

## ANN ARBOR FIGURE SKATING CLUB

81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MELODY ON ICE MARCH 17 & 18, 2023

### Additional Information: Picture Nights, Costumes, Rehearsals & Performances

#### 1) Picture Nights & Costume Pick-up: Monday, January 30 and Tuesday, January 31

The group photos for the Melody on Ice (MOI) program will be taken on Monday, January 30 and Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Families will also have the opportunity to have individual photos taken of their skaters for purchase at this time. Skaters will be asked to check-in and pick up their costumes 30 minutes prior to their group's photo time. Photo sessions typically take about 10-15 minutes. The group photo schedule will be released the week of January 16.

#### 2) Costume Information

- a) **Costume Size:** The MOI registration fee includes costumes. Costumes are purchased based on the sizes provided during registration. These sizes do not always correspond perfectly to costume sizes, or the skater's exact size may not have been available in the costume preferred by the directors/costumer. Alterations can be made.
- b) **Leg Coverings:** All skaters will need to provide leg coverings based on the type of costume they are assigned. In general, if the costume is a skirt or dress you will need to provide skin-toned tights. If the costume is a shirt or top, you will need to provide all-black pants. You will be notified if your skater's costume is skirt/dress or a shirt/top at a later date with the picture night instructions.
- **Skin-Toned Tights:** The most common skating tight brands are Mondor and Chloe Noel which can be purchased online and locally at Dancers Boutique (6585 Jackson Rd Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 973-1178). We recommend that you call in advance to confirm store hours and availability.
  - **Black Pants, Leggings or Joggers:** Black pants, leggings or joggers should be all black, without visible logos, other colors or designs, and be comfortable to skate in. There is no need to purchase special skating pants for the show.
  - **Undergarments:** Please ensure that undergarments are not visible under the costume.
  - **Additional Layers:** If you believe your skater needs additional clothing for the performances due to the cold nature of the ice rink, please have them wear a skin-toned leotard. In general, they are moving and skating to numbers that are only a few minutes long so most of them do fine without additional layers.
- c) **Hard Skate Guards:** All skaters must have hard guards for their skates even if you are using loaner skates. Please put your skater's name on their hard skate guards. Hard skate guards can be purchased at Play it Again Sports 2461 West Stadium Ann Arbor (734) 747-6277, Dicks Sporting Goods 3120 Lohr Road Ann Arbor (734) 332-6095 and the Hockey World store in the Cube (734) 332-1480. Skate guards, like the ones pictured to the side, typically retail for between \$6 and \$10.  
Sample Hockey Skate Guards: <https://www.hockeyworld.com/A-R-Hockey-BladeGards>
- d) **Hair and Make-up:** For the show, there will be hair and make-up suggestions. For photo night, skaters can wear their hair as they choose and make-up is optional.
- e) **Loaner Skates:** If your skater is using loaner skates for their LTS classes, they will be able to use loaner skates for picture night, all rehearsals, and performances.

#### 3) Rehearsals: Monday, March 6 – Wednesday, March 15

Each group will have 2 -3 rehearsals scheduled between Monday, March 6 through Wednesday, March 15. We hope to release the rehearsal schedule by the first week of February. Each on-ice rehearsal will be approximately 25-30 minutes. Rehearsals will be in the evening between 5-8 pm.

##### Does my skater need to be at *all* of the rehearsals?

Attendance at all rehearsals is required. We understand that occasionally something comes up. If a conflict should arise, please contact Carmen Fox ([carmenbfox@gmail.com](mailto:carmenbfox@gmail.com)) or (734) 546-3947 in advance so we can plan ahead.

#### 4) Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, March 16

The dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, March 16, and will run from 5:15pm to 10:05pm. However, most skaters will not need to be there for the entire time. They will only need to be present for their act in the show and for the grand finale rehearsal. Every effort will be made to release the younger skaters by 8:00pm. During the dress rehearsal, we will run through the entirety of the show twice in costume with our backstage crew, lighting, music, props, etc.

##### Dress Rehearsal Checklist

- Skates
- Costume
- Skin-toned tights or all-black pants based on assigned costume
- Hair and make-up per director and coach's direction
- Hard skate guards
- Warm Clothing, Blankets, and Activities: As the backstage and gathering area will be cold, please send your skater with warm clothing and blankets that can be worn over their costume. Please pack any snacks and activities your skater might need while waiting for their cue to skate.

#### 5) Performances: Friday March 17 and Saturday March 18

Three performances will be held on:

- Friday, March 17 @ 7:00pm
- Saturday, March 18 @ 2:00pm
- Saturday, March 18 @ 7:00pm

##### Performance Checklist

- Skates
- Costume
- Skin-toned tights or all-black pants based on assigned costume
- Hair and make-up per director and coaches' direction
- Hard skate guards
- Warm Clothing, Blankets, and Activities: As the backstage and gathering area will be cold, please send your skater with warm clothing and blankets that can be worn over their costume. Please pack any snacks and activities your skater might need while waiting for their cue to skate.

#### 6) Chaperoning and Volunteering

MOI is a large production and requires a large team both before and during the shows. We are grateful for any number of hours you are able to volunteer and are always looking for group chaperones for the dress rehearsal and performances. **Only official volunteer chaperones are permitted to be backstage with the skaters.** *If you have questions about volunteering for MOI, please contact Carmen Fox [carmenbfox@gmail.com](mailto:carmenbfox@gmail.com) and/or (734) 546-3947.*

#### 7) Tickets for Melody on Ice

Tickets for Melody on Ice will be on sale a couple of weeks in advance of the show. **Please note that only official volunteer chaperones are permitted in the backstage area during the show.** Skaters may watch the show when they are not skating and when accompanied by official volunteer chaperones in the bleachers. Families and guests must have purchased tickets to view the show.

#### FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

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