

Welcome

to the



FIGURE SKATING CLUB
OF CHARLESTON

2021 - 2022 Member Handbook

For current and prospective members



Welcome to the Club!!

We are so excited that you have decided to become a part of this great organization! The Club provides many opportunities to grow as a skater and community member. The more you put into it, the more you will get out of it.

About U.S. Figure Skating (USFS) and the Figure Skating Club of Charleston (FSCC):

U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States. U.S. Figure Skating is a member of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and the International Skating Union (ISU), the international federation for figure skating. USFS is a membership based organization and the Figure Skating Club of Charleston is Club #518. Joining USFS through a member club is a decision that opens a variety of doors as you choose how to pursue your or your child's personal skating journey.

Our Mission

The primary purposes of the FSCC are:

- to encourage the instruction, practice and advancement of FSCC members in any and/or all of the disciplines of figure skating;
- to encourage and cultivate a spirit of fraternal feeling among ice skaters;
- to carry out the general policies and objective of United States Figure Skating.

Benefits of FSCC Membership:

- Providing a team and community component to a solo sport
- Making it possible to test and advance in U.S. Figure Skating (after LTS Freestyle 6)
- Able to use Electric Spinner and Off Ice Harness (Requires lesson with Coach)
- Access to Monthly Club Ice from September- May (\$210 Value)
- Club Ice includes, but is not limited to: Social Events, Freestyle Time, Exhibition Opportunities & Seminars (extra cost may be required for seminars)
- Achievement recognition through annual awards banquet
- Opportunity to purchase club apparel to wear at USFS sanctioned events

FSCC Board Members:

President:	Elizabeth Reed
Vice President:	Tiffany Tanner
Treasurer:	Katy Mullis
Secretary:	Noelle Cunningham Ghoram
Members At Large:	Tiffany Tanner, Chris Krouse, April Trow, Nicole Forbes-Schmitt, Krista Krouse, Jason Morningstar, Athena Hodge
Junior Members:	Sam Herbert, Paula Grace Schmitt

Board Meetings:

ALL CLUB MEMBERS are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is THE BEST WAY to get the most out of your membership and not miss out on any opportunities! Board Meetings are held monthly. The meetings are announced in the newsletter as well as via an email to the entire membership the week of the meeting. Currently, meetings are being held via ZOOM.

Committees and Chairpersons:

Hospitality:	Katy Mullis
Fundraising:	Jennifer Dragotta
Membership:	Laura Martin-Lauzer
Testing:	Krista Krouse
Show and Exhibition:	Tiffany Tanner
Safe Sport Compliance:	Tiffany Tanner
Constitution/Bylaws/Sanctions:	Nicole Forbes-Schmitt
Volunteer:	April Trow
Communications/Media:	Elizabeth Reed and Minde Herbert

Club Communications:

Online at fscofcharleston.com
Facebook at Figure Skating Club of Charleston
Instagram @fsc_of_charleston
Monthly FSCC Newsletter via email to Club members

Membership Dues:

Membership dues are due by July 1 of each year.
Dues are paid via the Entryeeze website: <https://comp.entryeeze.com/Membership/FindClub.aspx>
A renewal reminder will be emailed to membership in early June.

Membership Costs:

First Skater - \$185/year (Introductory Year - \$135)
Parent Membership - \$25/year
 Parent Membership is required for any skater under age 18
Subsequent Skater - \$135/year
Social Membership - \$50/year
Coaches Membership - \$60/year



Fundraising:

We are a non-profit organization created to support the success of our local skaters. Fundraising is a vital part of being a member.

All fundraising proceeds are put directly to use for our annual competition, test sessions, seminars, equipment, competitive skater support and social events.

