

**NORTHEAST ICE SKATING CLUB @ VALLEY RINKS**

**2019 – 2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! -**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USFS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M   F

Other Skating Club Membership(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Legal Guardian Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

USFSA Test Levels Passed:

Freestyle: \_\_\_\_\_ Moves: \_\_\_\_\_ Dance: \_\_\_\_\_ Basic Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**2019-2020 Membership Rates**

*Full Representing Membership / 1<sup>st</sup> Skater: \$260.00* \_\_\_\_\_

*Full Representing Membership / Additional Skaters: \$180.00 each* \_\_\_\_\_

*Representing Professional Membership (PSA Members Only): \$135.00* \_\_\_\_\_

*Associate Membership (Each Skater): \$110.00* \_\_\_\_\_

*Junior Membership (No Test Skaters / NEISC Badge Program): \$135.00* \_\_\_\_\_

*Collegiate Membership (4 year membership term): \$280.00* \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- NEISC 2019 – 2020 membership is effective from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Skaters & Coaches must have a current USFS number in order to skate on NEISC ice
- Please submit by June 30, 2019. Applications must be received in the NEISC mailbox by June 30th. Any returned checks will be assessed a \$25 fee.  
Mail to Application & Payment to: 7 Parkridge Rd., Haverhill, MA 01835  
Attn: NEISC Membership Chair
- Contact Kristine Johnson with questions (978) 478-5213 / [northeastisc@yahoo.com](mailto:northeastisc@yahoo.com)

# The Northeast Ice Skating Club

## Parents Code of Conduct and Ethics

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Due to certain trends in youth sports whereby both parents and members are letting their emotions manifest themselves in abusive and sometimes physical violence, The Northeast Ice Skating Club supports a zero tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike behavior. Its members, coaches and parents should continually raise the standard of their behavior both on and off the ice. Membership in the Northeast Ice Skating Club is a privilege and should carry a sense of pride. Participation in our programs will require that members and parents of members under 18 years old accept certain responsibilities.

### **Parent/Guardian 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.
- \* I will encourage my child to treat all other members, coaches, Board members, other member parents and other officials with respect.
- \* I will refrain from coaching my child or “manipulate” other members during any on and off ice sessions.
- \* I will not verbally or physically abuse any club members (including my own child), coaches, Board members, officials, other member parents or volunteers.

**Course of Action:** Should a parent or member not adhere to stated responsibilities, the Northeast Ice Skating Club holds the member and/or parent accountable and the Board of Directors is empowered to take necessary actions. Actions can be as simple as a verbal warning up to disciplinary hearings before the Board leading to suspension or expulsion from the Northeast Ice Skating Club.

**Implementation:** Anyone may file a complaint, in writing and signed, to the President of the Northeast Ice Skating Club.

Member / Guest Skater Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of myself or my minor child being permitted to participate in any way in Northeast Ice Skating Club (“NEISC”) in sponsored Activities (“Activity”), I agree:

1. I understand the nature of NEISC activities and my, or my minor’s, experience and capabilities and believe me, or my minor, to be qualified to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that I and/or the minor are aware the activity will be conducted in facilities that are open to the public during the Activity. I further agree and warrant will instruct the minor that if at any time the minor believes the conditions to be unsafe, he/she will immediately discontinue further participation in the activity and I will do the same for myself.
2. I fully understand that: (a) NEISC activities involve risks and dangers of SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS and DEATH; (b) these risks may be caused by my own actions or inactions or the actions or inactions of the minor, the actions or inactions of others participating in the activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the NEGLIGENCE OF THE “RELEASEES” NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time, and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS AND DAMAGES incurred as a result of my or my minor’s participation in the Activity.
3. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS NEISC, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers and if applicable, owners and lessor of premises on which the Activity takes place (each considered one of the “Releasees” herein) from all liability, claims, damages, losses, or damages on the minor’s account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the “Releasees” or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the my or the minor’s behalf makes a claim against any of the “Releasees” named above, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY OCCUR AS THE RESULT OF SUCH CLAIM.
4. NEISC has the right, but not the obligation, to provide rules, regulations and/or ice monitors for Club Ice. We hereby acknowledge that NEISC shall not be responsible for the supervision of members at Club Ice.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND IT’S TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I AND/OR HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY THE LAW THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THAT THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE & EFFECT.

