



The Skating Club of Boston[®]

Membership Guide

2022-2023 Season



This guide has been prepared by The Skating Club of Boston's management team for the convenience of its members, and to provide specific information about the Club, including its traditions, operations and the obligations of its members.

Please be aware that the Club Rules are a separate document and are updated from time to time. If a conflict should appear between this guide and the Club Rules, the latter will prevail.

If you have questions after reviewing this guide, please contact the Club Office or the Club's Membership Services Director.



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Membership and Fees

What types of memberships are available?

There are two categories of membership: voting memberships and non-voting memberships. Voting members are entitled to full privileges of the Club, whereas non-voting members have limited privileges. To learn more about each class of membership, click [here](#).

Voting Memberships

Family
Single
U.S./World Championships Competitor
Officials
Honorary

Non-Voting Memberships

Introductory
Team
Friends of the Club

What are the benefits of membership with the Club?

The “privileges of membership” include the right to vote and to hold office, the right to the use of Club facilities, to participate in Club activities and to represent the Club in competition. A detailed explanation of each membership and their respective benefits can be found on the [Membership Benefits and Obligations chart](#).

How do I join the Club?

Prospective members who are interested in joining the Club must complete an application form available online [here](#). Membership applications are processed on a rolling basis.

What are the next steps after my application has been submitted?

After your application has been approved by Club management and processed, you will receive an email from the Club Director welcoming you to the Club. Additionally, the Club's Director of Membership Services will email you an invitation to a new-member orientation.

What is the new member orientation session?

New member orientations are informal sessions provided to educate new members about the history of the Club, highlight Club activities, offer opportunities for involvement, and review critical Club rules. All new members must complete a New Member Orientation within 6 months of joining the Club. Typically, New Member Orientations are scheduled for the first Thursday of every month at 7PM via Zoom.



What is the U.S. Figure Skating membership fee?

All members who wish to skate must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating. Such a registration is required for insurance purposes. Membership to U.S. Figure Skating through the Club is \$60. Subsequent-family memberships may be requested through the Club for an additional cost of \$24 per family member. Registration or renewal can be done online [here](#).

What is ACTIVE NET® ?

ACTIVE NET® (“Active Net”) is the software the Club uses to manage Club member accounts. Each member’s Club account exists on Active Net and allows members to contract ice and pay bills online. To learn more about Active Net, visit the Club’s [Active Net FAQ](#).

What is a “Club account”?

Each member has a unique online Club account through Active Net. All Club financial obligations are posted to the member’s Club account. Every member will receive a monthly electronic statement.

Monthly membership fees, ice contract fees and all other monthly charges for will be charged to member accounts on the first of each month. Any additional charges incurred during that month will be billed to the member's account, or they can be paid when registering for activities.

What is the Club’s fiscal year?

The Club’s fiscal year follows the U.S. Figure Skating fiscal year which begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of the following year.

What is the weekly planner?

Members can find information on the coming week at the Club via the Club’s weekly planner, distributed electronically every Saturday morning. The weekly planner outlines all Club ongoings including changes to ice schedules, upcoming events, and dining menus.

How can I get a locker?

Depending on your membership type with the Club, you may be permitted to rent a locker at the Club’s facility. Interested members should complete a locker request form and submit it to the Club Office. Club management will assign a locker and the requesting member will be notified of the locker number and combination. A fee of \$5 per month will be charged to that member’s Club account.

Where are the Club locker rooms?

The Club locker rooms are located in the West hallway between the Performance Center and West Rink.



Who is allowed in the locker rooms?

Members are the only persons allowed in the Club locker rooms. Women aged eighteen (18) and older must use the Women's Locker Room and those under eighteen (18) must use the Girls Locker Room. Similarly, men aged eighteen (18) and older must use the Men's Locker Room and those under eighteen (18) must use the Boys Locker Room.

Parents/permanent legal guardians are prohibited from being in a locker room except for when it is necessary to assist their child under 11 years of age. Parents/permanent legal guardians must be of the same sex and their presence is necessary to assist their child.

The All-Gender Locker Room is open to all but intended for the Club's gender-expansive members. The all-gender locker room is not to be used as a pass-through between the Performance Center and West Rink.

Where is the 'lost-and-found'?

Located in the hallway between the East Rink and the Performance Center, a set of bins and a rolling rack can be found where misplaced goods are stored. Unclaimed articles are periodically donated to local charities. The Club is not responsible for lost or damaged goods.



Club Rules

What are the Club Rules?

The Club Rules have been written to provide for the safety and equitable treatment of all members and guests. Members and guests are expected to be familiar with the rules and comply with them at all times.

Where can I find the Club Rules?

The Club Rules can be found electronically [on the Club's website](#) and are available upon request at the Club Office.



Member Dining and Dinners

What is the in-facility dining obligation?

The in-facility dining obligation is a required annual spending minimum for members in the Single, Family and Team membership categories. Purchases at the 1240 Café, the Frieling Club Lounge, concession stands, or member dining events can contribute to satisfying the in-facility dining obligation. At the end of the season, the member's Club account will be billed for any unused dining obligations.

How do I setup a dining account?

Members are encouraged to setup a dining account with the Club's hospitality department. The process takes about ten minutes and allows members to have purchases at the 1240 Café, Frieling Club Lounge and concession stands automatically deducted from their dining account balance. Dining accounts can be used to pay for select member dinners as well. If you have any questions about dining accounts, visit the 1240 Café.

What is the 1240 Café?

