

Kent Skating Club / US Figure Skating Code of Conduct

As a member club of United States Figure Skating, the Kent Skating Club is obligated to follow all policies and guidelines set forth by its governing body as stated in the USFS Figure Skating Rule Book.

By signing an application for membership with the Kent Skating Club, you acknowledge that you have read, and discussed with your skater (if a minor), and agree to abide by the following USFS Code of Conduct and the Kent Skating Club By-Laws Skating Guidelines.

GR 1.03 Code of Conduct - The following code of conduct applies to all participants in all competitions, exhibitions and training camps hosted, supported, or sponsored by USFS:

I recognize that my participation in all competitions, exhibitions and training camps hosted, supported or sponsored by USFS is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by USFS or its properly designated agents. As a precondition to participation in USFS hosted, supported or sponsored events, I will adhere to the following tenets in good faith:

I will exhibit the highest standards of fairness, ethical behavior, and genuine good sportsmanship in all of my relations with other.

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 USFS.

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 my USFS sanctioned, or sponsored competition, exhibition, or training camp, I may be subject to criminal penalties as well as penalties imposed by the USFS.

I will adhere to the rules of USFS and the host organization at all USFS hosted, sponsored or supported training camps, competitions and exhibitions.

I will conduct myself in a manner not detrimental to the welfare of figure skating.

I understand that my actions reflect on USFS 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 USFS pursuant to GR 1.021.

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 USFS and the Memorial Fund and loss of participation in USFS sponsored events.

I understand that all disciplinary proceedings will be conducted pursuant to Article XXVII, Section 3, of USFS Bylaws and that my rights and remedies are derived therefrom.

In addition, I understand that the Kent Skating Club operates under the guidelines and policies of USFS including the following;

- To provide programs to encourage participation and achievement in the sport of figure skating on ice without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender or national origin.
- To neither tolerate nor condone any form of harassment or abuse of its members including coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, athletes, and volunteers - or any other persons - while they are under the auspices of USFS.
- To always conduct oneself with common courtesy and respect to all professionals, coaches and other skaters while on and off the ice.

Kent Skating Club

Membership Categories

Full Skating Member

A Full Member holds a USFS number with the Kent Skating Club and recognizes the Kent Skating Club as his/her home club and is:

1. A senior figure skater (18 years or older); or
2. A junior figure skater (17 years or younger).

In addition to membership dues, a Full Skating Member must be an active supporter of the Club in the following manners:

1. Purchasing and skating on Club sponsored ice sessions according to the requirements set forth by the KSC Board of Directors; and/or,
2. By providing in-kind service to the Club and /or USFS by volunteering their time and energy to support Club activities and/or USFS events; and,
3. By meeting the designated fundraising requirement as voted on and approved by the KSC Board of Directors.

Full Supporting Member

A Full Supporting Member holds a USFS number with the Kent Skating Club and recognizes the Kent Skating Club as his/her home club and is:

1. A registered Special Olympian; or
2. A USFS official; or
3. A non-skater, 18 years or older, who shows interest in and actively supports the club; or
4. An adult skater over the age of 21

In addition to membership dues, a Full Supporting Member must be an active supporter of the Club in the following manner:

By providing in-kind service to the Club and /or USFS by volunteering their time and energy to support Club activities and/or USFS events.

A Full Skating and/or Supporting Member 18 years of age or older has one vote, may serve as a Board Director and may hold office, if he/she has been a full member for a minimum of two (2) full years. A full member 17 years of age or younger or a Special Olympian is represented by a legal guardian. That guardian may vote, serve as a Board Director and may hold office.

Collegiate member

A Collegiate Member is a skater who holds a USFS number with Kent Skating Club and is a full-time college student. A collegiate member who recognizes Kent Skating Club as their home club may vote and hold office with the Club pursuant to Club guidelines. Collegiate memberships last four (4) years.

Introductory Member

A first year member who has not previously been a member of a USFS club and meets the definition and fulfills the requirements of Full Skating Member may choose an introductory membership for his/her first year. An introductory member may not vote, serve on the board or hold office until after having completed a 6 month membership period. Upon completion of the 6 month requirement, Introductory members may vote, hold a board position and any office except President. An introductory membership expires at the end of the skating season in which it began (June 30).

Associate Member

An Associate Member is a skater who holds a USFS number with another club. An Associate member may neither vote nor hold office with the KSC.

****All Coaches****

Beginning 4/26/2013, the Ohio Return-to-Play Law goes into effect. This law requires any coach to participate in an online class regarding concussions provided by the Ohio Department of Health. Renewal of this is required every three years.

Here is a link to additional information on this new law:

<http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/~media/HealthyOhio/ASSETS/Files/injury%20prevention/concussion/2Return%20to%20Play%20-%20What%20Coaches%20Need%20to%20Know%20-%20Youth%20Athletics2.ashx>

Full Professional Member

A Full Professional Member is an instructor who is a Full member of the Kent Skating Club as well as a USFS member with a contract with the KSC. A Full Professional Member may vote and may serve as board member. Full Professional Members may not comprise a majority of the Board or hold the position of administrator or Treasurer on the Board. The Full Professional Member may apply for limited educational reimbursements. The Full Professional Member will have submitted a resumé, proof of liability insurance, USFS coaches' registration, proof of PSA membership and Professional's Contract to be voted on by the Board of KSC. Annual contract review and proof of liability insurance is required to be provided to the Board.

