



# Reading FSC Membership Forms

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Dear Members and New Members:

Thank you for your interest in joining the Reading FSC ("RFSC" or "Club"). RFSC is a member club of the U.S. Figure Skating Association. Annual Club membership runs from July 1 - June 30 each year. Membership is open to individuals who are figure skaters as well as those interested in supporting the development and growth of figure skating at a local level.

The RFSC is financially responsible for providing ice time for training, practice, and events. The Club does this by purchasing ice time and creating a freestyle schedule at Body Zone Sports & Wellness, developing and managing hourly freestyle skating rates, monitoring & collecting payments during our sessions, making regular bank deposits, selling punch cards, running events, and various other endeavors. For many clubs, much of this work is done by the rink/ice facility. For the RFSC, these significant day-to-day operations are completed entirely through the volunteerism of our members who are committed to our mission. Without our volunteers, there would be no local ice time and opportunities for figure skating. Our membership categories are designed to provide a path for new and existing members who are committed to figure skating and/or committed to volunteering. For general supporters of figure skating, there is a Club Supporter & Social membership that provides an opportunity to volunteer, voting rights at the RFSC annual meeting, and access to Club social events.

On the next few pages you will find details related to each membership category and corresponding benefits and fees. Also included is a copy of the Club's Ice & Safety Rules and descriptions of our volunteer opportunities. Although all membership applications (except professional categories) are required to be completed online at [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com), a paper/hard copy sign-off on the Ice & Safety Rules is required by all members and skaters (age 13 and over) and the completed copy may be returned to an ice monitor or a Board Member.

Thank You,

2022-2023 Reading FSC Club Officers

# Reading Figure Skating Club

## Membership Categories, Benefits & Fees

The membership categories and corresponding benefits & fees are listed below. Please keep in mind that payment of Membership Dues, completion and compliance of your membership application, waivers, Code of Conduct, Ice & Safety rules are required to remain a Member in Good Standing and eligible for receipt of club benefits and participation in Club & USFSA events (such as test sessions, competitions, and Exhibitions). All Applications (except Professional / Affiliate Professional) must be submitted online at [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com). Please search for the Reading Figure Skating Club to register or renew your membership. You may contact us at [readingfsc@gmail.com](mailto:readingfsc@gmail.com) if you need assistance with your login information.

### RFSC Membership Categories

The Reading Figure Skating Club offers memberships for both youth, adult skaters, and leadership volunteers.

**1. Junior Family Membership**

Includes 2 memberships: a junior skater (under the age of 18) and a Parent/Guardian. Additional family members residing at the same home address can be added.

**2. Adult Family Membership**

1 membership for an adult (over 18) skater. Additional family members residing in the same addressed can be added.

**3. Affiliate Skating Membership**

1 membership (adult or junior). Requires Full USFSA membership through another USFSA member club. Additional family members can be added.

**4. Collegiate (4-year Membership)**

For individuals enrolled in a four-year collegiate school.

**5. Board/Chair membership**

Individuals serving in leadership roles on the Board or as Committee Chairs. Additional family members can be added.

**6. Affiliate Chair/Volunteer membership**

Individuals serving in leadership roles as a Committee Chair or specialized volunteer that fulfills a RFSC need. Specialized volunteers require pre-approval from the RFSC Board. Requires Full USFSA membership through another USFSA member club.

### RFSC Membership Benefits

1. Two full USFSA Memberships & subscription to Skating Magazine\*
2. Voting rights at the Reading FSC Annual Meeting for all members over the age of 18\*
3. Discounted member rate for freestyle sessions
4. Participation in Club Social Events
5. Eligible participation in Club Exhibitions
6. One free test session per year at BZ (not transferable to future club years)
7. Eligible to participate in group classes
8. Eligible to record virtual testing videos
9. Eligible to purchase club embroidery
10. Members can test at Red Rose, White Rose, Hershey, and Central PA without having to pay non-member test fees

\*Benefit for Junior & Adult Family memberships categories only. Affiliate members & Affiliate Chair/Volunteer membership receive their USFSA membership & voting rights through their designated Home Club.

