

# TEXAS GULF COAST FIGURE SKATING CLUB



## NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION PACKET

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Beginning with the 2012-2013 membership year, **members will be required to volunteer for a minimum of 5 hours at club events.** In order to **renew or join you will need to provide documentation of your service hours for the 2011-2012 year.** That means that you should log your volunteer hours beginning July 1st, 2011. Forms for tracking your hours will be available on the club website.

#### New members:

Please complete the forms indicated above and return to Roger Davis, Vice President, Membership. Forms may also be dropped off in the Club book in the Pro Shop of Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center. Membership will not be considered complete until all forms are received.

#### Current members:

Please submit the renewal packet.

If you have any questions or comments please email  
[membership@texasgulfcoastfsc.org](mailto:membership@texasgulfcoastfsc.org).



June 1, 2011

Dear Current and Prospective Members:

Each year it is our pleasure to invite skaters to join in supporting Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club. This year is no different. So many exciting things happened last year including our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Show and additional club ice parties including monthly birthday celebrations. We plan to keep the ball rolling for next year. The TGCFC Board looks forward to working toward many goals and getting to know you and your skater even better.

The TGCFC Board prides itself on its eagerness to hear from members and their families. Receiving your input is the only way we can successfully improve the Club and extend its reach. There have been many changes to the Board of Directors over the past year and we have several positions that need to be filled. Please consider joining the board so that we can continue to offer the quality programs that our club is known for. With that in mind, we have included a contact listing for the 2011-12 Board members. Each of these individuals will be happy to accept your forms or answer any questions you may have. You can also leave forms, documents, or other information for the Club in the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Pro Shop. Please ask for the **Club Book**. When you leave forms in the book, please send an e-mail to a Board member to let us know it is there. We check the book frequently but it helps to know that forms are there.

Stay up to date with club news and events by checking the bulletin board in the SLISC lobby, the Club website ([www.texasgulfoastfsc.org](http://www.texasgulfoastfsc.org)), and e-mail updates. If you are not on our e-mail subscription list, please visit the Club website to sign-up or fill out the e-mail sign-up request form or email [secretary@texasgulfoastfsc.org](mailto:secretary@texasgulfoastfsc.org).

#### TGCFC 2011-2012 Board of Directors

| POSITION            | NAME                                 | E-MAIL   |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| President           | Pam and Eric Wichmann                | <a href="mailto:president@texasgulfoastfsc.org">president@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>                 |
| VP-Membership       | Roger Davis*                         | <a href="mailto:membership@texasgulfoastfsc.org">membership@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>               |
| VP-Testing--OPEN    | Acting: Molly Gorny and Pam Wichmann | <a href="mailto:testing@texasgulfoastfsc.org">testing@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>                     |
| Treasurer           | Christy de la Mora*                  | <a href="mailto:treasurer@texasgulfoastfsc.org">treasurer@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>                 |
| Secretary           | Molly Gorny*                         | <a href="mailto:secretary@texasgulfoastfsc.org">secretary@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>                 |
| Sanctions/Events    | Jennifer Simon                       | <a href="mailto:sanctionevents@texasgulfoastfsc.org">sanctionevents@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>       |
| Hospitality         | Ting Chao                            | <a href="mailto:hospitality@texasgulfoastfsc.org">hospitality@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>             |
| Club Ice Chair      | David Rogers                         | <a href="mailto:clubice@texasgulfoastfsc.org">clubice@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>                     |
| Social Events--OPEN | Acting: Pam Wichmann                 | <a href="mailto:socialevents@texasgulfoastfsc.org">socialevents@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>           |
| Skater Development  | Teresa Wilson                        | <a href="mailto:skaterdevelopment@texasgulfoastfsc.org">skaterdevelopment@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a> |
| Fundraising--OPEN   | Acting: Pam Wichmann                 | <a href="mailto:fundraising@texasgulfoastfsc.org">fundraising@texasgulfoastfsc.org</a>             |

\*Authorized to sign competition and test forms on behalf of the Club.

**All first time Club members must complete the FULL membership packet.** If you were a full member during the 2010-2011 season, complete the renewal packet. Please be sure to include any changes in your information. This is the information that is filed with U.S. Figure Skating. Again this year we are offering the ability to pay your membership dues by credit card via PayPal. To take advantage of this service, please visit [www.texasgulfoastfsc.org](http://www.texasgulfoastfsc.org) and click on the Membership tab. We are still happy to accept your personal check for payment.