As a Full Professional Member who benefits from the services of the Club, the professional is required to volunteer his/her time and services and be an active participant for the benefit of the KSC.

Associate Professional Member

An Associate Professional Member is an instructor who holds their USFS membership with a different club than KSC. The Associate Professional Member may neither vote nor hold office. The Associate Professional Member may not apply for educational reimbursement. The Associate Professional Member will have submitted a resumé, proof of liability insurance, USFS coaches' registration, proof of PSA membership and Professional's Contract to be voted on by the Board of KSC. Annual contract review and proof of liability insurance is required.

Learn To Skate (LTS) Coach

A Learn to Skate Coach is a Kent State Ice Arena Learn to Skate instructor who may instruct on Kent Skating Club General sessions only. They must have annual proof of liability insurance, USFS coaches' registration and have submitted a resumé and Professional's Contract to be voted on by the Board of KSC. The Learn to Skate Coach may not apply for educational reimbursement.

Kent Skating Club

Membership Application: 2017–2018

(***)Each member must complete a separate membership application(***)

NAME

Last _____ First _____ MI _____ USFS# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____ E-Mail _____

Birth date ____/____/____ Age ____ Month/year joined the Kent Skating Club ____/____

Parent/Guardian names: _____

Father

Mother

Highest tests passed

Free Skate _____ Moves _____ Dance _____ Figures _____

Current Instructor _____

Home club if other than Kent Skating

Club _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

(See attached sheet for category definitions) Check the appropriate membership to fit your needs.

_____ Full Member (Skating and Supporting)-----

\$110.00

(Includes fundraising requirement for Full Skating Members of \$250.00 per skater for season)

_____ Additional Family Member Full Membership -----

\$65.00

(Includes additional fundraising requirement of \$50.00 for second family member with a family maximum of \$300.00)

_____ Introductory Member -----

\$45.00

(Includes fundraising requirement of \$250.00 for season)

_____ Contracted Full Professional Member -----

\$65.00

_____ Contracted Associate Professional Member (USFS # held by home club) -----

\$20.00

_____ Contracted LTS Coach teaching only on General Sessions -----

\$00.00

_____ USFS Official Member -----

\$00.00

_____ Associate Member (USFS # held by home club) -----

\$40.00

_____ Collegiate Member (includes 4 year USFS membership) -----

\$75.00

(4 year membership, includes no fundraising requirement)

In order for your application to be processed and USFS membership to be applied for or renewed you must include this form completed and signed forms with the appropriate fees.

By signing of this application, we agree that we have read, understand and agree to abide by the By-Laws, Code of Regulation**, Code of Conduct of the Kent Skating Club**, the USFS rules**, Safe Sport, and the KSC Guidelines.**

Skater's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian if skater is under age of 18 years. _____ Date _____

Please mail forms to:
Michele Bumbarger
4431 Maplepark Rd
Stow, Ohio 44224

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The Kent Skating Club, its members, employees, professionals, coaches, and agents, assume no responsibility for injuries incurred during the use of KSU Ice Arena facilities. As in any athletic program, the possibility of injury exists, but reasonable precautions will be made to prevent injuries before they happen.

The undersigned parent(s) and or guardians(s) of the below designated minor, hereby agree, jointly and severally, to hold the Kent Skating Club, its members, employees, professionals, coaches and agents, harmless for any injury sustained by said minor in the courses of instruction and/or use of Kent Skating Club ice; and said persons hereby, jointly and severally, waive their right to bring any action against the Kent Skating Club or any of the above named persons in the event of any injury sustained by said minor.

DESIGNATED MINOR'S NAME: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____
(Mother / Guardian) *(Father / Guardian)*

Skater's Signature: _____ Date : _____

Fundraising Requirement

The Board has once again approved the institution of a fundraising requirement. The fundraising requirement will apply to all Full Skating Members of the KSC, including all Introductory Members, regardless of whether an ice contract is entered into with the KSC. Please see the definitions outlined in this application and the KSC By-Laws.

The fundraising requirement for the KSC 2017–2018 season shall be \$250.00 for individual members. An additional family member shall have a fundraising requirement of \$50.00 for a family maximum of \$300.00.

One half (\$125.00 or \$150.00) of the 2017–2018 season's fundraising requirement of \$250 (\$300.00 per family) must be paid or raised by January 15, 2018. The final amount is due by May 1, 2018.

Participation in events such as Skating for Skills and other competitions will not be used for fundraising, although the board may require members to volunteer for these events.

Failure to meet this deadline will jeopardize the member's ability to use Club ice and participate in Club activities. This will also jeopardize their standing and prevent them from testing or competing. If within 15 days after the due date the delinquent amount has not been paid, the Member shall be ineligible to use the Club's facilities, to hold office, to be entitled to vote or to enter any USFS or Club tests or competitions, ice carnivals, shows or other similar Club events. Delinquencies extending beyond the thirty (30) days will result in the member's name being submitted to the Board of Directors and the USFS as a member not in good standing.

By executing this Membership Application for the Kent Skating Club, you hereby agree to abide by and fulfill the outlined fundraising requirements.

Skater's signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian's signature (skater under 18 yr. old)

Date