Club Member/Skaters Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Parent/guardian if club member/skater under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Please return above form with your membership application. \*\*\***

## NEISC FREESTYLE RULES

1. **\*NO SOCIALIZING** on the ice, this includes the hockey box. Please remember you are here to work towards your goals and become a better skater.
2. **\*PAY ATTENTION** to whose music is being played. They have the right of way.
3. **\*KEEP MOVING.** If you are not moving your back should be touching the boards. Get up immediately after a fall.
4. Be aware of your surroundings, being on the ice is just like crossing the street “**LOOK BOTH WAYS** when crossing the ice”.
5. There is **NO SITTING ON THE BOARDS** and there is **NO CLIMBING** on the boards.
6. Skaters in a lesson have the right of way over skaters who are not in a lesson.
7. Skaters practicing their spins should do so with traffic patterns in mind. All spins should be practiced away from the boards and close to the center of the ice surface so that skaters practicing jumps, program sections, moves in the field etc., may travel around them. Use the red dots as a guide and practice your spins within this area on the ice surface.
8. Remember that corners and the ends of the ice are traditionally used for jumping patterns and moves patterns, so keep this in mind when you are training.
9. Music needs to be kept in order, and the order need to be respected\*\*
  - Skaters in lesson will have some priority... so the music order will be:  
LESSON  
LESSON  
NON-LESSON
    - Find a skater in the rink to “buddy” up with to press play for you to start your music.
    - You may do back to back programs as long as there is no-one in line or if you are competing that week (however, only once during a busy freestyle).
    - Important... **NO RE-STARTS.** If you make a mistake in your program... you may not stop and then restart the music. This includes skaters in lessons! (Exception: If there is a technical difficulty with the music... then you may restart.)

*\*\*If a freestyle is quiet or no line of skaters waiting their turn for music... then the above rules may be relaxed.*

10. When skating your program please wear the florescent belt. Skaters doing their programs have the primary right of way.
11. Coaches choreographing a program have the secondary right of way.
12. Skaters having a lesson in the harness have the secondary right of way. Please do not skate through someone in a harness lesson.

**\*\* Skaters who do not follow the rules will receive one warning. Skaters who do not improve their behavior after the first warning will be asked to leave the ice. All skaters will respect warnings and correction coming from any coach.**

## NEISC GENERAL CLUB GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

1. **All skaters MUST sign in before going on the ice!** No exceptions. Part of keeping the freestyle safe is knowing how many skaters are on the ice at any given time... and signing in is the easiest way for us to keep track of this.
2. All skaters should be using the locker rooms to get their skates on and off. (Skaters should not be in the lobby areas or in the club room as there is simply not enough room.) Locker rooms will be posted in Haverhill as usual. In Lawrence NEISC will always be using Locker Room #3.
3. Skaters should be entering the ice from the general doors... not the doors in the hockey boxes/coaching area.
4. When practicing programs... skaters need to plan and anticipate time available for their program and music. Music should be kept in an organized fashion so that the order is clear.
5. Skaters and coaches are reminded to show respect for each other at all times... as well as respecting their environment. (This includes cleaning up all of those water bottles, Kleenex, etc...)
6. Swearing, yelling, kicking the ice or poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Please dress like a skater - NO revealing clothing, hats etc

**Remember... Safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility!**  
**This includes the skaters, coaches and parents.**

Thank you for your attention to these issues and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask!

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NEISC FREESTYLE RULES & GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This is an acknowledgement that I have received & reviewed the NESIC Freestyle Rules and General Club Guidelines for the 2019-2020 membership year. I understand these rules and agree to follow them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature (for members under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\*\* Please return above form with your membership application. \*\*\***

## 2019-2020 NEISC VOLUNTEER POLICY

**Why do I have to volunteer?** As a non-profit organization, The Northeast Ice Skating Club (NEISC) is run and managed solely by volunteers. There are NO staff employees. Due to the growth of the club over the past few years volunteering is necessary and now MANDATORY for our club to maintain the current level of services offered. If our members are not proactive and fail to take a vested interest within our club, NEISC will be forced to hire outside services therefore raising prices. Our mission is to keep costs affordable, support the development of our skaters, and provide the best environment possible for our club members. Just for reference, in the 2018- 2019 skating year, approximately 1,000 or more volunteer hours were needed to ensure proper operation of the club. In addition to helping out your skater's club, volunteering is also a great opportunity to learn more about the sport of figure skating, how the club runs, as well as a way to meet other club members.

**How does the volunteer program work?** At the beginning of each new membership year (July 1-June 30) all members will be required to provide a payment to be held in escrow in a non-interest bearing account in the amount of \$100 for Full Members or \$50 for Junior Members. **The payment is due NO LATER than AUGUST 24th, 2018.** If payment is not received, ice privileges will be suspended. At the end of the skating year (June 30, 2020) if you have fulfilled your required volunteer hours, your payment will either be returned to you or you may choose to roll this amount into next year's volunteer payment. If **ALL** of your volunteer hours are NOT fulfilled, your payment will be forfeited.