Open seven days a week and serving all three ice surfaces in the facility, the 1240 Café is owned and operated by the Club giving it greater freedom and flexibility in designing the menus and catering to the tastes of all Club members and their guests.

Designed by the Club's Executive Chef, Mark Flemming, the 1240 Café menus have been planned with the input of Club members and loyal patrons who depend on the cafe for everything from the perfect coffee to quick, healthy and fulfilling meal options throughout the day.

The 1240 Café encourages feedback. Check your electronic receipt to leave feedback for the hospitality team.

What is the Frieling Club Lounge?

Removed from the Club's ordinary bustle, the [Frieling Club Lounge](#) is a sophisticated, private space limited to Club members and their guests boasting a bird's-eye view of both the Performance Center and the West Rink. The Frieling Club Lounge includes dinner seating for 200 individuals and is served by the adjacent professional kitchen which is managed by the Club's Executive Chef. Members twenty-one (21) years of age and older are also able to enjoy the Frieling Club Lounge's bar on select occasions.



What are Member Socials?

The Club's Hospitality team hosts weekly Member Socials to try the latest sensations coming out of the Club. Chef Mark Flemming is constantly inspired by different flavors, cooking styles and always fresh, premium ingredients. Member Socials' menus change each week and features a wide range of interesting options.

Members 21 years of age and older are also invited to enjoy the Frieling Club Lounge's bar on select occasions which includes a large selection of domestic and craft beers, handcrafted cocktails and a variety of wines.

[Click here to see this week's Member Socials menu.](#)

What are Club dinners?

A long-time mainstay of the Club's social community, Club dinners offer opportunities for members to prepare for competition, celebrate holidays, organize benefit events, and share their love of skating throughout the year. During the competition season, send-off dinners are held to acknowledge skaters competing in U.S. Figure Skating or International Skating Union qualifying events. To learn more about upcoming Club dinner events, [click here](#) or check the weekly planner.

Can children attend dinner?

Children are welcome to attend dinner with their families. A children's portion may be available for children under 12 years of age.

How do I purchase tickets for dinners?

When there is an upcoming Club dinner you are interested in attending you simply pre-purchase meals for you and your guests prior to arrival online through the Club's hospitality webpage, easily found in the weekly planner.

On the checkout page there will be an option to pay with a gift card, this is where members with member dining accounts can enter their 16-digit account number and use available funds towards the dinner. Any remaining balance can be paid with a credit card.

The day of the dinner you will pick up your tickets at the Club Office. Please make sure you bring your tickets to the dinner.

Can I bring a guest to dinner?

The Club encourages members to bring guests and introduce them to the Club community. Members can purchase meals for their guests or can share the webpage link for guests to purchase their own meals. Members should accompany their guests while at the Club.



What if I have a food allergy or dietary restriction?

Those requiring any special dietary consideration(s) should communicate this when placing their order. If placing an order online, indicate your allergy or requested consideration in the notes section of the order. While the Club cannot guarantee every accommodation, it will make every effort to fulfill dietary requests.



Ice Time

What are Club Ice sessions?

Club Ice sessions are sessions designed solely for members of the Club with skating privileges at the Club's facility. They are free of charge. Members are encouraged to call the Club Office the morning of the session to reserve their spot.

The Club periodically shares Club sessions with athletes preparing for an upcoming event. In some events, the Club may cancel a Club session entirely.

What are member sessions?

Member sessions are fee-based ice sessions that are available only to the members of the Club with full skating privileges (members on the Family, Single, Introductory, and U.S./World Championship Competitor membership packages). Sessions may be contracted or, as space permits, "walked-on". If space is available, a non-member can be invited by a member or a Club coach.

What are non-member sessions?

Non-member sessions are available to both members and non-members. During the Club season, only members may contract for these sessions. Members and non-members may, as space permits, walk-on to these sessions.

How do I contract ice time?

To contract ice, the Club Office has prepared a step-by-step tutorial found [here](#). Members are not guaranteed availability of desired ice times.

Members of the Club with an appropriate membership may contract for ice time. In the event a session reaches capacity and a waitlist is formed, the following priority will be assigned:

1. Seniority of Club membership
2. Highest U.S. Figure Skating Free Skating test passed
3. Date of application receipt

What is the add/drop period?

The Club offers skaters who have registered for contract ice session a grace period where sessions may be removed from their schedule permanently. The add/drop deadline of a given contract season is released via the contract guidelines, available on the Club website on the [schedules and contract ice](#) page.

Can I change my ice contract?

Once the add/drop period has ended, members can make permanent changes to their contracts if the following criteria are met:

- Skaters must be level-appropriate for the session to which they wish to switch.



- Skaters must switch to a session of equal or lesser value, for example, switching from a 50-minute session to a different 50-minute session, or switching from a 50-minute session to a 40-minute session. In the event that a skater switches to a session that is less than the contract rate of their original session, no refund is given. A skater who switches from a 50-minute session to an 80-minute session will be charged the difference in contract rates before being permitted to switch.”
- The change must be permanent until the end of that contract season.

What is the “walk-on” policy?

A “walk-on” refers to any person with an active U.S. Figure Skating number who comes to the Club to skate a level-appropriate session for which they have not contracted. Complete guidelines for walk-ons are detailed in the Club’s Ice Rules. On fully contracted sessions, permanently waitlisted skaters will be allowed to skate after five minutes, space permitting, and walk-on skaters will be allowed to skate after ten minutes as long as space permits.

What is summer ice?

The summer season is nine to eleven weeks long and spans from late-June through August. Members and non-members are able to contract ice on a week-to-week basis during this season.

What is fall ice?

