

# Madison Ice Diamonds Synchronized Skating Teams General Info for the 2021-22 Season



Synchronized Skating is the fastest growing discipline within the United States Figure Skating Association, topping singles, pairs, and ice dance. Teams of 8-20 skaters perform highly technical programs consisting of complex formations, intricate transitions, and unique choreography.

***The mission of the Madison Ice Diamonds Synchronized Skating Program is to help our skaters grow as athletes and individuals by teaching teamwork, goal-setting, responsibility, discipline, and commitment in all aspects of life.***

## The Synchro Season

Our synchro season runs from June to early March.

### Tryouts will be held on the below dates:

- We will not be hosting traditional tryouts this year. Instead, skaters will be evaluated during our spring intro-to-synchro classes or during a one-on-one meeting with a coach.
- Register by **May 15th**: "21-22 Synchro Registration" [madisonicediamonds.weebly.com](http://madisonicediamonds.weebly.com)  
Cost is \$10 per skater.
- We will host the following informational meetings via zoom
  - [3/25 at 7:30pm](#)
    - Meeting ID: 818 1991 7399 Passcode: 937958
  - [5/6 at 7:30pm](#)
    - Meeting ID: 862 1731 9206 Passcode: 495019

## Team Levels

We generally have 4-5 different level teams each season:

- Madison Ice Diamonds: Synchro Skills 1 & 2, Preliminary/Pre-Juvenile
- Wisconsin Inspire: Juvenile/Open Juvenile, Intermediate, Junior

We are hoping to field 2-3 beginning level Madison Ice Diamonds teams this year.

- Snowplow Sam level teams (under ~8)
- Aspire level teams (Aspire beginner, Aspire pre-preliminary, Aspire preliminary)

The team levels depend on the ages, skill levels, and test levels of the skaters. Skaters in Snowplow Sam 2 and up are welcome to try out!

## Practice Times

The amount of practice time depends on the team level. The higher the level, the more practice time is required. Exact times will be finalized based on the number of teams we have and their levels. The final practice schedule will be announced with team placements.

Snowplow Sam level teams (under ~8yo):

June-August: bi-weekly practices

September-early March: About 1-2 practices per week. Ice time could include Sundays for ~1 hour, between 3:30-6:30pm and/or Saturdays for ~1 hour, between 8-9am.

Aspire level teams (~6-13yo) Aspire beginner, Aspire pre-preliminary, Aspire preliminary)

June-August: weekly practices

September-early March: About 1-2 practices per week. This will consist of every Sunday for 1-1.5 hours, between 3:30-6:30pm and approximately every other Saturday 8-9am.

Preliminary/Pre-Juvenile/Open Juvenile teams:

June-August: Practice about once a week

September-early March: 1-2 times per week. Each team will practice every Sunday for 1-1.5 hours, between 3:30-6:30pm and every other Saturday: 7-8:30am.

Additional requirements include individual skating and off ice conditioning.

### **Wisconsin Inspire Synchronized Skating Cooperative**

The Wisconsin Inspire Cooperative and its member programs, Madison Ice Diamonds, SwanSyncSation, and Ice Sparklers work together to build their organizations and continue to grow the sport of synchronized skating in Southern Wisconsin. The Madison Ice Diamonds and the other member programs build and field developmental level teams (Snowplow Sam, Aspire, Prelim, Pre-Juv, Open Juv) through their local rinks/programs. These teams, skaters, coaches and parents are the foundation of the Wisconsin Inspire Co-op and the future of the National Qualifying level teams. The member programs, with the co-op, will strive to develop skaters from these developmental levels to the qualifying competitive levels and beyond. Wisconsin Inspire fields teams at National Qualifying levels (Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior)

### **Competitions**

Each team works on a program that they will perform at two to three local exhibitions and four to five competitions throughout the season. The final competition schedule will be announced with team placements.

### **Possible Competitions could include:**

- Inspire Cooperative Exhibition - early November, Madison Ice Arena
- Wisconsync Competition - November 12-14, 2021 Mullett Ice Center
- Dr Porter Classic - December 2021 Ann Arbor, MI
- Foot of the Lake - January 2022 Fond du Lac, WI
- Midwestern Sectional Championships - January 2022 (select team levels only)
- Synchro Illinois - January 2022
- Swan Synchro Skate - February 2022 Beaver Dam, WI
- Eau Claire Figure Skating Competition: Eau Claire, WI, March 22
- US National Championships (for Inspire teams that qualify) February, 2022

Teams will also perform in about 2-3 local exhibitions.

## **Season Cost**

The final cost depends on how many skaters there are on each team. The estimate is around 6 payments of \$175-195 for beginner level teams. This would include all costs except skaters' team jackets, hotel and food expenses when traveling. Payments are made in 5-6 installments throughout the season.

## **Why Tryout?**

Synchronized skating is a great way for skaters to be challenged and continue to improve their skating skills while having fun and working hard on a team! Come see what it's like!

## **Top Reasons to Join a Synchronized Skating Team:**

Promotes Teamwork and Cooperation

Good communication & teamwork are essential for safety and for strong performances.

Builds Confidence and Self Esteem

Team members experience the thrill of reaching a goal through hard work & determination.

Creates Life-long Friendships

The bonds that form during team practices & Competitions can last a lifetime.

Promotes Good Sportsmanship

During Competitions, teams and skaters wish each other luck and cheer each other on!

Supports Other Skating Training Efficiently

Synchronized Skating is ideal cross training for other skating disciplines and reinforces individual skating skills.

Teaches Performance, Grace & Musicality

Performing will benefit skaters in other life situations that require presentation skills and self-confidence.

## **More information and registration:**

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**Register by May 15th.**

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