

# 2009/10 Solo and Feature Tryout Guidelines and Information

*The City of Berkley presents our 34<sup>th</sup> annual Ice Show,  
"Legends on Ice"*

## Deadlines and Application Requirements:

- All applications received by October 1 will be accepted. EACH SKATER IS GUARANTEED A SPOT!!
- If your application is received after October 1, you will be placed on a waiting list.
- A General Show Application, with deposit, must accompany this application.
- Tryouts are **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled tryout time.
- If you cannot tryout on October 25th, you must submit a DVD performance to Craig Joeright by **October 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will only accept DVD's. The date of the performance can not be earlier than June 2009.
- The judges will review these DVD's on October 25th, either prior to or after the on-ice tryouts take place.
- ALL SKATERS MUST EITHER PARTICIPATE IN THE TRYOUTS OR SUBMIT A DVD PERFORMANCE. ONLY ONE SPOT WILL BE GIVEN PER SKATER
- **Graduating seniors will automatically receive a solo spot and do not need to tryout. A General Show Application is due by October 1<sup>st</sup> along with the solo application (tryout fee waived).**

## Schedule:

A schedule will be emailed and posted on the Ice Show bulletin board in the concession area at least one week prior to the tryouts. The time frame for the tryout session is 10:30am – 12:30pm.

## Definitions:

- COLD SPOT SOLO: A cold spot solo is a skater that has an individual spotlight.
- FEATURE SOLO: A feature solo is a skater that has a solo during (or leading into) a group number.
- FEATURE: A feature consists of 2 - 6 skaters.

## Tryout Eligibility and Requirements:

- For a Solo or Feature Solo spot skater must be a full, regular 1<sup>st</sup> club member of Berkley Royal Blades FSC. Full, regular 1<sup>st</sup> club members must fulfill their club commitment of contracting two sessions per week minimum.
- For a Feature group spot skater must be a member (any status) of Berkley Royal Blades FSC and skating at least one session weekly on club ice or currently enrolled in Berkley Learn to Skate (Level Freestyle 3 or higher) with a commitment to register for Berkley LTS two out of three sessions during the 09/10 season.
- An ice show application must be filled out and turned in with this tryout application along with the required fees.
- **Club members: musical program may not exceed 1:40 minutes for freestyle test levels No Test Freestyle, Pre-Preliminary, and Preliminary level OR musical program may not exceed 2:10 minutes for all freestyle test levels Pre-Juvenile and above (due to time restraints ~ no large props, please).**
- **Berkley LTS skaters: musical program may not exceed 1:00 minute or skater may perform the following elements (not to music): waltz jump, salchow OR toe loop, 2 bunny hops OR 2 half-flips consecutively, 1 or 2 foot spin, spiral OR lunge.**
- Your music should be selected with care to highlight your ability as a "show" skater. The show will cast you into a spot according to your scores, age, ability, & style.
- Keep in mind: You may be placed with a skater younger/older or lower/higher level than you. You take that risk when trying out.
- In addition, if you had a solo in a past show, using that number for your tryout is an excellent idea for saving your "training time".

## **Fees And Registration:**

There is a NON-REFUNDABLE solo/feature tryout fee of \$20.00. Every skater participating will be required to pay this fee regardless of the audition results. All applications received by October 1 will be accepted.

## **Tryout Judging:**

- There will be three judges and one accountant. These positions will not include the Berkley coaching or Learn to Skate staff. (It is out of our control if a judge or accountant cancels at the last minute.)
- Each judge will give each skater three marks: Audience Appeal, Technical, & Presentation of Speed & Flow, points ranging from 0 - 300. Programs should include a minimum of 2 jumps and 1 spin. It is in your best interest that you include your strongest technical elements.
- At the conclusion of the tryouts, the accountant will tally scores and all skaters will be notified in writing the results of their tryout.