The fall season is typically 41 weeks in length, starting in late August or early September and running through mid-June, coinciding with the public school academic year. During the fall season, only full members of the Club are able to contract ice, and ice must be booked for the entire season.

What is the difference between Free/Dance sessions and Free sessions?

On Free Sessions, the primary focus is the practice of moves-in-the-field and free-skate elements. On Free/Dance Sessions, skaters are permitted to practice partnered and solo dance elements such as patterns, spins and lifts in addition to moves-in-the-field and free-skate elements.



Testing

Who is responsible for the test sessions at the Club?

The Club's test chair creates the schedules for the free-skate, moves in the field, pairs and ice dance test sessions. Test sessions are typically held monthly at the Club.

Does the Club offer virtual testing?

In addition to in-person test dates, the Club also organizes virtual test sessions on a monthly basis. The Club has designated sessions where the filming of virtual tests is permitted.

Where can I find upcoming test session dates?

Upcoming test dates are posted at the Club Office and on the [Club's website](#).

How do I apply for a test session?

Applications are available online on the [Club's website](#) and at the Club Office upon request. All applications must be completed in full or they will not be processed. Applications are due two weeks prior to the scheduled test date.

Please be aware of the following rules:

- If the test candidate is a non-member, written permission to test from the skater's home club is required.
- In the event the test session reaches capacity and a waitlist is formed, the following priority will be assigned:
 1. Seniority of Club membership
 2. Highest U.S. Figure Skating Free Skating test passed
 3. Date of application receipt
 4. Club membership
- Late entries will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the test chair when received in writing. Accepted late applications may be subject to a \$25 late fee.
- Requests for cancellation must be submitted in writing to the Club test chair.
- From time-to-time, test sessions are cancelled due to a lack of interest or scheduling conflicts. When this occurs, the participants are notified and given the option of having their test fees returned or forwarded to the next scheduled test date.

For additional information on testing, please refer to your U.S. Figure Skating [Members Only](#) account.



When will I get my test certificate?

All tests are conducted in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules. Test certificates are issued by U.S. Figure Skating and can be collected in the Club Office. It can take up to three months to receive your test certificate.



Exhibitions

When are exhibitions held?

Exhibitions are typically held on Friday evenings during the fall/winter/spring season. During the summer season, exhibitions are held during the week. Exhibition times can be found on the Club's ice schedules. They are occasionally cancelled due to low demand, Club show rehearsals, or special functions. [Click here](#) to see the current Ice Schedules for exhibitions times.

Who may exhibit?

Members with skating privileges at the Club are permitted to exhibit. All exhibitions are subject to the exhibition guidelines, outlined below.

How do I sign up to exhibit?

Skaters wishing to exhibit must [register online](#). A \$25 cancellation fee will be assessed directly to the Club account if skaters scratch within twenty-four hours of their scheduled exhibition.

Fall/Winter/Spring Exhibitions (Friday Nights, up to 30 skaters)

Summer Exhibitions (Wednesday/Thursday Afternoons, up to 18 skaters)

A typical exhibition will be limited between 18 and 30 performances. The limit may be increased from the beginning of the fall season through the start of the qualifying season.

- Sign-ups for fall/winter/spring exhibitions will be accepted through the end of the day on Wednesday.
- Sign-ups for Summer exhibitions will be accepted through the end of the day on Monday.
- Exhibition order will follow a logical framework based on the number of performers and their competitive levels and/or disciplines.
- Performers may not 'switch' or 'trade' their placements with other skaters in the exhibition order.
- Skaters performing in upcoming international or qualifying competitions may be given skate priority.

Priority will be determined by the following parameters, in descending order of importance:

1. Qualifying competitors
2. Number of performances in each period:
 - Fall-Winter: September 1-January 31
 - Spring: February 1-May 31
 - Summer: June 1-August 31
3. Free-skate or Free Dance test level
4. Date of sign-up



Ice Sessions and Rules

What are free skating sessions?

Free skating ("Free -Skate") are sessions on which skaters may practice both moves in the field and freestyle disciplines. All free-skate sessions have levels in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating standards. Skaters are permitted to contract or to walk-on to sessions for which they have passed the appropriate free-skate test(s). Free-skate session levels are delineated by free-skate/free-dance test levels, not moves-in-the-field test levels.

What is the meaning of the free-skate session levels?

Club Management designates specific test levels for each session. For example, a session designated intermediate through senior (labeled Int/Sr) is appropriate for any skater who has passed the intermediate or higher free-skate test.

Please refer to [Appendix C](#) for a listing of abbreviations and acronyms.

What are the different test levels for free-skates?

Please refer to the [Appendix A](#) for the list of test levels from U.S Figure Skating.

Who can use the jump harness?

Only Club staff coaches and Club junior coaches may use the jump harness. Only 2 harnesses may be used on any session, whether it is a pole harness or the stationary jump harness.

Who can use the spinner?

Only approved Club coaches that have been provided training may use the spinner. Skaters wishing to use the spinner with an approved coach must first complete the Spinner Harness Waiver Form through the Club Office. Similar to on-ice sessions, payment for the use of the spinner should be made in advance. You may not use the spinner at any time unless you have first registered with the Club Office.

How may skaters have their program music played during a session?

Skaters and coaches may play program music in accordance with the music rules outlined in the Club Rules.

How can I have my music uploaded to the iPads?

An iPad is available in each rink for playing music during warm-up times and storing competition or show programs for daily use. Please speak to your coach to have your music added to the iPads.



Are there any specific areas of the ice designated for the practice of elements?

