



### Charitable Organization Status

The Baltimore Figure Skating Club has been designated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization for tax purposes. This means that contributions to the club are tax deductible. Please note:

*Under the Internal Revenue Code, membership dues paid to The Baltimore Figure Skating Club are not tax deductible for income tax purposes.*

### Skating Etiquette Rules

All members will receive a copy of the club's Skating Etiquette Rules to help our skaters practice safely and effectively. If you have any questions about these rules, feel free to contact a board member. We welcome your input.

### Volunteers Make all the Difference!

How can you, as a skater, club member, or parent, improve BFSC? You can volunteer your time and services at test sessions, parties, or our annual Chesapeake Open competition. The Chesapeake Open is a critical fundraiser for us and enables us to pay for our practice ice throughout the year.

Please also be ambassadors for our club by encouraging your skating friends to join. If you see a new face during a club session, please introduce yourself and welcome the skater to our club.

### I/We are interested in volunteering for the following: (Please circle one)

**Test Sessions**

**Chesapeake Open**

**Parties/Special Events**

Please sign the following:

### The Baltimore Figure Skating Club Insurance Release

The USFSA and its member clubs undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the members while skating during any Baltimore Figure Skating Club session. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their applications, therefore all members and their parents and/or guardians shall be deemed to have agreed to assume all risks of injury to the member's person and property resulting from, caused, or connected with, the conduct and management of the sessions and to release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, the USFSA, The Baltimore Figure Skating Club, and against their officers, and applications shall be accepted only in the foregoing conditions.

I have read and understand the above Insurance Regulations:

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Member (Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age)

**For the safety and protection of your child, we require children under the age of 12 years to be accompanied by a responsible adult.** The Baltimore Figure Skating Club reserves the right to deny ice privileges for a given session if there is no responsible adult present at that session. A responsible adult is defined as a parent, a family member, or a substitute individual over the age of 18 years.

You may either mail your completed forms and payment in the form of a check or money order to Judy Carrig at the address below, or bring them to your first club session. Please make checks payable to **THE BALTIMORE FIGURE SKATING CLUB** or **BFSC**.

**Judy Carrig**  
**1210 W. Northern Parkway**  
**Baltimore, MD 21209**

There is a \$25 fee for returned checks. If you have any questions regarding this packet, please feel free to contact Judy Carrig at 410-435-3824 or [carrigj@comcast.net](mailto:carrigj@comcast.net).



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## **SKATER CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a member of the Baltimore Figure Skating Club, all skaters must adhere to this Code of Conduct at all times.

### **General Guidelines:**

The Baltimore 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. This Skater Code of Conduct has been established to ensure the safety of all members using our ice to ensure quality practice time for all home club, associate, non-members and guests who purchase ice from the Club and who participate in all Club-related activities.

All skaters, regardless of whether they hold home Club, non-member or guest status must follow and uphold the tenets in this Skater Code of Conduct regarding behavior on and off the ice. All Club members are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and be courteous toward their fellow skaters, coaches, parents of skaters, U.S. Figure Skating officials and guests.

Our Club is committed to promoting a positive and friendly environment for all skaters. Remember "The Golden Rule"—treat other people like you want to be treated — with respect.

### **Ice Etiquette and Safety:**

1. While in lesson or practice, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.
2. Skaters must skate with the flow of other skaters and familiarize themselves with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins.
3. The only time a skater has the SOLE right of way is when they are skating their program to music. When you hear another member's music, please extend that person the courtesy and move out of their path momentarily. This only takes a moment and you will enjoy the same courtesy while you are performing your program.
4. Advanced skaters are expected to exhibit patience toward beginner members of the Club. Remember, you were an inexperienced skater once, and it takes time for our future generation to advance to the point where they are completely comfortable skating with all levels of skaters.

### **Unsafe or Discourteous Behavior:**

Unsafe or discourteous behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

I have read this Code of Conduct, and agree to uphold all the guidelines and tenets of this document. In addition, I have received and read the Club's Athlete Protection and Reporting Policies and I agree to abide by those policies. I have also read the Club's Ice Rules (which are posted on the Club website), and I agree to abide by those rules.

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Signature of Skater (if 18 years of age or older)

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Parent's Signature (if Skater is under 18 years of age)

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Skater's Printed Name

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Date

*(May be signed electronically)*



## **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT (if skater is under age 18)**

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### **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 my actions, demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches, and officials at every practice, competition and test session.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child and others ahead of my desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to skate in a safe and healthy environment by maintaining a respectful and courteous attitude to others.
4. I will promptly inform my child's coach of any physical/ mental disability or challenge affecting my child that may affect the safety of my child or others.
5. I will teach my child that doing his/her best is more important than winning.
6. I will do my best not to ridicule, bully, blame, or yell at my child or other skaters, coaches, officials or volunteers in response to a poor performance or for any other reason.
7. I will do my best to make skating fun at all times and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction.
8. I will teach my child to treat other skaters, coaches, fans, volunteers, officials, and rink staff with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability. I will also take action and report any acts of bullying, harassment or abuse to the appropriate authorities.
9. I will applaud any effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing positive accomplishments and learning from mistakes.
10. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts calmly and peacefully without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will be a positive role model for my child and others.
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 illegal drug prohibited by applicable federal, state, or municipal law.
13. I will not assist or condone any athlete's use of a banned substance as described 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 expect my child's coach to be in compliance with all requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and the Professional Skaters Association, to continue their education and training through programs offered by U.S. Figure Skating, the Professional Skaters Association and other accredited organizations.

15. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from "side line" coaching my child or other skaters.

16. I agree to educate myself regarding the proper procedures to follow when establishing or terminating the coaching relationship and refrain from third-party solicitation as outlined on the Professional Skaters Association website.

17. I will respect the decisions of officials, their authority and decisions during competitions and test sessions and teach my child to do the same.

18. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials. I will fulfill my responsibility to help my club with membership, special projects, competitions and test sessions.

19. I will become familiar with the rules of the U.S. Figure Skating and teach my child accordingly.

20. I will support and respect all skaters and their right to participate.

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Signature of Parent

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Printed Name

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Date

*(May be signed electronically)*