## Membership Fees

### # 1 - Skating Membership Dues

Membership is for a full year, July 1- June 30. A half-year membership from January 1-June 30 is available for introductory members, however the membership dues are not prorated as USFSA does not prorate membership dues. Applications received after June 30<sup>th</sup> will incur a \$5.00 late fee assessed by USFSA.

Category	Membership Dues Renewal / Introductory	Additional Family Member dues
Board/Chair Membership	\$75	\$35
Junior Family (includes 1 junior skater AND 1 guardian)	\$143 - Renewal \$113 - Introductory	\$35
Adult Family	\$105 - Renewals \$75 - Introductory	\$35
Affiliate Member	\$50	\$35
Affiliate Chair/Volunteer	\$50	\$35

### # 2 -Skating Membership - Punch Card Purchase Requirement

Junior, Adult, and Affiliate Family memberships **require** a minimum purchase of **eight 30-minute** punch cards annually (per family), committing to ~ 1.5 hours a week of skating. Purchases are due no later than the schedule below. Failure to meet the minimum punch card purchase requirement, corresponding to the deadlines below, will result in loss of Membership in Good Standing status and a skaters ineligibility to any of the Membership Benefits.

Punchcard Purchase deadlines	Full-year membership All membership categories (July-June)	Half-year Introductory Introductory Only (Jan - June)
2 cards <b>(fee Included in membership application)</b>	x	x
2 additional cards by September 30	x	N/A
2 additional cards by November 30	x	N/A
2 additional cards cards by February 29	x	X

\*Purchases may be made sooner than the schedule above, but purchases are not transferable to future club year requirements.

\*Purchases made by one member/family are not transferable to other families.

\*Purchase of two 5-hour cards will be counted as 1 10-hour card for the purposes of meeting the punch card purchase requirement.



## Reading Figure Skating Club Ice Use & Safety Rules

The Reading Figure Skating Club (RFSC) works to purchase and organize Freestyle ice sessions for the practice of figure skating and/or private lessons for its Club Members and Guests. An updated schedule can be found on the RFSC website at the following link: <http://www.readingfigureskatingclub.org/calendar/>

RFSC Freestyle sessions are designed for figure skaters to take private lessons, practice jumps, spins, moves & dance patterns, and to perform their programs to music. Some of these elements may be done with speed and low visibility for avoiding other skaters who may skate into their space. We aim to accommodate skaters of various ages and abilities who are committed to improving their skills. However, be aware when choosing to skate with us that some sessions, used by advanced skaters, are hazardous to the inexperienced.

RFSC serves its Members first and foremost and currently permits properly identified and approved Guest Skaters to participate during freestyle sessions. Guests/non-members are ineligible for receipt of any club benefits, participation in any private rentals for group classes or recording of virtual test videos.. The RFSC board reserves the right to restrict Guests for not complying with the Club's Rules, Policies, and Procedures or in the event that permitting guests is no longer in the best interests of our Club.

### General Rules

All skaters, coaches, and parents/guardians are required to abide by all of the rules and regulations set by Body Zone. This is our club's "home" and is also a business with other activities being conducted and it is essential to treat the facility and its personnel with courtesy and respect, as you would in any other place of business. Please keep in mind, the RFSC does not have the resources to provide exceptions for individual skaters. Further:

- Skaters 12 and under must have passed Basic 4 or have been accepted and currently a student of our Aspire program before they may use Freestyle ice for practice. There are no age/level restrictions for students during private lessons. Additionally there are no age/level restrictions for skaters age 13 and up however we highly encourage beginner skaters to use their best judgment to practice during non-peak ice times that may be safer for their skill level.
- Helmets are required for skaters 12 and under who have not passed Basic Level 2.
- No food, drink, or gum is permitted on the ice. Closed, non-breakable water bottles are permitted and must be kept and used at the boards.
- Cell phones are not allowed to be used on the ice except in the following situations:
  - Playing music - in this situation the phone must remain along the board area. A skater may not skate while holding their phone for the purpose of playing music.
  - A coach skating along to video a student for coaching purposes - In this case only the coach may skate while holding the phone.
  - A skater taking video of his/her own movements for practice purposes - In this situation the phone must remain along the board area and in no way should the use of a phone/ recording interrupt another skater's lesson or other right of way.
- Recording of virtual testing videos is strictly prohibited.
- Use of headphones or earbuds or any ear device that limits hearing is prohibited.
- No one is allowed on the ice without skates on, except for coaches or ice monitors.
- The benches by the ice are to be used by the skaters and coaches only. Parents, friends, and other family members are not permitted.
- No one is allowed on the ice when the Zamboni door is open.