Thank you for joining the Club and supporting its athletes and the sport of figure skating. If you have any questions or you need any additional information, please be sure to let us know.

*Pam and Eric Wichmann*

Pam and Eric Wichmann  
Co-Presidents  
Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club

**Membership Application 2011-2012**  
**Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club (TGCFCSC)**

Please print legibly or type. Application must be submitted with all fees and Club Ice information and all release forms.  
 See reverse side for further information.

| SKATER INFORMATION  |  |                 |                      |                |
|---|--|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Skater #1 Name:   |  |                 |                      | Date of birth: |
| Skater #2 Name:   |  |                 |                      | Date of birth: |
| Address:  | City/State:  |                 | Zip Code:            |                |
| Home Phone: ( )   | Work: ( )  | Cell Phone: ( ) |                      |                |
| Email:  | Anticipated year of graduation from high school: _____ United States Citizen? Yes ___ No ___ |                 |                      |                |
| Coach(es):  | Primary Rink:  |                 | Secondary Rink:      |                |
| Please check roles: <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> USFSA Official |  |                 |                      |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Synchronized Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Theater on Ice Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Coach                         |  |                 |                      |                |
| Name of Current US Figure Skating Home Club:  |  |                 | US Figure Skating #: |                |
| Last USFSA Tests Passed:  | Moves in the Field   | Free Skate      | Dance                | Pairs          |
|   |  |                 |                      | Figures        |

| PARENT/GUARDIAN AND ADVOCATE INFORMATION                                       |           |                 |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| If club member is a minor, designate an Advocate to represent their interests: |           |                 |
| Mother/Guardian Name:  | E-Mail:   | Employer:       |
| Home Phone: ( )  | Work: ( ) | Cell Phone: ( ) |
| Father/Guardian Name:  | E-Mail:   | Employer:       |
| Home Phone: ( )  | Work: ( ) | Cell Phone: ( ) |
| Other Contact Numbers/E-mails:   |           |                 |

| MEMBERSHIP FEES -- Membership due 6-30-2011   |                                       |   |   |  |  |                             |                     |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| *Amounts below represent total annual fees for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 membership year.  |                                       |   |   |  | Membership classes, fees and benefits detailed on reverse. |                             |                     |  |
| <b>Annual Dues</b>  | Junior Full<br>(Home Club)            | 4 Year Collegiate/<br>Single Year -<br>High School/<br>Adult Testing<br>Membership<br>(Home Club) | Special<br>Olympian & Friends of<br>Figure Skating,<br>Absentee, Affiliate, Out<br>of Area<br>(Home Club) | 2nd Club<br>Membership<br>(Non-Home Club)<br><br>No stipends | Bridging<br>Basic Skills<br>(Home Club)                    | Basic Skills<br>(Home Club) | Synchro/<br>Theatre | Advocate,<br>Skating Professional<br>or Judge<br>(Home Club) |
| Class of Membership   |                                       |   |   |  |  |                             |                     |  |
| First Family Member   | \$200.00**<br>After Jan 1 See Below** | \$125.00  | \$45.00 - \$100.00  | \$150.00   | \$85.00  | \$25.00                     | \$50.00             | Zero - \$40  |
| *\$185 for first time USFS members (2011/2012 year only). May not have been a previous member of TGCFCSC or USFS.<br>**Junior Full Home Club members \$100 after January 1, 2011 (expires 6/30/2012). No other prorates please. |                                       |   |   |  |  |                             |                     |  |
| Additional Family Members   | \$140.00                              | \$100.00  | \$45.00-\$100.00  | \$130.00   | \$50.00  | \$25.00                     | \$50.00             | Zero - \$40  |

| CANDIDATE/PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE  |              |
|--|--------------|
| I agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws and Official Rules and Policies of the TGCFCSC and those of the US Figure Skating. I give permission to print my name, address, E-mail address and phone number in a Club Directory unless designated below. I agree to accept e-mails as my primary method of official communication from the Club unless designated below. I release TGCFCSC from any liability skating during Club Ice or any other Club functions. |              |
| Member/Parent Signature  | Date         |
| E-MAIL _____   | E-MAIL _____ |
| _____ I do not authorize my information to be published in a Club Directory. _____ I realize e-mail and TGCFCSC Bulletin board are primary methods of club communication   |              |

