



Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club

Dear Skaters and Parents:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 skating season. Attached you will find a Pittsburgh FSC membership form for 2024-25. Please read everything carefully and keep in mind that you need to be a current member in good standing in order to test, to compete in any USFS competitions and to participate in any sanctioned shows or exhibitions.

Your club membership begins July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2025. ALL forms must be completely filled out and your membership fee paid in full. Please remember that you CANNOT test or compete or participate in any sanctioned shows or exhibitions until your membership is current.

In order for the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club to be able to provide services to its members (tests, competitions, skating sessions, banquets etc.), we must rely heavily upon the willingness of the membership to help provide the man/woman power necessary to help complete the various tasks involved. Anyone in the club who is able to help is welcome and their efforts are needed. Without a larger base of volunteers willing to help, we may not be able to continue providing the same level of services we have in the past.

In addition to membership fees, and in order to test and compete at USFS sanctioned events, and to be a member in good standing, **skating members (Full Member Home Club; Introductory Members and Non-Skating Adults) are required to volunteer at least 6 HOURS – per member – at a Pittsburgh FSC event. Volunteer hours can be completed by the skating member or a family member of the skater.** Pittsburgh FSC events include: Basic Skills Learn-to-Skate at Schenley Park each winter; Shamrock Skate; Skate Pittsburgh; test sessions; club's annual banquet; serving on a committee or Board of Directors. Completion of the work hours is required to remain a member in good standing. **FOOD DONATIONS FOR TEST SESSIONS, COMPETITIONS, ETC. WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED TO COUNT TOWARD VOLUNTEER HOURS.** Should you choose not to complete the required work hours, we will require an additional **payment of \$120.00** for unfulfilled hours. However, any hours you do volunteer will be counted and if the full 6 hours is not completed, the fee will be pro-rated at \$20.00 per hour. For example, if you only complete 4 hours of volunteer time, you will be assessed an additional \$80.00. Members not completing work hours or making payment for them will not be in good standing and will be ineligible to test or compete. Completion of your hours and/or progress toward that goal will be evaluated at the end of December to determine if the additional payment **of \$120** or pro-rated amount will be required. At least **half (3 hours)** of the volunteer hours should be completed between July 1 and December 31, 2024. We really need the help more than the money.

All coaches, except those under age 18 or Basic Skills instructors engaged only in group lessons, must also be USFS members and are required to register with US Figure Skating to verify liability insurance and provide information for a required background check. Registration is necessary to participate in all non-qualifying and qualifying competitions and test sessions.

Also, the club will be sending any club information, news, volunteer sign-ups, etc., via email. Please make sure you list your email address.

If you have any questions regarding the membership forms or rules, contact Patti Kuzma at membership@pittsburghfsc.com.

Membership forms can also be downloaded from the website (www.pittsburghfsc.com). For information on US Figure Skating rules and regulations, see their website at www.usfigureskating.org. You can access the Member's Only section with your USFS number. Membership applications received after July 1 are assessed a \$25.00 late fee.

Thank you and Happy Skating!
The Pittsburgh FSC Board of Directors

Membership Checklist!!

- Completely fill out and sign the membership form
- Complete the Volunteer agreement
- Complete and sign the US Figure Skating Parents Code of Conduct
- Complete and sign the Parental/Legal Guardian Consent and Waiver
- Completely fill out Emergency Contact Information
- Complete and fill out the Waiver Release Form
- Read the Safe Sport Statement
- Include a check for the correct fee payable to the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club. If you owe the non-volunteer fee, you must also include that with your check.
- RETURN ALL SIGNED FORMS WITH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All forms and checks, **made payable to Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club**, are to be mailed to:

Patricia Kuzma, Membership
Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club
913 Mifflin Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-3439

You can also leave your application with all forms and check at the front desk at RMU Island Sports Center. Please make sure it is in an envelope with my name on it and have them put it in the club's mailbox.

Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club

2024-2025 Membership Application



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Birth Date _____ Year of HS Graduation _____

Address _____ U.S. Citizen? _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone – Home _____ Telephone – Work _____

E-mail _____

(NOTE: Club information, news, etc., will be sent via email. Please provide a legible email address.)

USFSA # _____ Coach's Name _____

(or Basic Skills #)

Previous home club if not PFSC _____

Single membership category- check one

Full Member Home Club \$160.00	Professional – Home Club \$70.00 (for Coaches only)
Full Member Home Club – additional member from same household \$125.00	Professional – Non Home Club \$70.00 (for Coaches only)
Collegiate – 4 years for f2 (2 years free) \$125.00	Judge - Free \$0.00
Collegiate – This is renewed yearly \$125.00	Non-Skating Adult \$70.00
Introductory Member – Home Club \$100.00	Booster \$30.00
Introductory Member – additional member from same household \$80.00	Synchronized Team / Theater On Ice – Non-Home Club (No Ice) \$25.00
Associate Member \$40.00	

The Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club and its Board Members will not assume any responsibility for injuries or accidents during club sessions. By signing this application, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the United State Figure Skating Association and the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club. If signing as the parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of 18, I will insure that the child will abide by these rules and regulations.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Print Name (Name of Parent/Legal Guardian if under 18) _____

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Email membership@pittsburghfsc.com with any questions.

*******Membership renewals are due by June 30, 2024*******

<p><u>FULL MEMBER HOME CLUB - \$160.00</u></p> <p>Additional Full Member from same household – \$125.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with US Figure Skating • Skating Magazine (1 per household) • Voting privileges (if under 18, parent/legal guardian votes on member’s behalf) • Eligible to serve on the Board of Directors after one year of membership (if under 18, parent/legal guardian serves on member’s behalf) • Test sessions • Competition certifications • Rebates for qualifying competitions 	<p><u>COLLEGIATE - \$125.00</u> (must be a full-time college student)</p> <p><u>THIS MEMBERSHIP IS RENEWED YEARLY.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with US Figure Skating • Skating Magazine (1 per household) • Voting privileges • Eligible to serve on the Board of Directors after one year of membership • Test sessions • Competition certifications • Rebates for qualifying competitions
<p><u>INTRODUCTORY MEMBER HOME CLUB - \$100.00</u></p> <p>Additional Introductory Member from same household – \$80.00</p> <p>THIS IS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN A FULL MEMBER OF A SKATING CLUB OR AN INDIVIDUAL US FS MEMBER. THIS MEMBERSHIP IS FOR THE FIRST YEAR ONLY – EACH YEAR THEREAFTER IS AT THE LISTED MEMBER PRICE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with US Figure Skating • Skating Magazine (1 per household) • Voting privileges (if under 18, parent/legal guardian votes on member’s behalf) • Eligible to serve on the Board of Directors after one year of membership (if under 18, parent/legal guardian serves on member’s behalf) • Test sessions • Competition certifications 	<p><u>COLLEGIATE 4 YEARS FOR 2 (2 YEARS FREE) - \$125.00</u> (must be a full-time college student)</p> <p><u>THIS IS A 4-YEAR MEMBERSHIP WITH THIS CLUB THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with US Figure Skating • Skating Magazine (1 per household) • Voting privileges • Eligible to serve on the Board of Directors after one year of membership • Test sessions • Competition certifications • Rebates for qualifying competitions
<p><u>ASSOCIATE MEMBER - \$40.00</u></p> <p>MUST BE A FULL MEMBER WITH ANOTHER US FS CLUB. THIS IS FOR SKATERS WHO ARE HOME CLUB MEMBERS TO ANOTHER CLUB FOR COMPETITION REASONS BUT DESIRE TO USE THE PFSC CLUB ICE SEASONS OR TEST DURING THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR, AND PARTICIPATE IN PFSC CLUB ACTIVITIES. AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER CANNOT VOTE OR HOLD OFFICE WITH THE PFSC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Sessions • Participate in club activities 	