No, but there are suggested areas for certain elements. Consult your coach for suggested areas for elements. In general, it is important for all skaters to keep moving, and to not stand still on any area of the ice.

Who has the right of way during a free-skate session?

The skater performing their program always has the right of way and all other skaters are required to yield to that person throughout the course of the program. The skater performing their program can be identified by the neon-colored vest that is suggested to be worn to signal their right of way to other skaters. In addition, skaters are expected to exercise common sense and take every precaution to avoid endangering themselves and other skaters by cutting them off, skating into them, or taking other action which could cause a collision. (e.g., spinning, in a lift, skating backward without looking in that direction, etc.).

What are the rules of an Ice Dance session?

The only activity permitted during Club or ice dance sessions is the skating of compulsory dances, free dances, or dance step sequences. Dance spins, dance lifts and moves in the field are permitted. Free-skate jumps and spins are prohibited.

What is the expected behavior of skaters on the ice?

It is expected on all sessions that skaters are always respectful and tolerant of each other. Bullying in any form, fighting and foul language will not be tolerated. The Skating Club of Boston adheres to the SkateSafe rules of conduct as detailed on the [U.S. Figure Skating Website](#).

The use of earbuds, headphones, and other listening devices that are worn in and on the ears is prohibited on the ice at all times except when actively working with a coach or choreographer.

What is the expected behavior of parents, guardians, or chaperones?

Parents, guardians and chaperones are also expected to be respectful and tolerant of each other, skaters and Club management at all times. Bullying, fighting, and foul language will not be tolerated.

According to Club rule IR-19, in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating policy, parents may not offer instruction to a child from the boards, the bleachers or any other location. For the purposes of this rule, 'instruction' includes providing feedback on the execution of elements, providing direction on training activities, and providing any other guidance about what the skater is doing on the ice. If a parent needs to speak with their child, the child must leave the ice to do so.

Parents are bound by the [U.S. Figure Skating Parent Code of Conduct](#).



Off-Ice Facilities

The Marilyn P. Kasputys Branch of The Micheli Center for Sports Injury Prevention

The Marilyn P. Kasputys Branch of The Micheli Center for Sports Injury Prevention is a new location for The Micheli Center's ground-breaking approach to injury prevention in athletes of every age. Founded by the world-renowned sports orthopedic specialist and the Director of Sports Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital, Dr. Lyle Micheli, the center applies decades of research, data and experience across a wide variety of sports to help today's athletes avoid injuries in the first place. In addition to providing prescriptive evaluations and practical strength-and-conditioning plans to help prevent injuries, the center's trainers also offer group and private instruction in over 4,000 square feet of space to train Club skaters with all of their off-ice strength and conditioning requirements. In addition, the center's space includes examination and treatment rooms, offices for sports psychology and nutrition, on-site physical therapy, and an x-ray imaging room for any immediate examination requirements.

How do I become a member of The Micheli Center?

Interested Club members can register for The Micheli Center Individual Access membership by completing the online registration form [here](#). A fee of \$20 per month is added to each registered member's Active Net account. Like Club membership, The Micheli Center membership package will automatically renew each season until a written request to cancel is submitted to the Club Office. Please note that the \$20 monthly fee for access to The Micheli Center does not include strength and conditioning classes run by the center's trainers. Members of The Micheli Center who are interested in private, personal training can schedule time directly with The Micheli Center

What are the rules for members of The Micheli Center?

All members participating in programming through The Micheli Center must abide by the rules set forth by [The Micheli Center](#).

The Kasputys Family Studio

The Kasputys Family Studio ("The Studio") at The Skating Club of Boston offers a variety of dance classes. Whether you are an elite athlete, a recreational skater, or are simply interested in engaging in some healthy exercise, The Studio has a class for you.

The Studio's instructors are highly trained professionals whose core values are rooted in body positivity and providing a safe, healthy environment for expression. Each instructor brings a unique skill set to the Club and encourages cross-training for athletes. They also stress the importance of fundamentals to each student. To learn more about the schedule and other details [click here](#).



What is the High-Altitude Room?

Within The Micheli Center, the Club operates a Hypoxico Altitude Training System (high-altitude training room) – the only such training room in this area. Training at simulated high-altitude conditions the body to utilize oxygen more efficiently, increases stamina and adds endurance for performing today’s demanding programs. Members who would like to train in this room must have a membership through The Micheli Center and complete the Waiver and Release of Liability Form through the Club Office beforehand. Unless otherwise authorized by Club management, use of the room must be arranged and scheduled through the Club Office. Members should sign in and out of the room using the check-in sheet inside the training room, and the last person scheduled for the day is responsible for turning off the machine.

What is the Dr. Tenley E. Albright Academic Center?

During the weekdays, the Dr. Tenley E. Albright Academic Center serves as an academic study center within the Club’s library on the facility’s mezzanine. A space free from distractions, our members participating in a remote-learning program can use the space to participate in their study program of choice, and our other skaters can use the space for academic study before, between or after skating sessions. The Club will provide on-site supervision during established weekdays, with both a morning and early afternoon 3-hour time block. Members must pre-register to use the Academic Center unless it is after hours or on the weekends. Registration preference will be given to athletes pursuing a full-time, remote-learning program.



Home Ice

What is Home Ice?

Home Ice is The Skating Club of Boston's in-house "pro shop" that offers boots, blades, apparel, and equipment maintenance. Owned and operated by Aislinn Munck-Owen, a competitive figure skater and former Disney On Ice cast member. Home Ice caters to every skater, from those in Skating Academy to those on Team USA.

