
UTAH FIGURE SKATING CLUB STANDING RULES

Adopted by the Board of Directors, December 15, 2011

Rule I: General

These Standing Rules are adopted by the Utah Figure Skating Club Board of Directors pursuant to the Club Bylaws.

1. In individual cases, the Board of Directors has authority to make exceptions overriding all or part of any Standing Rule upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances which would make literal application of the Rule inequitable. A request for such exception must be made by submitting a petition to the Board outlining the reasons for the request. The burden is upon the applicant to prove that a literal application of the Rule in his or her case would be inequitable.
2. When any Standing Rule calls for a date, such as a deadline for submittal of an application, the date of such submittal shall be determined by United States Postal Service postmark.
3. Definitions: As used in these Standing Rules, the following definition apply:
 - a. SDRC: South Davis Recreation Center
 - b. ISU: The International Skating Union
 - c. Intermountain Interclub: The USFS member clubs within the region. This includes the Utah Figure Skating Club, Cache Valley Figure Skating Club, Centennial Park Figure Skating Club, Cottonwood Heights Figure Skating Club, Murray Silver Blades Figure Skating Club, Oval Figure Skating Club, Park City Figure Skating Club,

Peaks Figure Skating Club, Salt Lake Figure Skating, Sweetwater Figure Skating Club, and Wasatch Figure Skating Club.

- d. UFSC: The Utah Figure Skating Club
- e. USFSA: The United States Figure Skating Association

Rule II: Membership

1. Incidents of Full Home-Club Membership: Full Home-Club members, as defined by Article VIII, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Club, may have the following benefits, subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors:
 - a. Use of Club Ice at designated Club sessions.
 - b. Solos in annual Ice Show, dependent upon skater's test level or competition achievement.
 - c. Eligibility for scholarships.
2. Membership fees:
 - a. Membership fees shall be set by the Board of Directors.
 - b. Annual membership fees are due in full by July 1.
 - c. Failure to submit a completed application and fees by July 1 will affect eligibility to test and/or compete.

- d. Membership fees shall not be pro-rated over a portion of any given year, regardless of when they are paid.

Rule III: Scholarships

1. Scholarships shall be awarded solely by discretion of the Board as a privilege, not entitlement of continued membership of UFSC.
 - a. Scholarships are awarded as official recognition by the Board of the achievements of individual skaters, and are not intended to reflect specific costs or expenses associated with training or competition.
 - b. Scholarships may be awarded to skaters who qualify to compete in an Eligible Competition, as defined in Rule III-3 below, or to any other recipient who attains an achievement during the skating season determined by the Board to merit a Scholarship.
 - c. The amount of scholarships shall be determined annually by the Board.
2. Eligibility for scholarships: To be eligible for a scholarship, a recipient must:
 - a. Be a Full Home-Club member in good standing with all dues paid in full by July 1.
 - b. Be a Full Home-Club member for at least three (3) of the last five (5) years including the current and prior membership years.
 - c. Complete a scholarship application and have it returned to the USFC President within two (2) weeks of qualifying for the eligible competition(s).
3. To qualify for a scholarship in the current competitive season the skater and/or parents must have fulfilled three (3) of the following requirements from October of the previous year to October of the current year:

1. Skate in Ice Show
2. Compete in Copper Cup
3. Volunteer 20+ hours on club activities
4. Silver or Gold level patron of Ice Show
5. Parent (or legal age skater) attend at least one general membership meeting in competitive season year.

4. Scholarships for Eligible Competitions: The following classes of competitions are considered "Eligible Competitions" for purposes of the award of scholarships:
 - a. US Sectional Competitions
 - b. US Figure Skating Championships
 - c. ISU International Competitions
 - d. US Junior Figure Skating Championships
 - e. US Adult Figure Skating Championships
 - f. International Special Olympics Competitions
5. Byes: For purposes of the award of scholarships, a skater who advances to an Eligible competition through a bye shall be considered the same as a skater who advances to such competition through competition at a qualifying competition.