**What are my minimum volunteer requirements?** All families holding Full Memberships will be required to volunteer a minimum of ten (10) hours per year, while those holding Junior Memberships will be required to fulfill a minimum of five (5) hours per year.

**What if I only partially fulfill my volunteer hours?** If you do not fully fulfill your minimum volunteer hours, your entire volunteer payment will be forfeited. The club cannot provide the necessary services to its members without everybody doing AT LEAST the minimum amount of required volunteer hours. If members only partially fulfill their volunteer requirements, other members are forced to volunteer additional hours, or the clubs services will suffer.

**Can I opt out of volunteering?** Families who choose not to fulfill their hours will be financially responsible for a payment of \$100 (Full members) or \$50 (Junior members). We prefer that no one opt out of volunteering, as the more people that share the workload the better. However, we do realize for whatever reason, members may choose to opt out.

**How do I find out about volunteer opportunities?** An NEISC shutterfly website has been created to educate all members regarding volunteer opportunities. Your email address must be included on this form to receive an email invitation to join the member-only shutterfly group [www.neisc.shutterfly.com](http://www.neisc.shutterfly.com). Once a member, on the home page of the site you will see a "Sign Up" tab. The volunteer opportunities are listed on this page. Simply sign up for a volunteer opportunity by typing your name next to the job description. Each job description has a board member name listed in parenthesis. This is the contact person should you have any questions. All jobs are offered on a first-come first-served basis. Dependent upon the time of the year, the volunteer opportunities may fluctuate. Do not wait until the end of the year, as you may not be able to fulfill all of your hours. Our Winter Classic competition in January and end of the year show in May do offer the most opportunities, but we continually need help with our Learn to Skate Program, Test Sessions, Ice Proctoring and many other things throughout the year. Please be proactive and check the list on occasion. Club volunteer opportunities will also be sent via email to members periodically. It is the member's responsibility to provide a current email address or notify the Club if there is a change in email address.

**How are my volunteer hours tracked?** The board member that initiated the job will sign off upon completion and log the hours in the club's master volunteer notebook. Our volunteer chairperson can be contacted if any questions arise. It is also recommended that each member keep a personal record at home in regards to volunteer hours completed. **All volunteer hours for the 2019-2020 skating year begin July 1, 2019 and must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/s: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: (REQUIRED AND LEGIBLE) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category: \_\_\_\_\_

**I acknowledge that I have read and understand the volunteer policy.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature required. Parent or guardian (if skater is under 18) \* This form MUST be returned with your membership application. Volunteer payment due by August 24, 2019\*



## Media Release Form

I, the undersigned, do hereby consent and agree that Northeast Ice Skating Club, its employees, or agents have the right to take photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of me and to use these in any and all media, now or hereafter known, and exclusively for the purpose of club advertisement. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

I do hereby release to Northeast Ice Skating Club, its agents, and employees all rights to exhibit this work in print and electronic form publicly or privately. I waive any rights, claims, or interest I may have to control the use of my identity or likeness in whatever media used.

I understand that there will be no financial or other remuneration for recording me, either for initial or subsequent transmission or playback.

I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.

Skater: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SafeSport Statement for Membership Renewal**

Northeast ISC 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.

The following code of conduct applies to all participants in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating and (Club/Program/Rink) including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions, training camps and local rink activities.

I recognize that my participation or my child's in all the activities associated with U.S. Figure Skating and Northeast ISC is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents.

### **U.S. Figure Skating Member Code of Conduct GR 1.02**

I recognize that my participation in all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions and training camps, is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents. As a precondition to participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I will adhere to the following tenets in good faith:

- A. I will exhibit the highest standards of fairness, ethical behavior and genuine good sportsmanship in all of my relations with others.
- B. 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 U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. 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 any activity hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I may be subject to criminal penalties as well as penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating.
- D. I will adhere to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating and the host organization at all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.
- E. I will comply with all applicable anti-doping rules including, but not limited to, ISU and USADA anti-doping rules.
- F. I will conduct myself in a manner not detrimental to the welfare of figure skating. I understand that my actions reflect on U.S. Figure Skating 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 U.S. Figure Skating pursuant to GR 1.04.
- G. 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 U.S. Figure Skating and its Memorial Fund, and loss of participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.
- H. I understand that all disciplinary proceedings will be conducted pursuant to Article XXV, Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and that my rights and remedies are derived therefrom.