I've never bought skates before, what do I do?

To book an appointment with Home Ice, visit [Home Ice's website](#).

What services are available at Home Ice?

Home Ice offers everything a skater needs to have the best equipment to support their skating aspirations.

How do I contact Home Ice?

For information about the store and their product offerings, please visit homeiceboston.com, call 857-425-9539, or email Aislinn at aislinn@homeiceboston.com.

Does Home Ice accept walk-ins?

All services are by appointment only. This includes skate sharpening and any adjustments. To book an appointment, visit homeiceboston.com.



Coaches

How can I learn more about Club coaches?

To learn more about the diverse group of coaching professionals at the Club, visit the [Club's coaching page](#). Amongst our team of highly-skilled and experienced coaching professionals, each coach has a unique competitive background that allows them to focus and specialize in different areas of athlete development.

To learn more about selecting a coach, review the guide developed by the Club's coaching director found [here](#). Any additional questions can be directed to the Club's Coaching Director.

What does it mean when a coach is a "Club coach"?

A Club coach who is an individual who has been thoroughly reviewed by the Club's Coaching Director and Club management to ensure they meet the Club's expected technical and professional standards.

Can I arrange a lesson with a coach that is not on staff with the Club?

Guest coaches are welcome on non-member sessions. In order for a guest coach to teach at The Skating Club of Boston, they must be fully compliant with U.S. Figure Skating and be able to provide documentation of their compliance. The required paperwork for guest coaches can be found on the [Club's website](#). All guest coaching paperwork must be completed prior to coaching at the Club.



Ice Chips

What is Ice Chips?

Ice Chips is the Club's annual ice show (or "carnival"). The Skating Club of Boston was one of the first clubs to organize such a production, starting in 1912, and today, the show continues to be the longest running club show in the country.

What are the participation guidelines for Ice Chips?

All Club members are encouraged to participate in Ice Chips, either as a skater or as a volunteer. The goals of the production are to provide the membership with an opportunity to demonstrate their talents and creativity in a show environment and to promote the opportunity for Club members to come together at the end of each season in a fun and collaborative effort.

Participation in the Ice Chips is a privilege of membership. All family and single members can participate as skaters, either in a solo (qualification guidelines below) or in production numbers. Theatre On Ice and Synchronized Skating members may participate in Ice Chips as a member of their respective teams, unless they are also full Club members.

What are the guidelines for having a solo in Ice Chips?

To be eligible for consideration for a solo, skaters must be members in a good standing of The Skating Club of Boston and must represent the Club when competing at U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions. Club participants qualify for solos or other special features based on their placements in qualifying U.S. Figure Skating and International competitions held in the current competitive season as outlined in the Club rules. Please note that the Ice Chips Committee may at any time make any changes to these rules necessary to accommodate show requirements, such as show theme or length (which is specified as 135-minute running time), including limiting appearances to only one or two of the three shows.

How do I sign up to participate in Ice Chips?

Members receive information about Ice Chips through email communications and the Club website. Typically, Ice Chips is held in early April, with practices beginning in January or February, depending on when the U.S. Championships is scheduled for that season. Interested members are asked to complete an online application form for each person wishing to participate and to submit by the deadline. Registration typically opens in September and closes in late October.

Can I participate without skating in the show?

The success of Ice Chips depends greatly upon the willingness of Club members to volunteer for many non-skating tasks, including ticket sales, publicity, costume production, prop construction, program sales, spotlight operations and backstage crew. Volunteering is a great way to meet other members and learn about other aspects of the Club outside your daily routine.



Club Events

What is the Club Competition?

Each year, the Club conducts its own, free competition for members only. Many of the Club's finest skaters have participated in the Club competition throughout its illustrious history. The rich heritage is reflected through the trophies displayed in the Trophy Room.

This competition is typically held in the spring and is open to all members of the Club. In the weeks leading up to the Club competition, sign-ups can be done online.

Officials for the Club Competition include U.S. Figure Skating judges, in addition to high-test skaters interested in judging. While this competition is less formal than its official U.S. Figure Skating counterparts, traditional competition rules are employed. If only one skater signs up for an event, that individual then competes against the Rulebook standard.

Medals are awarded at the conclusion of the Club Competition. Skaters nominated for Club Awards based on their results at the Club Competition will receive their awards at the Club's annual Awards Banquet. The Club Competition is designed to be fun, inclusive, and an opportunity for all Club skaters to come together as a community. We hope that all Club members will participate in the unique event and help keep this tradition strong.

What is the volunteer incentive program?

The Skating Club of Boston relies heavily on the commitment and dedication of its volunteers. The purpose of the Volunteer Incentive Program (V.I.P.) is to engage the Club community and reward members' continued support of world-class events and programming at the Club. The Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) is a rewards program that tracks participants' volunteer hours and awards incentive points that may be redeemed for a variety of Club goods and services.

All active Club members in good standing with The Skating Club of Boston are eligible to participate in the Volunteer Incentive Program. However, program participation is NOT required to volunteer at an event. Members must register with the VIP to have their volunteer hours tracked and to begin receiving rewards points.

Club members must register in advance of their first volunteer session to begin reward points. [Click here to register](#) or visit the events page of the Club website. The registration link will also be sent in Club communications distributed in advance of each program-eligible event. Points will not be awarded for any hours worked in advance of a volunteer's registration. There is no fee to participate in the rewards program.



Other Club Events

What is the Boston Open?

The Boston Open is an annual figure skating competition hosted by The Skating Club of Boston since 1976. As the last large competition in the northeast, the Boston Open is the perfect stop for skaters to perfect their skating programs before the U.S. Figure Skating qualifying season begins.