Make Checks Payable to: Texas Gulf Coast FSC (TGCFCSC)  
**Mail to: TGCFCSC Membership, PO Box 17273, Sugar Land, TX 77496-7273**

| CLUB USE ONLY                         |                                     |                |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Amount Enclosed \$ _____              | MEMBERSHIP APPROVED? [ ] YES [ ] NO | Date Approved: |
| Check Number _____                    |                                     |                |
| Paid Online Via PayPal: _____         | USFS # : _____                      |                |
| Signature of Membership Chair : _____ |                                     | Date: _____    |

**Junior Full Membership (Home Club) \* Class C and L is applicable**

Individual \*\$200.00 – includes 1 advocate membership for minors (\$100 after Jan 1, 2012)  
Additional Family member \$140.00

Club ice, stipends (one member per family), testing at in-club rates, US Figure Skating membership, *Skating* magazine, critiques, competitions, shows, socials, communications, voting member. Membership application and fees must be received by club by July 1, 2011 in order to qualify for stipend if club funds permit.

For 2012, U. S. Figure Skating is offering a substantial discount for first time members. If you have never been a member of U.S. Figure Skating you may pay the discounted rate of \$185. This is for the first family member only.

**Collegiate (4years)/High School (Annual) (Home Club)/Adult (Annual) Class A, B, C-2 and L is applicable**

Individual \$125.00  
Additional Family Member \$100

Must currently be enrolled as a full-time student. Please include a copy of your High School or College ID.

Testing at in-club rates, US Figure Skating Membership, *Skating* magazine, critiques and seminars at out of area rates, competitions, shows, socials, voting members. No club ice or stipends.

**Basic Skills**

Basic Skills Bridging \$85.00\*\*  
Basic Skills \$25.00

Competitions, shows, socials, communications, limited seminars at out of club rates. Must upgrade to full membership in order to take part in testing, US Figure Skating Membership and *Skating Magazine*. \*\*Bridging membership also includes the first club ice of the month and other specified social events. Non-voting member.

**Second Club Membership (Non-Home Club)**

Individual \$150.00  
Additional Family \$130.00

Testing and seminars at in club rates, critiques at out of club rates, shows, socials, communications, US Figure Skating membership and *Skating* not included. Club ice is not included for 2<sup>nd</sup> club members.

**Limited Memberships (Home Club)**

Club Team Syncro/Theatre Member \$50.00 only if not already a TGCFSC full member  
Out-of Area \$75.00 permanently reside outside the Houston Area (defined as the eight metropolitan counties of Harris, Ft Bend, Galveston, Waller, Brazoria, Cambers, Liberty and Montgomery)  
Friends of Figure Skating \$45.00 (non-skater)  
Special Olympics \$45.00  
Judge \$Free

Testing at in-club rates for Special Olympics members in this classification, all others are at out of club rates. US Figure Skating Membership, *Skating* magazine, critiques and seminars at out of area rates, competitions, shows, specified socials, communications, non-voting member for all except Special Olympics. No club ice or stipends for these membership classifications.

**Coaches –**

**Senior Level** = 5 or more Full Home Club Members of TGCFSC and support of Skate Houston and Autumn Fest through skater participation and volunteer opportunities including but not limited to Skate Houston Silent Auction.

**Junior Level** = 3 or more Full Home Club Members of TGCFSC and support of Skate Houston and Autumn Fest through skater participation and volunteer opportunities including but not limited to Skate Houston Silent Auction.

**Basic Skills Coach** = No testing level skaters currently being coached. Promoting TGCFSC for all current students for basic Skills Membership and Bridging Membership for all Basic 8-Freestyle 8 with TGCFSC.

**Coaches/Senior Level** \$Free

\*Must complete form and present background check verification card from US Figure Skating, proof of liability insurance, and current PSA membership card. The club encourages your support of club functions and events.

**Coaches/Junior Level** \$40.00

\*Must complete form and present background check verification card from US Figure Skating, proof of liability insurance, and current PSA membership card. The club encourages your support of club functions and events.

**Basic Skills Coach** \$40.00

\*Must complete form and present background check verification card from US Figure Skating, proof of liability insurance, and current PSA membership card. The club encourages your support of club functions and events. If a competitive skater you will register for membership in that level.

**Late fee of \$25.00 will be charged for memberships submitted after the deadline of July 1. This applies to past/current Texas Gulf Coast FSC Members.**



## **BENEFITS OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

**Club Ice** - A good place to get to know other Club members is at Club ice, a key benefit for our Junior and Senior Club members at no additional cost! Join us most Fridays at the Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center from 6:50-7:50 PM on Rink A. (During summer months rink B is used). Most sessions are open skating format but some sessions will be used for exhibitions, games and parties, at the club's discretion. Bridging Members and Boot & Blade Buddies are invited to attend the first club ice of the each month to skate as a benefit of membership and to help get acquainted with other club members.