- Maximum Number of skaters permitted on ice during a freestyle session is 25. Sessions that frequently approach or exceed the maximum number of skaters may be restricted from use based on membership status.
- Maximum number of students permitted in a private group lesson is 2.
- Some club programs consist of small group instruction during freestyle ice. Scheduling of these programs is subject to approval by the Board and subject to change based upon participation levels during the freestyle session.
- Hockey skates may only be worn during Freestyle ice during private lessons.
- There are no speed drills or use of cones. Warm up laps may be done at a fast speed but not at “racing” speed. Only one skater at a time may take warm up laps. Be aware of other skaters that appear to be waiting to take warm up laps.
- No skater may bring or use hockey sticks, wear equipment other than helmets and hockey gloves. Helmets may not include any face covering. Only soft protective gear may be worn, no hard or plastic shin guards or other equipment may be worn.
- If any rules are broken, skaters may be asked to leave the ice and/or may lose skating privileges.

### Right-of-Way

It is each skater’s responsibility to yield the Right Of Way (ROW) in the following priority:

- Skater run through to Music - **pinnie required for ROW**
- Private Lesson
- Active test patterns

### Music

- Music will be put in a queue. Private lesson program music is prioritized in the queue.
- Everyone yields to the skater with the music on **except** when a skater is repeating their program or sections of a program multiple times, including during choreographing. **Skaters who are repeating their music should not expect the ROW to apply, even if there are no other skaters waiting to play music.**
- Skaters running their program to music **MUST** wear their pinnie and remove it as soon as the program is completed.
- Choreographing to Music - Coaches are expected to use discretion and good judgment when requiring a pinnie for teaching Choreography/a new program to students while considering the amount of ice required and session conditions.

### Skaters’ & Parents’ Rules

- If you are a parent of a minor skater, please educate your child about the Ice Use & Safety Rules and work to ensure your child is compliant with the rules.
- All skaters will sign-on and make payment with an ice monitor prior to stepping on the ice.
  - Skaters should not punch their own card. If a monitor is unpresent, please wait for the monitor to arrive, if there is no monitor on duty, please have another club member punch or witness that your card was punched.
- Skaters and coaches should not take the ice until the designated start time of a session, and should exit the ice promptly at the end of a session.
- All skaters will wear a pinnie when running a program or dance.
- All skaters are to remain alert to their surroundings while skating.
  - **If you are an experienced skater**, please be patient with the less experienced skaters. Remember – you were new to freestyle at one time, too. Special care and judgment should be exercised when choosing to practice moves, for example, camel spins, backward spirals and solo dance patterns that limit a skater's visibility.
  - **If you are a less experienced skater**, please be extra careful to remain aware of your surroundings, other skaters, and to look ahead of where you are skating to see what others are doing or are about to do. Please be aware, some sessions, used by advanced skaters, are hazardous to the inexperienced.
  - **Crowded sessions** may be hazardous to all skaters regardless of experience level.
- The ice is for practice, not socialization. Please go to the wall or leave the ice if you wish to socialize or take a break.
- No playing tag, pushing, pulling, bumping, racing or sitting/laying down on the ice.
- No interrupting a coach while they are teaching a private lesson to another skater.
- Your actions and behavior are a reflection of the RFSC. You are expected to act respectfully towards other skaters, coaches, and guests at Body Zone as well as at events at other rinks.
- Digging holes, scraping, stomping, or throwing the ice is not permitted.

### Skate Safe

All skaters and coaches agree to abide by the code of conduct set forth by USFS under the “SafeSport™” statement. Information about USFS Skate Safe can be found at <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe> .