What is the Cranberry Open?

The Cranberry Open has an illustrious history of world-class officials and was held for 39 years on Cape Cod as one of the premier figure skating competitions in the country. Previously hosted by the Yarmouth Ice Club, the competition is now hosted by the Club.

What is the Cranberry Cup?

The Cranberry Cup is an international competition held in conjunction with the Cranberry Open. First held in 2021, this competition offers international events in both singles and pairs at the junior and senior levels.

What are Send-Offs?

The Club recognizes and honors competitive skaters (of all disciplines) before they embark for various qualifying competitions (including U.S. Championship, World Championships and the Olympics). Send-off celebrations may include an exhibition featuring skaters who will be competing in the specific event.

What is the Annual Meeting?

The Annual Meeting is held every year towards the end of the season in either May or June (as required by Club bylaws) for the purpose of electing new officers and members to the Board of Directors, updating the membership in Club financials and activities, and for transacting any additional business that requires the attention of the membership in its entirety.

What is the Annual Awards Banquet?

The Club hosts an Awards Banquet at the end of each Club season to celebrate the year and acknowledge the achievements of the membership. During this banquet, the Club presents skaters with awards earned at the Club Competition. The Club also presents several prestigious awards to members deserving special recognition for their performances or activities during the season, including athletic, scholastic, and volunteer performance.

What is the Halloween Party?

Each year the Club hosts a Halloween party for the enjoyment of its younger members. Organized by the Junior Activities Committee (JAC), this party features on and off-ice



games and activities, including a costume contest, complimentary refreshments and a themed Haunted House.

What is the Holiday Pageant?

The Junior Activities Committee (JAC) hosts the Holiday Pageant each year in December where members can perform a solo or similar pairs routine typically choreographed to holiday music. The JAC also performs a group number, and several Synchronized Skating and Theatre On Ice teams also participate. From time to time, the JAC will also coordinate a service component to the pageant by asking Club members to support outside organizations who help children and families in need.

What is the Frog Pond Skating Spectacular?

An annual tradition of First Night Boston, the Frog Pond Skating Spectacular is a free ice show that takes place during the activities of First Night on New Year's Eve. Members can sign up to participate in group and/or solo numbers. There is a cost to participate in each of these events with practices occurring through November and December.



Theatrical Skating

What is Theatre On Ice?

Originating from France and known as Ballet Sur Glace, Theatre On Ice (TOI) is a discipline of competitive figure skating. It combines the grace of figure skating with the excitement of theater and dance. Teams consist of between 8 and 24 skaters. The programs are judged on technical merit and presentation with an emphasis on originality, costuming, artistry and musicality. Skaters, both competitive and non-competitive, learn and grow on a Theatre On Ice team. Teams draw Club skaters together and foster camaraderie and Club spirit.

The Club currently offers eight teams: Forte of Boston (Senior), Act 1 of Boston (Junior), Encore of Boston (Novice), Prelude of Boston (Open), Center Stage of Boston (Preliminary), Debut of Boston (Introductory), Imagica of Boston (Adult), and Overture of Boston (a unified team for disabled skaters and their mentors). The TOI of Boston program has had teams medal both nationally and internationally. Practices are typically held on Sunday evenings throughout the year. For further information, visit the TOI of Boston website: www.toiboston.org.

What is Showcase of Boston?

Showcase is an exciting discipline combining theatrical expression and presentation with classic skating skills. The discipline fuses artistic creativity with figure skating for single skaters, duets, small ensembles of three to seven and production numbers of eight to thirty skaters.

Competitors in Showcase will have a chance to qualify for the National Showcase Competition. There, the best showcase performers from around the country will compete for top honors in the parade of showcase champions, a top-honor in the theatrical skating world. For more information, please visit the Theatre On Ice website [here](#).



Synchronized Skating

What is Team Excel?

Team Excel is a separate organization affiliated with The Skating Club of Boston offering training of synchronized skating teams of all levels. Their teams represent the Club in competition and all participating members are required to have a Club membership. The mission of Team Excel is to promote synchronized skating and prepare high quality synchronized skating teams for regional, national, and international competitions in an environment that supports the personal growth and development of confidence in athletes.

For further information please refer to Team Excel's website at <http://www.excelsynchro.org> or email inquiries to ExcelSynchro@gmail.com.

What is Hayden Synchronized Skating?

The Hayden Synchronized Skating Teams organization was founded in 1979 in Lexington, Massachusetts. Hayden Synchronized Skating Teams have been crowned national champions 48 times across the senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile divisions.

For further information please refer to Hayden Synchro's website at <https://www.haydensynchro.com>.



Inviting Guests

When can I invite guests to skate?

Members with skating privileges and Club staff coaches may invite guests to skate during Club Ice sessions. Members and Club coaches may also invite guests to skate during Member sessions, though they will have the lowest priority as walk-ons, which will depend on test level, appropriate space and payment of the non-member fee.

How many guests may I have at one time?

Members may invite one family member or two unrelated individuals as guests at a time.

Can I rent skates for my guest(s)?

Skate rental is available for \$5.00. Please check with the Club Office for assistance. Skates must be returned to the Skate Rental window at the end of the session.

What are my responsibilities when I have a skating guest?

Members hosting guests are responsible for seeing that Club rules are followed and for assuring the safety of their guests. It is especially important that guests understand and abide by the rules for Club sessions. A guest should not take the ice without being accompanied by the member hosting them.

How many times can I invite the same guest?