## **Costumes:**

- **Price for solo and feature costumes will be added to your ice show bill after a costume has been selected. This is an additional fee and not included on the ice show application.**
- Cold Spot Soloists/Features, ONLY: Skaters must either supply their own costume or purchase one from the costume catalogs supplied by the Director. Regardless, the Director MUST APPROVE all costumes.
- Feature Soloists: The Director will choose these costumes to best match the group/music. The fee for these will be the catalog price, generally ranging from \$49 - \$99.
- The Show Director will schedule appointments as soon as possible after tryouts for costume selection for Cold Spot Soloist and Feature groups.

## **Choreography:**

- All types of Soloists and Feature Soloists are responsible for their own choreography by using their own private coach or one of their choice.
- All Features will be assigned a show staff choreographer and are responsible for that choreographer's hourly fee. This fee is divided evenly between the feature skaters (regardless of absences) and paid promptly, directly to the choreographer. Features will rehearse during designated show rehearsal time, between 3 - 4 hours.

## **Results:**

All results will be mailed to each skater. In the best interest for the show, the Director reserves the right to invite guest skaters of choice and make any necessary exceptions to the tryout rules.

**TEAM SKATERS –** If you plan to audition as a TEAM, and you split prior to the show (regardless of the time of year), you forfeit your spot that you as a TEAM earned! Remember, you earned the spot as a TEAM, not as a singles skater; therefore you will not be able to use the spot for a singles solo. However, you may also tryout in a singles position to have a set of scores to be used if a spot needs to be filled after you split. Even though the Director will do her best to accommodate you, there are no guarantees. Also, if you earn a singles solo spot and you are part of a team, with the Director's permission, you MAY be able to use your singles solo spot for your team.

## **Questions?**

Please call Craig Joeright, Show Director (248) 658-3469 or Christine Trimpe, Communications Chairperson at (248) 548-5541.

**Please keep these sheets for your reference.**

# 2009/10 Solo and Feature Tryout Application

## Important Notes:

- All applications will be accepted through October 1.
- This application WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED without signatures on this application and the general show application and the appropriate fees due, including the \$20 non-refundable tryout fee.
- Make checks payable to the City of Berkley and mail or drop-off all completed applications & fees directly to: Craig Joeright, Show Director, City of Berkley Ice Arena, 2300 Robina, Berkley, MI 48072
- Please note the ICE SHOW MAILBOX IS INSIDE THE COACHES ROOM – NOT ON THE DOOR!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of October 1, 2009) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ USFSA Moves Test Passed (as of Oct 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_ USFSA Freestyle Test Passed (as of Oct 1) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I am submitting a **DVD** performance that is no longer than the maximum allotted time **because**

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will be graduating from \_\_\_\_\_ School in 2010 (**tryout and fee waived**).

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I am auditioning **as a TEAM** and understand if we split, we forfeit our spot. My partner's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am part of a TEAM and will be auditioning in the singles discipline as well, in order to have a set of scores as a singles skater.

1. I understand that the SHOW DIRECTOR DOES NOT JUDGE THE TRYOUTS!
2. I understand that I must be a BRBFSC full, regular 1<sup>st</sup> club member to audition for a Solo or Feature Solo Spot.
3. I understand all music is assigned to solos/features and choreographers are assigned to all features.
4. I understand if I do not receive a solo, I will be placed in a feature with someone who may be above/below my skating level and/or age.
5. I understand I must submit a general ice show application and required fees which will include two group numbers for club members (adults only one adult number) and one group number for Berkley LTS participants.
6. I understand the judges will not include BRBFSC coaching staff or Berkley LTS staff.
7. I understand that once the tryouts begin the director or a member of the show staff will never handle the judges' forms until after the scores are tabulated.
8. I understand that an accountant will tabulate the results.
9. I understand the results for all tryouts will be sent to me by mail.
10. I understand I must continue skating for the majority of the season or my spot WILL be revoked.
11. I understand I am competing against ALL skaters at the tryouts, not just those in my flight.
12. I understand ALL results are FINAL! If a skater drops out of a solo or feature, another skater may be asked to fill that spot. This will be done at the director's discretion.

I have read and fully understand the above guidelines and all information regarding the tryouts:

\_\_\_\_\_ Skater Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_