

Welcome

to the



FIGURE SKATING CLUB
OF CHARLESTON

2023 - 2024 Member Handbook

For current and prospective members



Welcome to the Club!!

We are excited that you have decided to become a part of this great organization! The Club provides many opportunities to grow as a skater and a 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: Tiffaney Tanner
Vice President: Sarah Verstraten
Treasurer: Drew York
Secretary: Noelle Cunningham Ghoram
Members At Large: Krista Krouse, Chris Krouse, April Trow, Jennifer Norman,
Jason Morningstar, Athena Hodge
Junior Members: Paula Grace Schmitt, Emmalyn Hubert

Monthly 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! The meetings are announced in the newsletter and in an email to the entire membership the week of the meeting. Currently, meetings are being held the first Thursday of the month via ZOOM.

Committees and Chairpersons:

Hospitality:	[OPEN AND SEEKING VOLUNTEERS]
Fundraising:	Thea Sterling
Membership:	Laura Martin-Lauzer
Testing:	Krista Krouse
Show and Exhibition:	Tiffaney Tanner
Safe Sport Compliance:	Sarah Verstraten
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 resale
- 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 hosted events

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

Skate Safe:

The U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe 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 SkateSafe Training Program. Please see the official site for more information: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 SkateSafe regulations. It allows us to meet requirements for our USFS sanctioned events.

Club Events:

Annual Charleston Open competition the last weekend of July

Test Sessions held at the Carolina Ice Palace (February, August and November)

Annual Awards banquet in June/July

Club Ice:

Monthly Club Ice from September - May is included with membership. Club Ice is open to all Club members as a valuable membership perk (\$210 value). The Club Ice schedule is below:

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)

Distinction between the FSCC and the Carolina Ice Palace

We recognize that it can be confusing to know when/why to join our Club. The below chart can help clear up any confusion

FSCC and CIP Partnership Overview

Both the FSCC and the CIP exist to serve its skaters. Several key differences are noted below:

	
<p>Volunteer-run non-profit organization dedicated to helping its members get the most out of figure skating</p>	<p>For-profit business making money off the sale of ice</p>
<p>Member-club of US Figure Skating, the national governing body for figure skating in the United States</p>	<p>Rink facility that organizes and profits off Learn-to-Skate classes, public skating sessions, freestyles, on-ice and off-ice classes, hockey games, birthday parties and Holiday show</p>
<p>Leadership (volunteers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Tiffany Tanner • Vice President: Sarah Verstraten 	<p>Leadership (paid employees):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Manager: Brandon Schultz • Figure Skating Director: Stacey Mons
<p>The FSCC facilitates opportunities to compete and advance in the higher levels of US Figure Skating, above Freestyle 6</p>	<p>Facilitates beginner learn-to-skate classes and programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Skills (Snowplow Sam 1 through Basic 6) • Elite Skating Academy (Pre-Free Skate 1 through 6) • Aspire Program (Free Skate 3 and up)
<p><i>The FSCC does the following, which is funded by member dues and donations:</i></p>	<p><i>The Carolina Ice Palace does the following:</i></p>
<p>Purchases US Figure Skating membership for members to be eligible to compete and test</p>	<p>Sets the prices and calendar for freestyles, public sessions, hockey practice, hockey games and learn-to-skate sessions</p>
<p>Hosts US Figure Skating testing opportunities for levels pre-preliminary through Senior</p>	<p>Also profits from public skating sessions, skate rentals, birthday parties, Pro-Shop sales, concessions and the Penalty Box Sports Lounge</p>
<p>Hosts US Figure Skating sanctioned competitions and exhibitions</p>	<p>Learn-to-Skate evaluations through Learn-to-Skate USA for introductory levels</p>
<p>Hosts US Figure Skating sanctioned competitions and exhibitions</p>	<p>Hosts and profits from annual Holiday Festival on Ice show and recruits Special Guest skater</p>
<p>Monthly Club Ice for exhibitions, seminars, and social events and parties</p>	<p>Organizes weekly on-ice and off-ice classes for skaters</p>
<p>Provides funding for skaters attending high-level competitions for national rankings</p>	<p>No skater funding or discounts</p>
<p>Provides Electric Spinner and Off-Ice Harness for jump technique (requires private lessons with a coach)</p>	<p>Provides on-ice harness for jump technique (requires private lessons with a coach)</p>
<p>Provides used equipment through a consignment program</p>	<p>Provides new equipment for sale through the Pro-Shop program</p>
<p></p>	<p>Also provides programming and skating opportunities for hockey, curling and public skating</p>

Helpful Resources:

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

USFS Members Only: www.usfsaonline.org

- Educational Webinars and other opportunities for FSCC Members

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>

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

SkateSafe: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe>

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 and other rink sponsored events (e.g. Holiday show)
- Freestyle monthly schedule
- All Freestyle Ice purchases

Entryeeze Website: www.entryeeze.com

- FSCC annual dues payment
- Test registration

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/>