



Volunteer Hour FAQ:

Why is it required to complete Volunteer Hours?

- The Mt Pleasant Figure Skating Club is a non-profit organization primarily operated by volunteers. Being a member of the program means you are a member of the community, and that means doing your part to help us be successful. In order for this club to continue providing extensive and varied opportunities, it is necessary for families to volunteer throughout the skating year. We can't do it without you!

Who must complete the volunteer requirement?

- If a MPFSC member skates at the Martin Ice Arena, the skater and/or their family will be required to fulfill the required volunteer hours.
- Active Collegiate Members who meet the above definition will also be required to fulfill the volunteer requirement.

How many volunteer hours are required?

- MPFSC First Year/Full Club Members: 12 hours
- Junior Club Member: 8 hours
- Rising Stars Member: 4 hours

How many hours will I earn for volunteering?

- Volunteer hours are earned on an hourly basis. If you volunteer for the Ice show and do two hours of work, you will be credited for two hours of volunteer time.

Are there any special requirements for earning volunteer hours?

- Yes, but it's for a good reason we promise! One-fourth of the hours are required to be "physical" in nature. Examples would be playing music for club ice/practice, monitoring the Learn to Skate Cart, helping out at competition or the ice show, etc. We are so grateful that families wish to help out with the food and hospitality for our test sessions/competitions, but we have so many other jobs that need to be filled as well. This requirement helps make sure those tasks are taken care of too.

What if I cannot complete my volunteer requirement before the end of the skating year?

- There are lots of opportunities to complete your hours, so just ask us for help if you are in a crunch to complete them, but any volunteer hours not completed by June 24th will be billed at the rate of \$10/uncompleted hour.

What can I do to complete my hours?

- There are lots of opportunities to complete your hours! Some examples are:
 - Pass out flyers to schools and business for MPFSC events*
 - Playing Music during Club Ice and Drop In* — Play music for skaters and coaches during ice time.
 - Ice Monitor during Club Ice* — Check in Skaters as they take to the ice. Log on the monitor sheet and mark off punch cards. Sell punch cards and collect drop in payments as necessary.
 - Learn to Skate Cart* — Monitor the cart during Learn to Skate Sessions, answer questions or direct to those who can.
 - Test Sessions — Set up*, clean up*, runner for results*, and more.
 - Locker Room Cleaning* — Help us keep the club room clean!
 - Ice Show Performances — We need help with set up*, welcome desk*, ushers* and more. Sign up will be available prior to the event.
 - Props for Ice Shows* — Help create props for our annual ice show.
 - Spot Light work for Ice Shows* — Help light up our skaters as they perform in the ice show. Training will be provided.
 - Costume organization or manufacture for Ice Show* — We provide costume accessories for all of our Learn to Skate participants in the ice show. Help us design ideas or even make pieces for the costumes.
 - Mountain Town Classic — We need LOTS of help with our annual competition. Jobs will include: registration*, ice monitor*, announcer*, music player*, result runner*, medals presenter*, making posters to welcome clubs/skaters* and more. Sign up will be available prior to the event and hours will vary based on position and schedule.
 - Media promotion of MPFSC and its benefits and events* (hours may vary)
 - Hospitality for club events (testing, competition, etc) — Bring in food/drink for our coaches and judges. Sign up will be available prior to each event. (1 hour credited per dish, per event)

*Indicates a "physical" task

These are just a few of the many ways you can help our program and events be successful. If you have a unique talent or skill that you feel would benefit our organization, we'd love to hear your idea!

Select the options you are most interested in on the Volunteer Form to give us an idea where you would prefer to help out. As events get closer we'll be in contact with you about ways to help out, but you are ultimately responsible for making sure your hours are completed. Please contact any member of the board with questions!

I completed some of my volunteer time. How do I keep track of it?

- Within 2 weeks of completing a task, please be sure to make note of it on the Volunteer Hours Tracking Form. Fill in the date, activity completed and how many hours were earned. Then have the form signed by a board member or the committee chair for the event. For convenience tracking forms are created for you and kept in the Volunteer Hours Binder in the club room.

If I volunteer for a fundraising event, can those hours count toward my Volunteer Requirement?

- Unfortunately, no. The United States Figure Skating Association (USFS) prohibits giving volunteer hours for fundraising activities. But we are extremely grateful for your help!

We joined the Club later in the year. Are we still required to complete the full amount of hours?

- Skaters who join the club before the end of February will still have many opportunities to complete their hours before the end of the skating year. However, if a skater becomes a member of the Club on or after March 1st of the current skating year, the volunteer requirement will be prorated to one-third of the required total hours.

Due to my schedule, I am unsure how much time I will have to volunteer. Is there another way to fulfill my requirement? :

- Skating Families who wish to may elect to "buyout" all or part of their volunteer hour requirement at the rate of \$10 per hour. When you fill out the Volunteer Form you may select that option or you can request it at a later date.

What if my skater is injured and will not be returning before the end of the skating year?

- In the event a skater is injured, and that injury prevents them from skating the remainder of the skating year, documentation can be presented to waive the remaining volunteer requirement.

Thank you again for all you do! If you ever have any questions about the Volunteer Requirement or fulfilling the hours, please contact any member of the board or email us at MtPleasantFSC@gmail.com. We'll be happy to help!