



Thank you for considering membership in the Austin Figure Skating Club. Enclosed you will find an application with information for membership in the United States Figure Skating Association and the Austin Figure Skating Club. Your packet should contain the following forms:

Membership Application Forms: Please fill out this form completely and return.

Code of Conduct: This form must be signed and returned to activate your membership.

Volunteer Form: Please fill out this form and return with your membership application.

After completing the membership application packet in its entirety please mail it to the address indicated on the invoice or place in the club box at Chaparral Ice. Your full payment is due with your application. MasterCard and Visa credit cards will be accepted for payment. If you have any questions on the application process, your membership category, or any other concerns please contact Cathy Whalen, Membership Chair, at 512-836-7488 or email Cathy at ccw3eng@sbcglobal.net.

We look forward to having you join us for a fun and exciting U.S. Figure Skating Season!

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Austin Figure Skating Club

Austin Figure Skating Club
Membership Application 2009-2010

Please print or type. Application must be submitted with fees and dues attached before the AFSC Board of Directors considers candidate(s) for membership approval. Please indicate whether candidate(s) application is a renewal or a new membership.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

New Renewal Name _____

D.O.B _____ Home Ph# (_____) _____ Cell# (_____) _____ Work# (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____ E-Mail _____ Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____ Is candidate a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Is the candidate a **current** member of a U.S. Figure Skating, Basic Skills Program? No Yes Member# _____

Name of program (e.g. Chaparral Ice Learn to Skate) _____ Highest class level passed _____

Is candidate a former or current member of a U.S. Figure Skating Club? No Yes Membership# _____

Name of Club _____ Do you wish to designate Austin FSC as your Home Club? Yes No

Highest U.S. Figure Skating tests passed (Pre-Preliminary & above): Free Skate _____ Pairs _____ MIF _____

Figures _____ Dance _____ List your private coach (es) _____

FOR COACHES ONLY

Do you teach Group Classes? No Yes Are you registered as a class instructor with the U.S. Figure Skating,

**Basic Skills Program? No Yes Basic Skills # _____ Exp. Date _____

** To be entitled to sports accident insurance coverage all skaters and staff members in a Basic Skills program must be registered each year. Also, in order for a registered Basic Skills Program to remain active, a program must maintain a current roster of members each membership season. The Basic Skills membership season runs from July 1 – June 30 of the following year i.e. July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010. Only registrations sent from the program director are accepted. Registrations received from individual members or instructors must be verified by the director prior to processing.

Do you teach private lessons? No Yes Please check: Free skate Pairs MIF Ice Dance

Synchronized Skating Choreography Other _____ Are you registered with U.S. Figure Skating, for the

2009/2010 year? Yes No Are you a **current** PSA member? No Yes PSA member # _____

Exp. Date: _____ Do you hold a PSA rating/ranking? No Yes List level(s) and discipline(s) _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

A sponsor is required if the candidate applying for an AFSC Home Club Membership is under 18 yrs of age.

Name of Sponsor _____ DOB: _____ Gender: M F

Circle: Mother Father Guardian G-Parent Other (please describe) _____

Home # (____) _____ Work # (____) _____ Cell # (____) _____

Fax (____) _____ Email _____ Is Sponsor a United States Citizen? Yes ___ No ___

Address (if different from candidate) _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Note: Only one address can be listed in the U.S. Figure Skating database at Headquarters (HQ) for the skater(s) and sponsor. All mail from HQ (magazine, membership cards etc.) will be sent to this address.

Amounts below represent total annual fees for the membership year which begins each July 1st and ends June 30th of the following year. Membership fees must be paid in full.

Senior (18 and over) •• Sponsor •• Senior/Junior w/sponsor •• Judge/Official •• Coach •• Non-Resident w/sponsor	\$160	\$10	\$170	\$60	\$60	\$83	\$93
Special Olympic •• Family •• Bridge •• Associate •• Collegiate •• (See Page 5 for membership descriptions)	\$30	\$240	\$85	\$60	\$100		

Do you give AFSC permission to print your contact information in the Club directory? Yes___ No___

Candidate's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor signature (if candidate is under 18 yrs) _____

Membership Dues: \$ _____ Discount for Volunteer Hours: \$ _____ (Attach discount form for credit).