Volunteer Requirement:

Per our Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 5), FSCC has a Volunteer Requirement. The required volunteer hours are: 5 hours per individual skater (or one parent/family member if skater is under age of 18), or 10 hours per family (if the membership includes two or more skaters). Alternatively, there is a buyout of \$100 that will be assessed at the end of the membership year and must be paid before a membership renewal will be accepted.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Assisting with Charleston Open competition
- Assisting with test sessions
- Assisting with Skate Swap sales
- Participating in membership drive events
- Chair or join Committees listed on page 3
- Organizing / participating in fundraising events
- Become a Board Member
- Social activities coordination / party planning
- Providing food and items for FSCC sponsored events
- Distinct skill or talents
 - Carpenter, accounting, public relations, advertising, fundraising, hospitality, photography, videography, writing, broadcasting, marketing, web design, etc.

Please let us know what you would like to do to help!!

Safe Sport:

The U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Program addresses types of misconduct in the sport of figure skating.

U.S. Figure Skating requires that all people having one-on-one time with the athletes complete the SafeSport Training Program. (This includes many of our Volunteer opportunities.)

Please see the official site for more information: www.usfigureskating.org/safesport.

SafeSport Training consists of 2 parts:

1. Online Course: USFS provides a free online course consisting of three parts that each take 30-45 minutes to complete. This must be completed once every two years.
2. Background check: Required background check is conducted yearly through NCSI

FSCC is most appreciative of those volunteers who go the extra effort to comply with SafeSport regulations. It allows us to meet requirements for events as defined by USFS.

Please contact Tiffany Tanner - FSCC Safesport Chairperson with any questions.

Club and Rink Events:

Annual Charleston Open competition each May
 Test Sessions held at Carolina Ice Palace (generally in May and November)
 Annual Holiday on Ice Show (with guest skaters)
 National Skating Month Membership Drive in January

Club Ice:

Monthly Club Ice from September - May is included with membership:

September	Regional Sendoff / Exhibition
October	Halloween Party
November	Seminar
December	Holiday Party
January	Freestyle Ice
February	Seminar
March	Season Kickoff / Exhibition
April	Freestyle Ice
May	Freestyle Ice (TBD)

Skate Sharpening:

FSCC does have a skate sharpening co-op. This co-op allows members who choose to join in a monthly skate sharpening. Each month, a member of the co-op acts as the driver and takes skates for those who have signed up for sharpening. For the higher level skaters, this co-op helps eliminate the need to have individual parents drive to Myrtle Beach or Columbia frequently to get skates sharpened. For more details on the skate sharpening co-op, please contact Minde Herbert - minherbert@gmail.com.

Helpful Resources:

Figure Skating Club of Charleston Website: <https://fscfcharleston.com/>

Contains: Club Bylaws, Calendar, Board Members

Carolina Ice Palace Website: www.carolinaicepalace.com

- Registration for group classes, shows and other rink sponsored events.
- Freestyle monthly schedule
- All Freestyle Ice purchases

Entryeeze Website: www.entryeeze.com

- FSCC annual dues payment
- Test registration

USFS Website: <http://www.usfigureskating.org>

USFS Guidebook with General USFS Info: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/700615/>

USFS Parents Guide Volume 1: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/871496/>

USFS Parents Guide Volume 2: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/382434/>

USFS Parents Guide Volume 3: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/744855295/>

USFS Hiring Your First Private Coach:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/system/files/Hiring%20a%20Private%20Coach.pdf>

USFS All About Tests: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/system/files/All%20About%20Tests.pdf>

USFS Members Only: www.usfsaonline.org

- Educational Webinars and other opportunities for FSCC Members

Educational Webinars from USFS: <https://www.usfsaonline.org/GeneralInfo/Webinars>

USFS Fact Sheet: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/FactSheet.pdf>

SafeSport: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/safesport>

FSCC Bylaws: <https://fscfcharleston.com/about-our-club/>

FSCC Swag: <http://fscfcharleston.com/personaliteez/>

FSCC Resale Shop: <https://figure-skating-club-of-charleston.square.site/>