<p><u>PROFESSIONAL, HOME CLUB - \$70.00</u> (FOR COACHES ONLY)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with US Figure Skating • Skating Magazine (1 per household) • Voting privileges • Eligible to serve on the Board of Directors after one year of membership • Test sessions 	<p><u>PROFESSIONAL, NON HOME CLUB - \$70.00</u> (FOR COACHES ONLY)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test sessions
<p><u>JUDGE - \$0.00</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with US Figure Skating • Skating Magazine (1 per household) • Voting privileges • Eligible to serve on the Board of Directors after one year of membership • US Figure Skating Rulebook 	<p><u>BOOSTER - \$30.00</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PFSC Membership
<p><u>NON-SKATING ADULT - \$70.00</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration with US Figure Skating • Skating Magazine (1 per household) • Voting privileges • Eligible to serve on the Board of Directors after one year of membership 	<p><u>SYNCHRONIZED TEAM/ THEATER ON ICE – NON HOME CLUB / EXCLUDING ICE TIME - \$25.00</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PFSC Membership



PITTSBURGH FIGURE SKATING CLUB

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION SHOULD WE BE UNABLE TO REACH A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN			
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIPCode:	
Phone: Home -		Cell:	
Relationship:			
Preferred Hospital:			
Preferred Physician:			
Health Insurance Provider:			
Name of Insured:			

VOLUNTEER/FUNDRAISER POLICY
<p>I understand that the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club relies on member volunteers to help with our various activities, events and fundraisers. I understand that I have been requested or encouraged to volunteer my time to support the club and my skating member.</p> <p>I have read the Club's Volunteer Policy and understand that members are required to participate in 6 hours of volunteer/fundraising activities.</p> <p>Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian or Member over 18 years: _____</p>

PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT AND WAIVER FOR ALL SKATING MEMBERS
<p>As parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____ (the "minor"), I/we hereby give my/our consent of the minor to participate in the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club programs, based at RMU Island Sports Center on Neville Island, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.</p> <p>I/We also hereby fully release and discharge RMU Island Sports Center, the RMU ISC and its employees, the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club and its officials, officers and Board Members, and all professional instructors from all rights, claims, and actions which the minor or I/we have now or hereafter may have against said parties, including but not limited to property damage and personal injury, including death incidental to the activities of the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club skating programs and/or use of the freestyle harness, arising out of the minor's participation, in any manner, in the skating programs.</p> <p>I/We give my/our permission to have said minor treated by paramedics or other medical personnel and/or transported to the hospital for an emergency and be treated by the doctor or surgeon on call or duty, only if I/we cannot be reached.</p> <p>Signed this date _____, with the intent to be legally bound.</p> <p>Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian or member over 18 years: _____</p>

U.S. Figure Skating Parents Code of Conduct

Codes of Conduct give everyone a guide to what is expected of us if we are part of an organization, participating in a sport, or as spectators at our child's events.

Preamble: The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character" (Arizona Sports Summit Accord)

By signing below I hereby agree that:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches and officials at every practice session, competition and test session.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to skate in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the results of a competitive event.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or blame my child's teammates for placement in a competition.
7. I will do my best to make skating fun and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction not mine.
8. I will ask my child to treat other skaters, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability.
9. I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes.
10. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will be a positive role model for my child and other skaters.
12. I will demand a figure skating environment for my child that is free of drug or alcohol abuse and agree that I will not use or provide to a third party any drug proscribed by applicable federal, state, or municipal law.
13. I will not assist or condone any competing athlete's use of a drug banned by the International Olympic Committee, International Skating Union, United States Olympic Committee, or U.S. Figure Skating, or, in case of athletes, to use such drugs or refuse to submit to properly conducted drug tests administered by one of these organizations.
14. I will not provide alcohol to, or condone the use of alcohol by minors, abuse alcohol in the presence of athlete members, or at U.S. Figure Skating activities or, in the case of athletes, consume alcoholic beverages while a minor.
15. I will encourage my child's coach to continue their education and training through programs offered by U.S. Figure Skating, the Professional Skaters Association and other accredited organizations.
16. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from coaching my child or other skaters during competitions and practices because it may conflict with the coach's plan or strategies.
17. I will respect the decisions of officials and their authority during competitions and test sessions and teach my child to do likewise.
18. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials.
19. I will study the rules of the U.S. Figure Skating and teach my child accordingly so that we have an understanding and appreciation of the rules of competition and membership.
20. I will support all the opponents in my child's competition and respect the rights of all skaters to participate.