Total Dues paid: \$ _____ Circle Payment Type: Check ** MC ** Visa ** Money Order ** Cash

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ VNN (Last 3 digits on back of card) _____

Name on Card (please print) _____

Signature: _____

Mail application and payment to: KleAnn Flournoy (Treasurer) 3409 Doe Run, Austin TX 78748 or Cathy Whalen (Membership Chair) 4308 Ganymede Drive, Austin TX 78727.

<p><u>Club Use Only</u></p> <p>Membership Approved? Y N</p> <p>Sig: _____</p> <p align="center">Membership Chair</p>
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School Information: Please fill in the information below so the school can be notified regarding your skaters' accomplishments, such as competition placements, tests passed etc.

Name & Address of School _____ State: ___ Zip Code: _____

Skater's Grade Level: _____ Name of Principal: _____

Volunteer Form
Austin Figure Skating Club (AFSC)

Please mail completed form along with the Membership Application Form

Skater's Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Skating Level _____ Parent/Sponsor/Other Name (s) _____

Name of Private Coach (if applicable) _____

Four volunteer hours per year are required for continued membership in the AFSC and at least two of these must be performed for the Bluebonnet Open competition. A member requesting a renewal discount must complete 10 volunteer hours of service per membership year. Any member requesting qualifying competition assistance must complete an additional 10 volunteer hours for a total of 20 hours of service per membership year. A current member **must** meet the four hour requirement prior to renewing their membership.

Why Volunteer? The Austin Figure Skating Club is a 501c3 organization and operates solely on the volunteer service of its members. Volunteers enable our club to offer seminars, critiques, exhibitions, club parties, competitions, test sessions, regional and national support, and more. A club is only as strong as the combined contributions of each member; therefore, please choose a volunteer activity that best suits your talents and interests. Training will be provided.

Please check any areas of interest:

Events: (Bluebonnet, Test Sessions, etc.)

Hospitality _____ Registration Desk _____ Flowers _____ Silent Auction _____ Music _____ Ice Monitor _____

Announcing _____ Awards _____ Clean-up _____ Set-Up _____ Practice Ice _____ Runner _____ Transportation _____

Publicity _____ Advertising _____ Skaters' Bags _____ Food Donation _____

Other Volunteer Opportunities: Directory _____ Publicity _____ Special Events _____ Fundraising _____

Social Events _____ Club Ice Monitor _____ Skater Development _____ AFSC Board member _____

Special Skills: Foreign Language(s) _____ Legal (Attorney, Paralegal) _____

Medical (Doctor, Nurse, EMT,) _____ Other: _____

Ad Hoc Committees: From time to time, the Board may call for creation of a committee to consider an issue of Club Importance. Are you are willing to serve on such a committee Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

Please list any other skills or talents you have that may be of benefit to the club:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Senior Skating Member: Senior members are those members 16 years of age or older. Members pay ice fees and have all rights and privileges provided by the Club including the right to vote and hold elected office.

Senior w/Sponsor: In order to be consistent with U.S. Figure Skating guidelines, a Sponsor is required for skating members who are 16 years of age but not yet 18 years of age. **Junior w/Sponsor:** Junior skating members are those who have not reached the age of 16 years. Junior members pay ice fees and have all rights and privileges provided by the Club except the right to vote and hold elected office. *These members must be represented by a parent/guardian/sponsor member. ***Sponsor/Parent/Guardian:** A Parent/Guardian/Sponsor member shall be entitled to all rights and privileges provided by the Club with the exception of ice privileges.

Bridge Membership: This is for the skater transitioning into standard U.S. Figure Skating testing/membership. To qualify for this membership, candidate may not have been a prior member of the Austin FSC & may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating tests. Bridge members may have all rights and privileges provided by the Club & may join the "Bluebonnet Buddies" program. Skaters under the age of 16 must be represented by a *parent/guardian/sponsor member (See information above re: Senior/Junior member with Sponsor). This is valid for a maximum of one year, from July 1st of the membership year in which the skater(s) joins until June 30th of the following year. Membership level for subsequent years must be at the Senior or Junior with Sponsor, Family or Senior rate.