Rule IV: UFSC Spring Ice Show

1. The primary purpose of the UFSC Spring Ice Show is to provide the skaters of the UFSC with an opportunity to showcase their skills in a cooperative, enjoyable arena. To achieve that goal, keep the show streamlined and minimize problems and disruptions, these rules shall apply to the show. The Show Director and/or Committee, however, shall have discretion to waive application of

these Rules or portions of these Rules in extraordinary circumstances to facilitate the production of the Show. The Show Director and/or Committee shall notify the Board of Directors of any possible Rules adaptation, in a timely manner, and receive approval from the Board of Directors.

2. Eligibility for Participation: To participate in the Show, a skater must:
 - a. Be a member of either the UFSC or a US Figure Skating Basic Skills Member.
 - b. Submit application and fees by the posted deadline. Payment is non-refundable.
 - c. Applications received after the posted deadline shall incur a late fee determined by the Show Director.
 - d. Full Club, Collegiate, and Introductory members will receive two (2) ice show tickets at no additional cost. Skaters are encouraged to sell ice show tickets. The Show committee may set incentives for ticket sales by Show participants.
 - e. Soloists will be responsible for their own costumes and all other skaters will be charged a costume rental fee. Group costumes will be returned after the last performance of the show and will be maintained as property of UFSC. Skaters will, however, be given the opportunity to purchase their group costume for the full cost of the costume after the last performance of the show.
 - f. Skaters must be current on all bills to UFSC, SDRC, and professionals.
 - g. Skaters must arrange to attend all show practices and rehearsals. Excused absences due to extenuating circumstances will only be accepted if arrangements with the ice director have been made in advance of the absence(s).

3. Solos: Solos will not be awarded by tryouts. To be awarded a solo, a skater must:
 - a. Be a Full Club, Collegiate, or Introductory member.
 - b. Qualify at the test level determined by the Spring Ice Show Director.
 - c. Skate in at least one group number and both the opening and closing numbers.
 - d. Perform numbers in accordance with the theme of the ice show. Solo music will be assigned at the direction of the ice show director.
 - e. Skaters who have passed the pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile Freestyle Test will be (1) given a stepout as assigned by the director, (2) given multiple group numbers, and (3) be required to skate in both the opening and closing numbers. The length of all solos and stepouts will be subject to the ice show director's discretion
3. Guest skaters must be approved by the ice show director and the UFSC Board of Directors.
4. The ice show director and ice show chairperson will be appointed by the UFSC president and approved by the UFSC Board of Directors. The UFSC Board of Directors will present a budget allowance for ice show expenses to the ice show director as determined in the UFSC annual budget.

Rule V: Tests

1. Eligibility: Only current USFSA members are eligible to participate in testing.
2. Application Deadlines: Test applications and fees are due twenty-one (21) days before the test session, but not more than forty-five

(45) days prior to the test date. Priority is based upon application postmark.

3. While every effort will be made to accommodate all skaters, there may be occasions when judges of given test levels may not be available, or time constraints limit the number of tests that can be given. Therefore, UFSC cannot guarantee that all tests will be given in any one testing session.
4. Refunds are not allowed after 6:00 p.m. on the day of the application deadline, with the exception of a documented medical release.

Rule VI: Officials Education Reimbursement

1. Reimbursement is intended for an official's continuing education purposes only.
 - f. Education reimbursement will be capped at \$300.00 total per year, per official, with a \$100 cap per competition. If the registration fee is less than \$100, receipts for transportation or accommodations may be submitted for additional reimbursement, not to exceed the \$100 cap for that competition.
 - g. Reimbursement will be for trial judges, accountants, referees and technical specialists who are training for competition level appointments.
 - h. Test level judges who are required to trial out of state competitions, in order to meet their requirements for a test appointment, will also be eligible for education reimbursement.
 - i. Reimbursement will be for all disciplines: Singles, Pairs, Dance and Synchro.

- j. Out of state test sessions do not qualify for education reimbursement.