Information specific to our Reading Figure Skating Club SkateSafe can be found at <http://www.readingfigureskatingclub.org/skatesafe/>



## **SkateSafe**

U.S. Figure Skating, and the Reading Figure Skating Club, strives to provide a safe environment for its members that is free of abuse and harassment. The association will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment or abuse of any of its members including athletes, coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, volunteers or any other persons while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating. All forms of abuse and harassment are unacceptable and in direct conflict with U.S. Figure Skating rules.

The U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe Program addresses the following types of abuse, harassment and misconduct:

- Sexual abuse and misconduct
- Physical abuse and misconduct
- Emotional abuse and misconduct
- Bullying, threats and harassment
- Hazing
- Willfully tolerating misconduct

As a member organization of USFSA, the Reading Figure Skating Club endorses this important code of conduct. Importantly, our coaches are in compliance with USFSA requirements for annual background screening. Both our coaches and board members are required to have clearances from the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal background check and the Childline Child Abuse check.

As part of our membership package, skaters and parents must acknowledge our code of conduct and SkateSafe guidelines. We encourage all parents of our skaters who deal with our clubs and competitions to have a background screening, which is free under PA State law.

Any violations of SkateSafe should be reported confidentially to our SkateSafe compliance chair, Tara Lucca at [rfscSkateSafe@gmail.com](mailto:rfscSkateSafe@gmail.com).

SkateSafe Signature Page

SKATER NAME (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibition, competition, and test session Waiver. Please read the following waiver and sign your name below:**

It is agreed that the skater and their family holds USFS, Reading FSC and Body Zone Sports and Wellness Complex harmless from any and all liability either during practice, testing, exhibitions or competitions and from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property.

Skater Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if skater is under 16)

**Press Release waiver:**

There are times when photos and or video taken at performances may be used for publication in Body Zone and Reading Figure Skating club communications or livestream. I consent for my or my child's picture to be used for such press releases. It is understood that these photos will not be a source of income for either institution and, therefore, will not have compensation associated with using these photos. If you do not want your pictures used, do not sign.

Skater Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if skater is under 18)



## **Skater/Member Code of Conduct**

The Reading FSC 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 Reading Figure Skating Club 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.

1. All skaters, regardless of whether they hold home club, associate, non-member or guest status, must follow and uphold the provisions 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/guardians of skaters, U.S. Figure Skating officials and guests.
2. Reading FSC 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. Unsafe or discourteous behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

### **GR 1.02 CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following code of conduct applies to all participants in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions and training camps:

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 my relations with others.
- B. I will not discriminate against any member or participant on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin or any other status protected by federal, state or local law, where applicable.

- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. I will comply with all applicable anti-doping rules including, but not limited to, ISU anti-doping rules.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. I understand that all disciplinary proceedings will be conducted pursuant to Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and that my rights and remedies are derived therefrom.

### GR 1.03

U.S. Figure Skating will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment (including sexual harassment), misconduct, (including sexual, physical and emotional misconduct), bullying or hazing of any of its members including coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, athletes and volunteers — or any other persons — while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating.

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Signature

Printed name

Date

***Harness Waiver:***

A skating safety harness is a teaching tool used to assist the skater in learning and refining jumps and other skating techniques and when used in conjunction with the skater's technical skills can be helpful in preventing injuries due to falls. However, injuries and bruises can still occur, even serious injuries, from falls or collisions with other skaters. The coach and skater using the harness should maintain awareness of other skaters, especially those performing their programs, and yield right of way accordingly.

For insurance purposes, only insured, USFS registered professional coaches who are members of the Reading FSC and trained in the proper use of the harness are permitted to use the harness for lessons. These lessons will be conducted only on club or rink figure skating sessions. The skater must be a member or affiliate member of the Reading FSC and be free of any medical conditions that would put the skater at risk while using the harness.

The last coach/skater to use the harness during a figure skating session is responsible for properly storing the device to prevent damage and accidents.

*I have read, understand and accept these terms and conditions and agree to waive and release any and all claims against the Reading FSC, the Body Zone Sports and Wellness Complex, the professional coach, and other skaters from any injury resulting from use of the skating harness.*

Skater Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if skater is under 16)