fond du Lac

Sunday, March 23 2:00-5:00 PM Tryouts at Blue Line Family Ice Center, Fond du Lac

Sunday, March 30 4:00 PM Callbacks at Blue Line Family Ice Center, Fond du Lac

Novice & Intermediate

Monday, March 10 7:45-9:30 PM Skills Workshop at Blue Line Family Ice Center, Fond du Lac

Wednesday, March 12 6:00-8:00 PM Skills Workshop at Ozaukee Ice Center

Saturday, March 15 10:45 AM-12:15 PM Skills Workshop at Oshkosh YMCA 20th Ave

Sunday, March 23 5:15-7:00 PM Tryouts at Blue Line Family Ice Center, Fond du Lac

Sunday, March 30 4:00 PM Callbacks at Blue Line Family Ice Center, Fond du Lac

Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile, & Preliminary

Wednesday, March 12 6:00-7:00 PM Skills Workshop at Ozaukee Ice Center

Saturday, March 15 9:30 AM-10:30 AM Skills Workshop at Oshkosh YMCA 20th Ave

Sunday, March 30 2:00-3:30 PM Tryouts at Blue Line Family Ice Center, Fond du Lac

Aspire

Wednesday, March 12 6:00-7:00 PM Skills Workshop at Ozaukee Ice Center

Saturday, March 15 9:30 AM-10:30 AM Skills Workshop at Oshkosh YMCA 20th Ave

Sunday, March 30 2:00-3:30 PM Tryouts at Blue Line Family Ice Center, Fond du Lac

WORKSHOP- *Skaters are exposed to the tryout program/footwork*

TRYOUTS - *Skaters will skate for the coaches*

What to Wear for Workshops & Tryouts

Hair pulled back in ponytail or neat bun

Black athletic leggings

Black tank top or athletic shirt

Tennis shoes

Black sweatshirt or jacket

For safety reasons, no dangly jewelry

Light layers so it's easy to hold on

(avoid bulky/oversized clothing/jackets)



Tryout Testing Requirements: To try out for a Blades team, skaters should have passed or expect to pass the indicated tests by October 1, 2025. Skaters should attend the workshop and tryouts for all levels they are age and test eligible.

<u>To Try Out For</u>	<u>Passed or Expect to Pass by October 1, 2025</u>
Junior	Pre-Gold Skating Skills
Novice	Silver Skating Skills
Intermediate	Pre-Silver Skating Skills
Juvenile	Bronze Skating Skills
Open Juvenile	Not Applicable
Preliminary	Preliminary Skating Skills
Aspire	Not Applicable

Please refer to "Additional Team & Tryout Information: Synchronized Skating Team Levels" for age and minimum test requirements for each team.

Registration and Workshop/Tryout Fee:

Link for online registration, waiver, & payment:

All skaters must be registered online prior to the date of the workshop for their level.

Electronic waivers are included in the online registration process and skaters will not be allowed to take the ice without completing the registration and payment. No skater, current or prospective, will be considered for team assignment without payment of the application fee shown below.

Blades Application Fees:

Junior	\$120.00
Open Juvenile/Intermediate/Novice	\$100.00
Prelim/Pre-Juv/Juvenile	\$75.00
Aspire	\$50.00

****Skaters planning to try out for more than one team/level should pay the fee for the highest level team.***

Conflicts:

It is in the best interest of the skaters to attend the workshop as well as tryouts. Attendance at the workshop is encouraged for new skaters, and **required** of returning skaters.

Skaters who are absolutely unable to attend their team tryout should contact Jenny McMahon (Mcmahonj09@gmail.com or 920-979-2898) to determine alternative arrangements for tryout.



Additional Team and Tryout Information

2025-2026 Competitions (potential schedule/tentative):

Our teams compete at several regional and national competitions. The Junior team may also compete internationally. Details of potential competitions will be in contracts. In addition, **all** teams will perform at the Holiday Exhibition (November 29, 2025). We also have an end of season Exhibition (February 2026). We also may perform at the Fond du Lac FSC annual ice show (April 2026)

Weekly fall/winter practice times for the teams (all times tentative and subject to change):

Junior	7-8 hours/week	Saturday mornings, Sunday afternoons, Monday nights
Intermediate/Novice	5-6 hours/week	Saturday mornings, Sunday afternoons
Juvenile	3 hours/week	Saturday mornings, Sunday afternoons
Open-Juv/Pre-Juv/Prelim	2 hours/week	Saturday or Sunday
Aspire	45 minutes/week	Saturday or Sunday

Tentative summer practices will be Wednesday or Sunday for all teams. Extra practices may be called throughout the season. Skaters should continue skating with their individual coach throughout the season.

Team Assignments & Contract Information:

Team assignments are determined after the tryout process has been completed. Team levels formed will depend on ages, abilities and number of skaters trying out.

Contracts incorporate monthly or full-year payment fees which are intended to cover projected base expenses associated with participation. A comprehensive list of expenses is listed in the Blades Handbook which is shared if a contract is offered to your skater.

QUESTIONS may be directed to Michelle Walny at 262-649-6602 or fdlblades@gmail.com



US Figure Skating Synchronized Skating Team Levels

*definitions below are based on the 2023-2024 synchronized skating season.

Aspire: A team of 5-20 skaters. Skaters must be 13 years and younger (Aspire 1), 16 years or younger (Aspire 2) or 17 years and younger (Aspire 3 and Aspire 4). No skaters may have passed higher than a pre-bronze test, depending on level.

Preliminary: A team of 8-20 skaters. All skaters must be 13 years and younger. All skaters must have passed the preliminary skating skills test.

Pre-juvenile: A team of 8-20 skaters. All skaters must be 17 years and younger. All skaters must have passed the preliminary skating skills test.

Open juvenile: A team of 8-20 skaters. All skaters must be 19 years and younger. No test requirements.

Juvenile: A team of 12-20 skaters. All skaters must be 13 years and younger. All skaters must have passed the bronze skating skills test.

Intermediate: A team of 12-20 skaters. All skaters must be 19 years and younger. All skaters must have passed the pre-silver skating skills test.

Novice: A team of 12-20 skaters. All skaters must be 19 years and younger. All skaters must have passed the silver skating skills test.

Junior: A team of 12-16 skaters. All skaters must be between 13 years and 19 years. All skaters must have passed the pre-gold skating skills test.

*All ages are as of **July 1st, 2025**.

Minimum test requirements must be completed **no later than October 1st, 2025.