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## DeSoto civic Center Figure Skating Club ready to hit the ice

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The Figure Skating Club of Memphis is ready to glide into the new skating season this October at the DeSoto Civic Center in Southaven. The season will be divided into three sessions that will run from October to March.

The first ice session begins Oct. 11 and runs through Nov. 22. The Learn to Skate Basic Skills Class is a six-week practice ice package for all levels of skaters.

Class registration of \$135 covers a 30-minute group class and 30-minute practice every weekend.

Skaters will be grouped by their skating level and coached according to the Basic Skills Curriculum offered through US Figure Skating. Skaters will be tested at the last session and receive participation certificates and patches for each level passed. There is also a class for hockey players and for advanced figure skaters beyond the Basic 8 level. Sign up is available online. Membership is required for insurance purposes and is valid through June 30. It can be purchased for a minimum of \$20.

Freestyle ice is open to all members for additional practice time for an additional fee and may be purchased online for \$10 for 30 minutes or \$75 for a six-week pass.

Club members did not stay idle this summer. Several skaters traveled to ice rinks outside the Memphis area during the off-season in order to secure additional ice time. Additionally, the club held two fund-raising car washes over the summer. They also attended a Redbirds game in August, held a barbecue in June, participated in the ice expo at the DeSoto Civic Center with the Memphis Youth Hockey League, and will staff a booth at the Mid-South Fair. Club members are currently selling tickets for the upcoming Disney on Ice Show to be held at FedExForum as part of a fundraiser.

For more information, visit [fscmemphis.org](http://fscmemphis.org).

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