2. Eligibility for education reimbursement: To be eligible for reimbursement an official must:
 - a. Be a Full, Supporting or Lifetime Home-Club member of the Utah FSC in good standing with all dues paid in full by July 1.
 - b. Have been a Full, Supporting or Lifetime Home-Club member for at least three (3) of the last five (5) years, including the current and prior membership years.
 - c. Judges must have received their Silver Test appointment.
 - d. Completed a request form and returned it and all supporting documentation, verification signatures and receipts to the Utah FSC Treasurer by June 30.
3. To qualify for education reimbursement in a current competition season officials must have fulfilled one (1) of the following requirements from October of the previous year to October of the current year:
 - a. Judged/Officiated Copper Cup or a UFSC hosted test session.
 - b. Took part in the UFSC Regionals Judges Critique.
 - c. Ice Show Patron.
 - d. Service on the UFSC Board of Directors.
 - e. Volunteered 20+ hours on club activities.

Rule VII: Volunteer Service

1. A minimum of ten (10) hours of mandatory volunteer service is required of each skating family.

- a. Families with multiple skating members will be required to give ten (10) hours of service.
 - b. Volunteer service for judges/officials is optional. Judges/officials who would like to volunteer in an additional capacity are welcome and encouraged to do so.
 - c. Members joining after January 1 will be required to give five (5) hours of service.
2. The Club will provide opportunities throughout the Volunteer Service period (June 1 – May 31) to fulfill this requirement. Members can sign-up for volunteer assignments by doing the following:
 - a. Submit the “Volunteer Service Form” by July 1.
 - b. Sign-up for additional hours on the Club bulletin board postings throughout the service period.
 3. One (1) hour of volunteer time is equivalent to \$10.00.
 - a. Attendance at the Fall and Spring General Membership meetings will each be equal to one (1) hour of volunteer time.
 - b. One (1) food donated food item (“potluck”) will be equal to one (1) hour of service.
 4. Volunteer time can be bought-out at the rate of \$10.00 per hour for a total of \$100.00 (“opt-out fee”) on or before July 1.
 5. The Club will keep a log of each skating families hours.
 6. At the end of the service period (May 31) skating families with remaining required volunteer hours will be billed by the Club at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.
 7. Members will have until June 15 to make their Volunteer Service account current. After that date, the member’s status will be flagged as “Member Not in Good Standing” with U. S. Figure Skating.

Rule VIII: Conflict Resolution

1. Complaints. Any member or members having a complaint against another member for the infraction of any law or rule, other than skating rules, such as conduct injurious to the welfare of the Club, may report the same in writing to the Board of Directors. Such complaints will set forth the facts of the case, together with the names of witnesses, if any. After the receipt of such a complaint, a meeting of the Board of Directors will be held as soon as practical to investigate it. The complainant and the member complained of will receive at least 7 days notice of such meeting from the Secretary. The Secretary will e-mail copies thereof to the complainant or complainants, and to the member complained of. Complainant or complainants and the member complained of will be notified of the Board of Director’s decision in writing within 7 days of the final decision.

Appeals to the decision of the Board of Directors will be directed to U.S Figure Skating in accordance with Article XXIV of the Official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.
2. Suspension/Expulsion. A member may be suspended or expelled by a resolution of the Board of Directors; the grounds for suspension and expulsion will be as follows:
 - a. Failure or refusal to obey the rules and regulations of the Club Code of Ethics or U.S. Figure Skating.
 - b. Conduct such as would tend to bring the Club or its members in disrepute.
 - c. Conduct inconsistent with the best interests of the Club or its members.
 - d. Failure or refusal to pay dues in arrears or other indebtedness after the member has been removed from

good standing by the Board of Directors and notified of such indebtedness.

Any member expelled or suspended is liable to the Club for dues, assessments, or fees incurred commitments made prior to expulsion. The provisions of this rule apply to a member's membership in the Club and not to membership in U.S. Figure Skating, the latter being subject to applicable provisions of the Bylaws and Official rules of U.S. Figure Skating pertaining to expulsion or suspension of membership privileges to U.S. Figure Skating. No dues or fees or parts thereof will be refunded to a member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors.

**Bylaws of the Utah Figure Skating Club are posted at
utahfigureskating.com**