Family Membership: This is for a family consisting of two or more skaters including parent/sponsor, legal guardian, spouse etc. residing at the same address. All members of the family over the age of 16 years have the right to hold office and/or vote.

Professional/Coach Members: These members who wish to designate AFSC as their 'Home' club have all rights & privileges provided by the club and may vote and hold an elected office. U.S. Figure Skating has stipulated that coaches must be registered on a yearly basis in order to instruct/coach skaters at any U.S. Figure Skating activity, such as qualifying and non-qualifying competitions, ice shows, exhibitions, recitals, test sessions and club sessions. Coaches requiring a credential for a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying event must also be PSA members.

Collegiate Membership: This category was instituted by U.S. Figure Skating in 2009; this membership is at a reduced rate and is valid for four consecutive years. It may be purchased only once and skaters must be enrolled in college. Collegiate members have all rights and privileges provided by the Club with the exception of scholarships for qualifying competitions.

Judge/Official: U.S. Figure Skating officials who wish to designate AFSC as their 'Home' club have all rights and privileges provided by the club and may vote and hold an elected office.

Non-Resident: Non-resident (Home Club) members are those persons residing fifty (50) miles or more from Austin, Texas. A skating fee will be charged for any club session skated, including exhibitions. They have all rights and privileges, provided by the Club (including chairing committees), except the right to vote or hold an elected office.

Patron: A Patron is a non-skating member who wishes to help support the AFSC. Members are not entitled to club ice privileges and may not vote nor hold an elected office. Patron members may participate in club functions as approved by the board and will receive the appropriate club information.

Associate Membership: This is available to those who wish to join AFSC, but hold full membership in another U.S. Figure Skating club; thereby, designating it as their 'Home' club. They have all rights and privileges, provided by the Club (including chairing committees), except the right to vote or hold an elected office. A skating fee will be charged for any club ice session skated, including exhibitions. Test fees will be discounted and members may purchase test pins/patches if not provided by their home club.

CODE OF CONDUCT
Austin Figure Skating Club (AFSC)

The Austin Figure Skating Club supports a zero tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike behavior. AFSC Members, Coaches and Parents (if Member is under 18 years old) should continually raise the standard of behavior – both on and off the ice. Membership in the Austin Figure Skating Club is a privilege and should carry a sense of pride. Participation in programs offered will require that members and parents (of members under 18 years old) accept certain responsibilities.

Coach Member Responsibilities:

I will support the AFSC by encouraging membership, sportsmanship and by showing positive support for all members; including other coaches, board members and officials. I will adhere to the Professional Skaters Association (PSA) Code of Ethics when dealing with difficult situations involving skaters, parents and/or other coaches.

It is recommended that if possible, coaches work towards obtaining a PSA rating credential in their teaching specialty; however, it is **required** that coaches adhere to all U.S. Figure Skating rules regarding yearly registration and continuing education.

Member Responsibilities:

I will not verbally or physically abuse any of my fellow club members, other skaters, officials, volunteers or coaches. I understand that poor sportsmanship, on or off ice will not be tolerated whether in Austin or at competitions and events elsewhere.

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor Responsibilities:

I will encourage sportsmanship by showing positive support for all members, coaches, board members and other officials during all on and off ice sessions and I will encourage my child to treat all skaters, parents and other officials with respect at test sessions and competitions. I will refrain from coaching my child or “manipulating” other members during any on or off ice, club sponsored sessions.

Course of Action:

Should a parent or member not adhere to the above, the Austin Figure Skating Club, Board of Directors holds the member and/or parent accountable and the Board of Directors is empowered to take necessary action. Actions could be as simple as a verbal warning to the parent or member up to disciplinary hearings before the Board of Directors leading to suspension or expulsion from the Austin Figure Skating Club.

Implementation:

Anyone may file a complaint, in writing and signed, to the President of the AFSC.

Acknowledgement:

I understand the terms and conditions set forth in this document and agree to adhere to them.

Member Signature (required regardless of age) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____