

Vaasan Luistinkerho Vasa Skrinnskoklubb ry:n (VLK) payment policy

The Spring Meeting of the Vaasa Figure Skating Club shall determine the amount of the annual membership fee. The membership fee shall be collected either by means of a separate invoice or combined with the September invoice. For the purposes of these payment regulations, the term skater shall be applied. In the case of a skater under the age of eighteen (18), these provisions shall apply to the skater's legal guardian.

1 Fees

The Board sets the seasonal fees for each group based on factors such as the number of on-ice and off-ice practices. The seasonal fee is divided into equal payment installments regardless of changes in the amount of training. For competitive groups (Vihreät, Siniset and Pinkit), the seasonal fee shall be divided into eleven (11) equal instalments, invoiced from August through June. For recreational competitive and recreational groups (Lilat and Safiirit), the seasonal fee shall be divided into ten (10) equal instalments, invoiced from August through May. The instalments shall remain equal in amount irrespective of the number of ice sessions, including during the summer months. This decision aims to ensure a steady flow of income throughout the summer period in order to cover the Club's operating expenses.

In addition, the Vaasa Figure Skating Club engages in fundraising activities to support its financial needs and to reduce the seasonal fee. Should a skater change groups during the course of a month, the skater shall be charged for that month according to the instalment of the group from which they are transferring.

The seasonal fee shall cover the following expenses:

Ice usage fees, hall fees, and other facility rents charged by Vasa Arena, salaries and statutory employer contributions, administrative costs, including accounting, telephone, internet, office, and marketing expenses. costs related to coaching and recreational activities, including awards, equipment, events, lectures, and training activities.

The seasonal fee does not include:

Camps and intensive training days (separate charges apply unless otherwise stated)

Competition fees (detailed below)

International competition costs (personal expenses and coaches' travel and per diem)

Personal equipment, additional coaching or choreography, music editing, medical costs

Competition fees (2025-2026)

In addition to the competition entry fee, a separate competition fee shall be charged from the skater to cover expenses incurred by the Club in connection with competitions, such as judges' fees and coaches' costs (including accommodation expenses and daily allowances). Should a coach be unable to travel with families, travel expenses shall be added to the portion payable by the skater (does not included the competition fee).

The Board shall determine the amount of the competition fee at the beginning of each season. For the 2025–2026 season, the competition fees are as follows:

- Vaasa, Seinäjoki, Pietarsaari, Kokkola: Star categories 30€, ISU-categories 50€

- Rest of the Finland+Rovaniemi, Oulu: 60€
- Sectional competitions under the STLL, opening competitions and finals: max. 200€.

Costs of International Competitions

Participants are responsible for the actual costs incurred. They will be charged for:

- the participation fee
- personal expenses
- coaches' travel and accommodation costs as well as daily allowances.

The club will cover the coaches' salaries and, if needed, the salary of a substitute.

Other Expenses Not Included in the Season Fee

Skater's personal equipment costs (such as skates, club clothing, etc.), additional coaching fees, fees for extra training or choreography, competition music editing costs, as well as any medical or physiotherapy expenses are not included

2 Discounts, Absences, and Refunds

A sibling discount is granted so that the most expensive season fee among siblings is paid in full, and a 10% reduction is applied to the season fees of the other siblings.

Absences (e.g., other hobbies, holiday trips, school camps) are not compensated in the fees. Refunds can only be granted in cases of illness or injury. Compensation for absence due to illness or injury may be granted for the period following a 14-day deductible, based on a free-form application submitted to the VLK board along with a medical certificate. The sick leave is considered to begin on the date the medical certificate is issued. Refunds are not granted retroactively. A medical certificate is accepted for a maximum of 2 months, after which a new certificate must be submitted. If the same illness or injury recurs within 14 days of the previous sick leave ending, a new deductible period will not apply. The medical certificate must be submitted to the board. If the sick leave continues into a new season, we request a new certificate to be provided.

Restrictions in training do not entitle to a refund (e.g., prohibition on jumps, but the skater is otherwise able to participate in training).

The monthly fee for months with absence is calculated as follows (using 30 days per month):

Monthly fee – (monthly fee * (sick leave days – deductible) / days in month).

For example: 24 days of sick leave, monthly fee €160 →

$160 - (160 * (24 - 14) / 30) = €107$.

In the event of a pandemic or any other reason beyond the club's control, the interruption of training does not automatically suspend the invoicing of season fees. Normal invoicing will continue for 2 months, after which the fees will be adjusted according to the situation. Training activities will be continued in alternative ways whenever possible (e.g., small group training, remote coaching).

Ice times cancelled by Vaasa Arena are not refunded to VLK skaters. Whenever possible, an alternative ice slot will be arranged for the group.

Absences of coaches and/or instructors or other staff will be managed with substitute personnel whenever possible. If a substitute cannot be arranged, the missed coaching session will not be compensated to the skater.

3 Late Payment and Non-Payment

Invoices are sent electronically to the email address registered in the membership system or as an e-invoice directly to online banking.

Invoices must be paid according to the details stated on the invoice by the due date. For overdue payments, a payment reminder will be sent, and a reminder fee of €5 will be added starting from the first reminder. If payments remain unpaid despite reminders, the club will collect the receivables through a debt collection agency.

If there is one overdue payment, the skater cannot be registered for competitions.

If there are multiple overdue payments, the skater is not entitled to participate in training.

Registration for a new season is not possible if there are unpaid fees from the previous season. All payments must be settled before the start of the new season.

In case of unexpected temporary financial difficulties, please contact the treasurer at rahastonhoitaja@vaasanluistinkerho.fi.

In case of disputes regarding payments (e.g., disagreement about the invoice amount or validity), the guardian/skater is required to contact both the board (hallitus1@vaasanluistinkerho.fi) and the treasurer (rahastonhoitaja@vaasanluistinkerho.fi) in writing.

4 Discontinuation of Skating

If a skater discontinues skating in the middle of the season, this must be notified in writing to the club's board. The monthly fee must be paid for the month of resignation and the following month. If a skater announces in April that they are quitting skating but then registers for the new season (starting in August), the June fee will also be invoiced retroactively.

Payment rules approved on 7 August 2025

Board of Vaasan Luistinkerho Vasa Skrinnskoklubb ry