



## 2026-2027 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

Workshop March 14, 10:00 AM- 12:15 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac  
 Workshop March 15, 6:15 PM- 9:00 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac  
 Workshop March 16, 6:50 PM- 8:20 PM RecPlex, Pleasant Prairie  
 TryOuts March 21, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac  
 Call Backs March 23, 7:45 PM- 9:15 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac

### Novice & Intermediate

Workshop March 14, 12:30 PM- 2:00 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac  
 Workshop March 15, 4:30 PM- 6:00 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac  
 Workshop March 16, 6:50 PM- 8:20 PM RecPlex, Pleasant Prairie  
 TryOuts March 21, 12:30 PM- 2:00 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac  
 Call Backs March 23, 7:45 PM- 9:15 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac

### Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile, & Open-Juvenile

Workshop March 15, 3:15 PM- 4:15 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac  
 Workshop March 16, 6:50 PM- 8:20 PM RecPlex, Pleasant Prairie  
 TryOuts March 22, 3:15 PM- 4:45 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac

### Preliminary & Aspire

Workshop March 15, 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac  
 Workshop March 16, 6:50 PM- 8:20 PM RecPlex, Pleasant Prairie  
 TryOuts March 22, 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac

### Try Synchro for Free

Aspire & Beginner February 21, 8:00 AM- 8:45 AM Blueline Family Ice Arena, Fond du Lac  
 All Levels February 28, 2:30 PM- 3:30 PM Champion Center, Appleton

**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 jewelry  
 Light layers so it's easy to hold on  
 (*avoid bulky/oversized clothing/jackets*)



**Tryout Testing Requirements:** To tryout for a Blades team, skaters should have passed or expect to pass the indicated tests by October 1, 2026. Skaters should attend the workshop and tryouts for all levels they are age and test eligible.

<b><u>To Try Out For</u></b>	<b><u>Passed or Expect to Pass by October 1, 2026</u></b>
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 ([Mcmahonjh09@gmail.com](mailto:Mcmahonjh09@gmail.com) or 920-979-2898) to determine alternative arrangements for a tryout time.**



## Additional Team and Tryout Information

### **2026-2027 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 the contracts. In addition, **all** teams will perform at the Holiday Exhibition (November 28, 2026). We also have an end of season Exhibition (February 2027). We may also perform at the Fond du Lac FSC annual ice show (April 2027)

### **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 Wednesdays or Sundays 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 the number of skaters trying out.

Decisions for all levels and teams will be emailed out on a rolling basis. This means that results will be sent out during a window of time, and skaters seeking placement on the same team may be notified of team placement decisions on different days.

**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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

\*\*Minimum test requirements must be completed **no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.