**Social Events** – including monthly Birthday celebrations, annual Halloween party, and other fun parties throughout the year including a College send off party, end of school and back to school socials. Competitor send-off parties and exhibitions for Southwestern Regionals, Midwestern Sectionals, Junior Nationals, US Nationals, and Adult Nationals competitions are highlights of the year. Other events as funds allow.

**Test Sessions** – We generally offer 6 test sessions throughout the year. Our popular test sessions afford skaters the opportunity to test when ready so goals are achieved in a timely and uninterrupted manner.

**Skater Development** – Guest Skating Coaches, IJS Spins Scoring, Moves in the Field, Jump and Spin, Dress for Success, Doc Ali with Athlete Warrior program, and Developing a Winning Attitude are examples of seminars that have been offered in the past. We are looking for ideas for the upcoming year for the skaters. Contact [president@texasgulfcoastfsc.org](mailto:president@texasgulfcoastfsc.org).

**Full membership in US Figure Skating** - Includes an annual subscription to the award-winning SKATING magazine.

**Financial Stipends** - Financial assistance to eligible Junior and Senior Full Home Club member skaters who compete in qualifying competitions. This is based annually on the financial strength of TGCFSC. For additional information please refer to the Guidelines for Skater Stipends.

**Critiques of Skating Programs** - National and International Competition Judges are brought in to evaluate skater's programs. In addition to competition-level scoring, these critiques include a private discussion among skater, judge and coach.

**Competitions** - Our Club hosts Skate Houston in March and our basic skills competition, Skate Houston Autumn Fest, in October. These provide skaters with the opportunity to demonstrate skills and refine skating programs.

**Club Jacket and Other Club Spirit Items and Wearables** - Our Club jacket with unique Club logo and other specially designed clothing are available at cost to our club members to encourage them to show Club spirit.

**SPRING SHOW**- In 2009, 2010 and 2011 TGCFSC produced a major Spring Ice Show. The Club plans to do so again in 2012, resources permitting. The Spring Show is a great opportunity for skaters to demonstrate their theatrical and skating skills.

**TEXAS GULF COAST FSC**  
**PARENTAL CONSENT AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of the above referenced activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such "activity". I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to have been 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 minor's behalf makes a claims against any of the above Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any Releasees may incur as the result of any such claim.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

**Consent for Medical Attention or Treatment**

I certify that I, the member, or I, the parent/guardian of said participant, give my consent to the Texas Gulf Coast FSC and the facility the activities are taking place in and their staff and to members of the Texas Gulf Coast FSC, their Board of Directors and volunteers to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or clinic, including transportation and emergency medical services, for myself/ourselves and/or said participant for any injury that could arise from participation in these activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of 1st Minor Child Member (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of 2nd Minor Child Member (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of 1st Adult Member (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
1<sup>st</sup> Adult Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of 2nd Adult Member (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Adult Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This Consent for Medical Attention shall be binding and effective for the GCFSC membership year of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

## U.S. Figure Skating Parents Code of Conduct for Texas Gulf Coast FSC

*Codes of Conduct give everyone a guide to what is expected of us if we are part of an organization, participating in a sport, or as spectators at our child's events.*

Preamble: The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character" (Arizona Sports Summit Accord)

### By signing below I hereby agree that:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches and officials at every practice session, competition and test session.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to skate in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the results of a competitive event.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or blame my child's teammates for placement in a competition.
7. I will do my best to make skating fun and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction not mine.
8. I will ask my child to treat other skaters, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability.
9. I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes.
10. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will be a positive role model for my child and other skaters.
12. I will demand a figure skating environment for my child that is free of drug or alcohol abuse and agree that I will not use or provide to a third party any drug proscribed by applicable federal, state, or municipal law.
13. I will not assist or condone any competing athlete's use of a drug banned by the International Olympic Committee, International Skating Union, United States Olympic Committee, or U.S. Figure Skating, or, in case of athletes, to use such drugs or refuse to submit to properly conducted drug tests administered by one of these organizations.
14. I will not provide alcohol to, or condone the use of alcohol by minors, abuse alcohol in the presence of athlete members, or at U.S. Figure Skating activities or, in the case of athletes, consume alcoholic beverages while a minor.
15. I will encourage my child's coach to continue their education and training through programs offered by U.S. Figure Skating, the Professional Skaters Association and other accredited organizations.
16. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from coaching my child or other skaters during competitions and practices because it may conflict with the coach's plan or strategies.
17. I will respect the decisions of officials and their authority during competitions and test sessions and teach my child to do likewise.
18. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials.
19. I will study the rules of the U.S. Figure Skating and teach my child accordingly so that we have an understanding and appreciation of the rules of competition and membership.
20. I will support all the opponents in my child's competition and respect the rights of all skaters to participate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(RETURN WITH REGISTRATION)**

