

WELCOME

The Kent Skating Club Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to welcome old and new members alike to the 2009-2010 skating season. We are off to a good start planning for the new season and look forward to a very exciting and enjoyable season with you and your families. You will note that the enclosed documents are much smaller than what you have seen in the past. The Board, in order to coordinate better with USFS renewals, has determined that the membership renewal will be done in April and May, and the ice contracts etc will be distributed in July/August. You will receive your calendar and ice contract at that time.

Please read the general ice guidelines in your packet carefully. These have been developed to assure the safety and effectiveness of the sessions and the opportunity for the skaters to have a positive skating experience.

To make the Kent Skating Club successful we need our members to not only volunteer their time in Club activities, but also to participate in fundraising efforts. We all know that costs of ice are on the rise, but the Club is attempting to minimize the effect of this increase on each skating family. The best way to accomplish this is through fundraising.

A few years ago the KSC Board of Directors instituted a fundraising requirement for all skaters who contracted ice with the KSC. This will still be in place, with some very positive modifications from this past season. First, all Full Skating Members of the KSC will be required to meet the fundraising requirement (this includes all contracted and non-contracted Full Skating Members – please see the KSC by-laws for definitions). Second, the fundraising requirement for this season has been dropped significantly. Please read the enclosed information for more details. Be assured that participation in the fundraising activities will be easy, fun, and ultimately rewarding.

Your Club is truly based on participation and volunteerism. The dedication of the skaters, instructors and their families to the Club's activities last season produced some amazing and awesome results. We look forward to your continued efforts this year. Your support will allow the Club to continue all of the exciting events to which our skaters look forward. This is a fun and easy way to provide a very necessary service to your Club and we are very thankful for your efforts.

For additional information and updates on Club activities and activities throughout the area please check the Club bulletin board and the skaters "mail box" frequently. (Skaters' mail folders are located in the large blue plastic box near the monitor station during skating sessions.) Additional information about area skating activities and events can be found on the Cleveland council website: www.clevelandskating.com and the KSC website at <http://www.kentskatingclub.net/>. In addition, the KSC hosts three general membership meetings per year at which you will be updated on Club activities and have the opportunity to voice suggestions and concerns, offer your assistance in Club activities and meet and greet fellow members. Members are always welcome to attend regularly scheduled board meetings as well.

Once again, the Kent Skating Club Board of Directors welcomes you to the 2009-2010 skating season. We wish you a very positive and successful skating year and look forward to many fun filled and rewarding activities with the membership. Your dedication and hard work on and off the ice will continue to make the KSC a great organization.

Have a wonderful year,

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.

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

1. 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 or another USFS 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.

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. An introductory membership expires at the end of the skating season in which it began.

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.

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 be an officer of the Board. The Full Professional Member may apply for limited educational reimbursements. The Full Professional Member will have submitted a resume, proof of liability insurance, USFS coaches' registration, proof of PSA membership and Pro 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 resume, proof of liability insurance, USFS coaches' registration, proof of PSA membership and Pro Contract to be voted on by the Board of KSC. Annual contract review and proof of liability insurance is required.

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 resume and a contract to be voted on by the Board of KSC. The Learn to Skate Coach may not apply for educational reimbursement.

Administrator Kent Skating Club
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL RELEASE – Part I

I, _____, of _____ am the _____
(Parent / Guardian full name) *(Address)* *(Father, Mother, Guardian)*

of _____, a minor, of _____, I hereby give my
(Child's Name) *(Child's Address)*

consent, in the event that all reasonable attempts to contact me at _____, or
(Phone Number)

_____ at _____ have been unsuccessful for: 1) the
(Other Parent or Guardian) *(Phone Number)*

administration of any treatment deemed necessary by Dr. _____,
(Preferred Physician) *(Phone Number)*

or Dr. _____, _____; or in the event that the appropriate preferred
(Preferred Dentist) *(Phone number)*

practitioner is not available, by a licensed dentist, and 2.) The transfer of the child to _____
(Preferred Hospital)

or any hospital reasonably accessible. The child is covered under the following Medical Insurance
Company: _____ and Policy Number : _____.

This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists concurring in the necessity of such surgery. The following information is needed by any hospital or practitioner not having access to the child's medical history:

Allergies: _____ Medication being taken : _____

Date of last tetanus shot : _____

Physical impairments (Heart, epilepsy, etc.) : _____

Other pertinent facts to which a physician should be alerted : _____

Parent / Guardian 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. Please see the definitions outlined in this application and the KSC By-Laws. The fundraising requirement shall apply to all Full Skating Members regardless of whether an ice contract is entered into with the KSC.

The fundraising requirement for the KSC 2009 – 2010 season shall be \$250.00 (which represents a decrease of \$100.00 from prior season) 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 2009-2010 season's fundraising requirement of \$250 (\$300.00 per family) must be paid or raised by January 10, 2010.

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 30 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 signature if skater is under 18

Date