



Hello to all our Tri States Member Clubs!

This is a very important message to all of you. We need your responses back as soon as possible!

Many of you are already aware that the number of skaters attending the Non Qualifying portion of the Regional Competitions are growing and growing each year. Based on the success of the Michigan, Ohio and other Basic Skills Series - the Tri States Council is reaching out to all our member clubs to establish a **“Tri States Council Championship Series”**. It doesn't require any effort on your part with the exception of agreeing to a few guidelines as a club or program.

If you are already hosting your own non qualifying competition, all you need to do is agree to the following:

- \*Agree to use the Test Track Elements as posted on the USFS Website (we will be providing you with the exact elements as well)
- \*Agree to have no more than 8 skaters in a Test Track Group.

\*Points will be tallied and posted on the [www.sk8stuff.com](http://www.sk8stuff.com) website after each and every competition.

We would like to start in May of 2011 with all competitions eager to try this out. The Awards Finale would take place at the April 2012 Tri States Freeskating Competition with awards being given to those skaters accumulating the most points in the specified categories from May 2011 until April 2012. (This Tri States Freeskating Competition is bid on every year by a different member club of Tri States so the location moves around).

We realize that there are competitions that are already in the works and we will tackle those issues as they come about. What is most important is that we get this started. We know that all our member clubs will benefit greatly by adding this process to their competitions! Remember - really nothing for your club to do - the skaters are going to benefit!

If you have questions, or need a contract please email [MSDSkating@aol.com](mailto:MSDSkating@aol.com). The contract is also on the [tri-states.org](http://tri-states.org) website.