



Hawaii Figure Skating Club

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Dear Prospective Member,

We are glad that you are interested in joining Hawaii Figure Skating Club (FSC). Here is a little bit of information about Hawaii FSC and U.S. Figure Skating to supplement what your coach has already told you. U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for figure skating leading to U.S. national, international and Olympic competition.

Hawaii FSC was incorporated in Hawaii in January, 1984, and in April, 1986, the IRS granted tax-exempt status under section 501(c)3. Hawaii FSC is a member organization of U.S. Figure Skating and abides by its rules and By-Laws. A seven-member Board of Directors, elected from the membership, governs Hawaii FSC while the President and other officers manage the day-to-day affairs of the club. Membership in Hawaii FSC includes membership in U.S. Figure Skating. Hawaii FSC follows the U.S. Figure Skating membership year that starts on July 1. U.S. Figure Skating and Hawaii FSC do not prorate membership fees if you initially join part way through the membership year.

The purposes of the club include promoting the sport of figure skating; encouraging the instruction, practice and advancement of its members in all types of figure skating; encouraging and cultivating a spirit of fraternal skating among ice skaters, sponsoring figure skating competitions and exhibitions; and carrying out the general policies of U.S. Figure Skating.

Activities of Hawaii FSC include running a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned, non-qualifying competition each year in March; conducting U.S. Figure Skating-certified test sessions several times each year; creating opportunities for fundraising (for those who wish to participate) to help offset the high costs of going to competitions on the Mainland; sponsoring a Skaters Rummage Sale several times each year; conducting Bake Sales and Flower Sales during selected events at Ice Palace; sponsoring a Halloween Party at Ice Palace and holding membership meetings. A club can meet its purposes and conduct the activities only as well as its members volunteer to make those things happen. Each Hawaii FSC **active member** is expected to **provide at least ten (10) hours of volunteer time** each year. Volunteer time may be fulfilled by other family members or by friends as arranged by the member.

Benefits of membership include receiving the Skating Magazine published 10 times per year by U.S. Figure Skating, taking U.S. Figure Skating-certified tests to advance in skating skills, entering U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned qualifying and non-qualifying competitions and participating in Hawaii FSC-sponsored fundraising activities. Only Senior Members (18 years of age or older) may vote in club elections and on matters brought before the membership. To ensure skating families are adequately represented in club decisions, the Board of Directors established a policy that each skating family must have at least one Senior Member. You need not be a skater to be a member of Hawaii FSC or U.S. Figure Skating.

Hawaii FSC highly recommends that each skater (or skating family) use a U.S. Figure Skating Rule book. In addition to the By-Laws, rules and regulations, the Rule Book contains the detailed definition of test requirements for each test level. Coaches are busy people and you

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shouldn't expect that they will always pass on every little detail that you need to know. That responsibility rests with the skater. Members may download the Rulebook and Test Book from http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361. The page also contains order form for Rulebooks, either printed or on CD.

Hawaii FSC maintains a web site to publish information of interest to club members as well as to promote the annual Skate Aloha competition (see <http://www.hawaiiifsc.org>). The Hawaii FSC Hall of Fame acknowledges accomplishments of Hawaii FSC skaters. Members are advised of some club information by email which provides information in a more timely manner than seeing it posted in the rink. Please ensure that the club has your email address. A copy of the Hawaii FSC By-Laws is available on the club web site.

Because Hawaii FSC is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation, a portion of your membership fees are tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Ten dollars of the membership fees for the first family member and five dollars of the fees for each additional family member are deductible.

This packet includes a Hawaii FSC Application form, a Hawaii FSC Volunteers Acknowledge Form and a Parents Code of Conduct form.

The Hawaii FSC Application Form contains U.S. Figure Skating sections for up to two people (you may copy the form if additional people from the same household are applying). Please review the notes below when filling in the form. Fill in the bottom portion indicating the total membership fees and attach payment. Verify that we have your email address. Your application package will be submitted to the Hawaii FSC Board of Directors for approval.

A signed copy of the Hawaii FSC Volunteers Acknowledge Form must accompany this application.

If this application includes a person under the age of 18, a signed copy of the Parent Code of Conduct must accompany this application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 671-2014.

Eunice Chong
Hawaii FSC Membership Chair

Notes on completing the U.S. Figure Skating application form:

- a. Please fill in or check all of the items on the form.
- b. At least one member of a family must be marked "1st Family Member". The Skating Magazine is addressed to this person. If a family desires to receive more than one copy of Skating Magazine, just mark the additional family member(s) as "1st Family Member" on the form (be sure that you submit the "First Family Member" membership fee for each member marked as "1st").
- c. Your name will appear in Skating Magazine, on test certificates, and other U.S. Figure Skating documents EXACTLY as it appears printed on this form. If you wish to have a title (Mr., Ms., Miss or Mrs.) included, circle the appropriate item.
- d. U.S. Figure Skating instructions include the statement "Date of Birth. Please complete this box regardless of age. We need this information to have accurate demographic statistics."
- e. Because much club business is accomplished on-line, it is important to have an email address to which the club can send important information. If you do not have an email address, it is permissible to use the email address of a friend who will pass the information to you.