A guest may be invited twice during a calendar month and not more than six times during a Club year (July 1st through June 30th). This rule applies even when the same guest is invited by different members. A guest is required to have a current U.S. Figure Skating membership number to skate on all sessions except Club Ice.

Non-members who are members in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating and are considering membership at The Skating Club of Boston may be permitted to skate on an unlimited number of sessions for a period of two calendar weeks.

What sessions have guest fees and what sessions do not?

No fee is charged to guests invited to skate during Club ice. Guests skating during a member or non-member session will be charged the non-member, walk-on rate.

What if my guest has only hockey or speed skates?

Hockey skates are permitted on Club sessions, while speed skates are not. Only figure skates will be allowed on member or non-member sessions.



Club Leadership

Who Does What at The Skating Club of Boston?

With its ongoing growth and the many changes at the Club these past several years, many new and existing members may be unaware about the roles of the Club's Board of Directors, its officers, the Executive Director, the Club Director, other members of its professional management team and its volunteer committees and chairpersons.

In addition to its primary operations at 750 University Avenue, the Club also manages programs at other facilities, including a year-round program at the Boston Common Frog Pond, a comprehensive, multi-location, learn-to-skate program (through The Skating Academy), annual events such as the Boston Open and Ice Chips, and periodic U.S. Figure Skating qualifying events.

Please [click here](#) for a list of positions within the Club's leadership team, including the primary responsibilities associated with the position. Please [click here](#) for an up-to-date list of the Club's professional management team.

Who do I contact with specific questions?

Please refer to [this chart](#) if you need to contact a management team member about an issue, complaint, or suggestion. The "First Contact" column denotes the individual with whom to start your inquiry, and if appropriate, the following columns indicate the next individual to contact if not satisfied with an initial response or action.

What is the Board of Directors?

As defined in the Club's By-Laws, the [Board of Directors](#) of The Skating Club of Boston is an elected group of Club members who – together with the Officers and professional management of the Club have the responsibility and the authority to manage the affairs of the Club. Newly-elected Board Members are inducted at the annual meeting which is held May or June of each year, and take office in July of each year. The Board meets quarterly to make decisions relating to the issues of the Club.

How can members make their views known to the Board?

Members may write to the Board regarding any concerns or suggestions they may have, addressing the correspondence to the Club Secretary. In most cases, member concerns will be deferred to Club management to address. Members are encouraged to first reach out to the Club's Membership Services Director with questions or issues.

What are the rules surrounding personal business at the Club?

Out of respect for the Club's professional management team, please do not ask for their assistance with your work or personal business. They are asked to be accommodating to members' needs and requests, but their responsibility is for conducting club business.



Club Committees

What is the Junior Activities Committee (JAC)?

The Junior Activities Committee (JAC) is a leadership and community service organization. The JAC organizes family-friendly events and special community projects within the local community and at the Club. The JAC is a great opportunity for members to develop leadership and organizational skills. Members are looked up to by younger skaters and are leaders within the Club. Through fundraising and hosting events, the JAC truly makes an impact in the Club and the surrounding community. If you would like to join the Junior Activities Committee, please email the Director of Membership Services.

What is the Adult Community Activities Committee (ACAC)?

The Club is pleased to support the growing body of adult figure skaters throughout the Adult Community Activities Committee (ACAC). The mission of the ACAC is to increase engagement among the adult members at the Club. The ACAC invites you to join and look for updates as the committee creates events, seminars, and activities for our adult participants. Past activities have included on and off-ice dance class, strength training workshops and an on-ice boot camp for spin and jump skills. If you would like to learn more or join the Committee, please email the ACAC Chairs at acac@scboston.org.

What is the Finance Committee?

The Finance Committee meets monthly with management to review operations, budgets, and works with the Club's outside auditors to ensure the Club has proper internal controls and that the annual audit properly discloses the Club's financial position. Committee members also work with the Club's professional investment management company to oversee proper management of the Club's investments.

What is the Ice Chips Committee?

The Ice Chips Committee provides the volunteer support that runs and manages the show. From backstage operations to locker room chaperones, costuming, spotlight operators, program sales, ushers, ticket office, staging, and more, volunteers are the backbone of the show. If you would like to join the Ice Chips Committee, please email our Director of Membership Services.

What is the DEIB Committee?