## NORTHEAST ICE SKATING CLUB MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

### **FULL REPRESENTING SKATING MEMBERSHIP**

*Full Representing Members, who have attained the age of eighteen years as of the first day of October of the current membership year, will have voting privileges. Those who are under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of voting may be represented by a parent or legal guardian.*

- \$260 Membership Fee to be paid at time of application, \$180 each for additional family members
- NEISC provides USFS Membership as a single skater
- You will be a representing member of the Northeast Ice Skating Club
- Your Test and Competition applications must be signed by a NEISC officer
- You are permitted to contract NEISC sessions at member rates & will receive priority when booking ice time\*
- You are permitted to walk-on to NEISC sessions at member rates & will receive priority\*
- Includes subscription to SKATING magazine
- You are permitted to participate in all NEISC exhibitions, shows and other activities at member rates and are eligible to qualify for a solo spot in the NEISC spring ice show.
- Full Members are required to fulfill 10 volunteer hours by June 2020 (see volunteer policy).

*\*Priority for ice-time will be over Associate, Junior & Non-members.*

### **FULL REPRESENTING PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

*Pro Members must be members of the Professional Skaters Association and must be over the age of eighteen as of the first day of October of the current membership year. Pro Members will have voting privileges. This membership category was established to encourage coaches to obtain their USFS membership thru NEISC.*

- \$135 Membership Fee to be paid at time of application
- NEISC provides USFS Membership as a single skater – Coaches must ALSO register themselves separately as a Coach with USFS by July 1, 2019 in order to comply with USFS Coaches' Registration Process.
- You will be a representing member of the Northeast Ice Skating Club
- Includes subscription to SKATING magazine
- You will receive all other benefits as listed in the Full Representing Member category

### **ASSOCIATE SKATING MEMBERSHIP**

- \$110 Membership Fee to be paid at the time of application
- NEISC will **NOT** provide USFS Membership as a single skater – you will have USFS membership through another club, or be an individual member of USFS.
- You will **NOT** represent NEISC at competitions, test sessions or other events
- You are permitted to contract NEISC sessions at the member rate\*\*
- You are permitted to walk-on NEISC sessions at the member rate \*\*
- You are permitted to participate in NEISC exhibitions, shows or other activities at member rates, space provided.

*\*Associate members are **NOT** eligible to qualify for a solo in the NEISC spring show but may participate in group numbers.*

*\*\*Full Representing members receive highest priority for ice-time & other events – Associate members will receive ice time priority over Non-members.*

### **JUNIOR SKATING MEMBERSHIP – (FOR NEISC BADGE & NO TEST SKATERS)**

*Junior members will have voting privileges. Those who are under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of voting may be represented by a parent or legal guardian.*

- \$135 Membership Fee to be paid at the time of application
- NEISC will provide skater with a **basic skills membership** through USFS (This is **NOT** a full USFS Membership. Skater is not eligible to participate in USFS events **other** than Basic Skills)
- Only available to skaters enrolled in NEISC badge program or skaters working at the Basic Skills Level with an NEISC coach during NEISC ice time – ideal for skaters beginning to take private lessons and/or who want NEISC ice contracting privileges & to skate at member rates. Junior Members will **NOT** be required to pay the additional \$25 yearly basic skills registration fee for the Learn to Skate Program if they are enrolled in a class – The Junior Membership will replace that fee while providing additional benefits to the skater.
- You are permitted to contract NEISC sessions at the member rate
- You are permitted to walk-on NEISC sessions at the member rate with priority over Non-Members\*\*
- You are permitted to participate in NEISC exhibitions, shows and other activities at member rates, space provided
- Required to fulfill 5 volunteer hours by June 2020 (see volunteer policy).

*\*Priority for ice-time will be over Non-members.*



## **COLLEGIATE SKATING MEMBERSHIP**

*This is a one time - 4 year membership option open to skaters currently enrolled in college. Collegiate Members, who have attained the age of eighteen years as of the first day of October of the current membership year, will have voting privileges. Those who are under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of voting may be represented by a parent or legal guardian.*

- \$280 Membership Fee to be paid at time of application
- NEISC provides 4 Year USFS Membership as a single skater (skaters are only eligible to enroll as a collegiate member once under USFS rules)
- You will be a representing member of the Northeast Ice Skating Club
- Your Test and Competition applications must be signed by a NEISC officer
- You are permitted to contract NEISC sessions at member rates & will receive priority when booking ice time\*
- Includes subscription to SKATING magazine
- You will receive all other benefits as listed in the Full Representing Member category

*\*Priority for ice-time will be over Associate, Junior & Non-members.*

## **EXPLANATION OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP RATES**

Families with more than one representing skater will not be required to pay full price for each skater. The first skater will be the regular \$260 membership fee; however, each additional skater will receive the same membership benefits at a rate of \$180 each. This rate is only available to full representing skating members. Families with two or more Associate, Collegiate or Junior skating members will still need to pay full fee for each.