Signature _____

Date _____

SafeSport Statement for Membership Renewal

The Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for members' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct.

The following code of conduct applies to all participants in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating and the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions, training camps and local rink activities.

I recognize that my participation or my child's in all the activities associated with U.S. Figure Skating and Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents.

U.S. Figure Skating Member Code of Conduct GR 1.02

I recognize that my participation in all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions and training camps, is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents. As a precondition to participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I will adhere to the following tenets in good faith:

- A. I will exhibit the highest standards of fairness, ethical behavior and genuine good sportsmanship in all of my relations with others.
- B. I will not damage public or private property. I understand that I may be held financially responsible for damage deemed to be wantonly or willfully executed on my part, and that I may be subject to disciplinary action by U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. I will not use or possess illegal drugs, and I will not engage in criminal activity. I understand that, if I am found to use or possess illegal drugs, or if I am found to engage in any criminal activity during any activity hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I may be subject to criminal penalties as well as penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating.
- D. I will adhere to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating and the host organization at all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.
- E. I will comply with all applicable anti-doping rules including, but not limited to, ISU and USADA anti-doping rules.
- F. I will conduct myself in a manner not detrimental to the welfare of figure skating. I understand that my actions reflect on U.S. Figure Skating and the sport of figure skating both positively and negatively. I understand that if my acts, statements, or conduct are considered detrimental to the welfare of figure skating by the appropriate authority, I may be subject to penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating pursuant to GR 1.04.
- G. I understand that the penalties that may be imposed may include, but are not limited to, loss of future international selections, loss of financial support from U.S. Figure Skating and its Memorial Fund, and loss of participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.
- H. I understand that all disciplinary proceedings will be conducted pursuant to Article XXV, Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and that my rights and remedies are derived therefrom.

Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement")

In consideration of participating in Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club activities, I represent that I understand the nature of figure skating activities ("activity") and that I am qualified, in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in such "activity". I acknowledge that if I believe event conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the "activity".

I fully understand that this "activity" involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the "activity", the conditions in which the "activity" takes place, or the negligence of the "releasees" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the "activity".

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club, United States Figure Skating, it's directors, officers, administrators, sponsors, volunteers, agents, employees, staff, instructors, trainers, other participants and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the "activity" takes place (each considered one of the "Releasees" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releasees" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

The Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club has the right, but not the obligation, to provide rules, regulations and/or ice monitors for Club Ice. We hereby acknowledge that the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club shall not be responsible for the supervision of the members at Club Ice.

I have read this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Printed Name of Participant

Date

Signature of Participant

PARENTAL CONSENT AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of the above referenced activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such "activity". I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to have been caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claims against any of the above Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any Releasees may incur as the result of any such claim.

_____ Date _____
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Consent for Medical Attention or Treatment

I certify that I, the member, or I, the parent/guardian of said participant, give my consent to the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club and the facility the activities are taking place in and their staff and to members of the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club, their Board of Directors and volunteers to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or clinic, including transportation and emergency medical services, for myself/ourselves and/or said participant for any injury that could arise from participation in these activities.

Name of 1st Minor Child Member (please print)

Name of 2nd Minor Child Member (please print)

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____
(please print)

1st Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

2nd Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Name of 1st Adult Member _____
(please print)

1st Adult Member Signature _____ Date _____

Name of 2nd Adult Member _____
(please print)

2nd Adult Member Signature _____ Date _____

This Consent for Medical Attention shall be binding and effective for the 2024/2025 membership year of Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club.