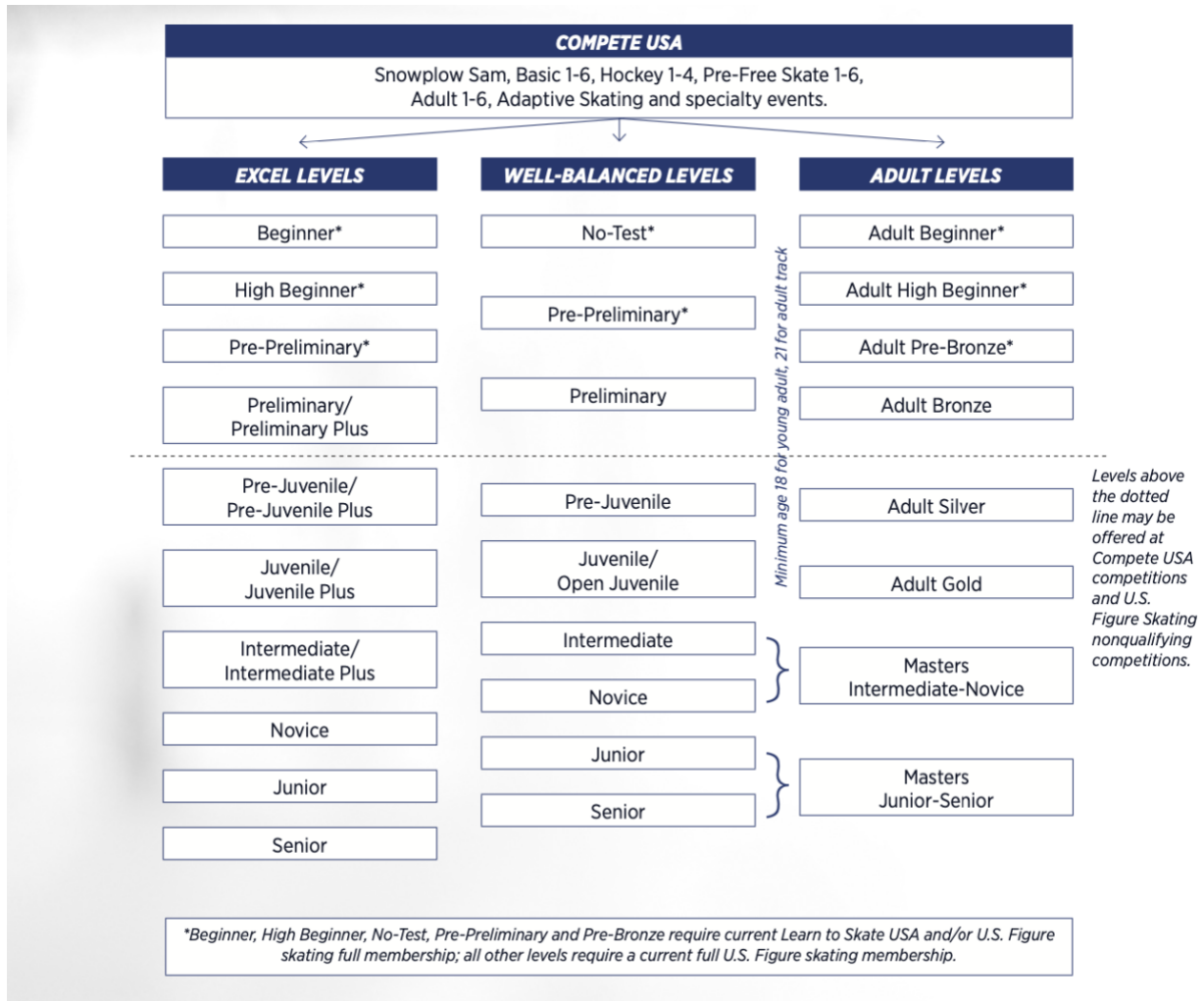
DEI stands for diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. In keeping with the Club's mission and core values of inclusion, the Club is committed to equitable policies and protocols, education initiatives, honest dialogue around differences, increased access for underrepresented populations, and other initiatives that will make the Club community more inclusive and more representative of the ever-changing and diverse community of which it is part. The Club maintains a Management Advisory Group to ensure the values of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging are upheld. For more information, please visit scboston.org/deib.



Appendices

A: Competitive Progression Through the Levels of U.S. Figure Skating

Singles athletes begin with the Compete USA competitions. Once athletes begin the official U.S. Figure Skating test structure, they can choose to enter the Excel, Well-Balanced or Adult levels as appropriate for their ability, test, level and age. Test requirements are the same for the Excel and Well-Balanced levels. It is completely the choice of the athlete which track to follow; athletes may switch between tracks as best suits their development, but may not enter the same type of event in multiple tracks. Competitive level is determined by highest free-skate test passed.



[Graphic courtesy of Compete USA's 2021-2022 Competition Manual](#)



B: U.S. Figure Skating Test Structure

The test structure, considered the foundation of U.S. Figure Skating, determines a skater's competition level. Test sessions featuring panels of U.S. Figure Skating officials are hosted by clubs across the country and offer skaters the opportunity to highlight their abilities and advance to the next level. When a skater passes the final test in a given pathway, he or she earns the designation of U.S. Figure Skating Gold Medalist.

Moves in the Field	Free Skating	Pairs	Free Dance	Dance
Pre-preliminary	Pre-preliminary			Preliminary
Preliminary	Preliminary			Pre-Bronze
Pre-Juvenile	Pre-Juvenile	Pre-Juvenile		Bronze
Juvenile	Juvenile	Juvenile	Juvenile	Pre-Silver
Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Silver
Novice	Novice	Novice	Novice	Pre-Gold
Junior	Junior	Junior	Junior	Gold
Senior	Senior	Senior	Senior	International



C. Acronyms and Abbreviations

To learn more terminology, visit [U.S. Figure Skating's Style Guide](#).

FS	Free-skate
IJS	International Judging System
ISU	International Skating Union
MIF	Moves in the Field
USFS	United States Figure Skating
Juv.	Juvenile
Int.	Intermediate
Nov.	Novice
Jr.	Junior
Sr.	Senior



D. Helpful Email Addresses

Adult Community Activities Committee	acac@scboston.org
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee	deib@scboston.org
Events Team	events@scboston.org
General Inquiries	club.info@scboston.org
General Skating Academy Inquiries	info@skatingacademy.org
Hockey Skills	hockeyskills@scboston.org
Ice Chips	ice.chips@scboston.org
Junior Activities Committee	scobjac@gmail.com
Theatre On Ice	toi@scboston.org
Ticket Office	tickets@scboston.org
Virtual Testing	virtual.testing@scboston.org
Visiting Athletes	visitingathletes@scboston.org
Uploading Music to iPads	music@scboston.org