**TEXAS GULF COAST FSC**  
**Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and**  
**Indemnity Agreement (“Agreement”)**

In consideration of participating in Texas Gulf Coast FSC activities, I represent that I understand the nature of figure skating activities (“activity”) and that I or my child am/are qualified, in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in such “activity”. I acknowledge that if I believe event conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the “activity”.

I fully understand that this “activity” involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my or my child’s own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the “activity”, the conditions in which the “activity” takes place, or the negligence of the “releasees” named below; and that there may be other risks 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 I incur as a result of my participation in the “activity”.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Texas Gulf Coast FSC, United States Figure Skating, it’s directors, officers, administrators, sponsors, volunteers, agents, employees, staff, instructors, trainers, other participants and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the “activity” takes place (each considered one of the “Releasees” herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my 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 I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

The Texas Gulf Coast FSC has the right, but not the obligation, to provide rules, regulations and/or ice monitors for Club Ice. We hereby acknowledge that the Texas Gulf Coast FSC shall not be responsible for the supervision of the members at Club Ice.

I have read this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand that I 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 law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

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Printed Name of Participant, Parent or Guardian

Date

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Signature of Participant/Parent

Date

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TGCFSC MEMBER

**(RETURN WITH REGISTRATION)**

## Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club Guidelines for Skater Stipends

approved 10/12/03, amended 5-31-08

The Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club (TGCFCSC) is “organized for non-profit and educational purposes to encourage all persons to participate in the sport of figure skating (and) to assist and support, financially or otherwise, Home Club Members in the training for, traveling to, and participation in U.S. Figure Skating (USFS) Regional, Sectional, and National Championships, including Junior National Championships and other competitions sanctioned in accordance with USFSA rules.”

Stipend funds allocated for each membership year are evaluated and voted on by the TGCFCSC board in October. The funds available are based on the Club funds which are raised for stipends through fundraising and other events.

Stipend payments are made in August for the previous year’s eligible events. To qualify for stipend payments, skaters must be full members for the entire previous membership year, and be in good standing for the current year for which they are applying for a stipend payment. In other words, two full years of membership are required in order to be eligible to receive a TGCFCSC stipend.

TGCFCSC does not normally award stipend payments for Regional Championship participants. If, after awarding stipends for Sectional and National participation, funds which are designated for stipends remain, the board may elect to open stipend application to Regional participants. Stipend funds and eligibility for Regional participants will be determined by board vote in October.

The amounts listed below are the maximum stipend allowances per event and are based on funds available. The board may determine that it is necessary to award lesser amounts. Only events requiring travel out of the Houston area are included for consideration for stipends.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Sectional Championships</b>                        | Singles - \$250 ; Pairs/Dance - \$50 per skater (funds permitting)   |
| <b>Junior National Championships</b>                  | Singles/Pairs/Dance- \$500 per skater  |
| <b>US Figure Skating Championships</b>                | Singles/Pairs/Dance \$1,000 per skater   |
| <b>Adult Sectionals (Non-qualifying events)</b>       | Singles/Pairs/Dance - (funds permitting) - \$25 per skater   |
| <b>Adult Sectionals (Qualifying events)</b>           | Singles/Pairs/Dance - \$100 per skater   |
| <b>Adult Nationals (Qualifying events)</b>            | Singles/Pairs/Dance - \$100 per skater   |
| <b>Regional Championships (Non-qualifying events)</b> | Singles Events (Pre-Juvenile, Open Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile) - \$25   |
| <b>Regional Championships (Qualifying events)</b>     | Singles Events (Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior) - \$50   |
| <b>Membership Stipend</b>                             | Full Home Club members who complete 25 or more hours of volunteer service to TGCFCSC may apply for a \$25 credit of club membership fees |

The amounts shown above will be paid based on 1) the club’s ability to remain financially solvent, 2) avoid negatively impacting other sustaining programs and 3) the skater’s successful completion of the following.

1. Skaters must pay junior or senior level fees and declare themselves Home Club skaters of Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club.
2. Renewal Membership fee must be received by the Club Treasurer on or before July 1 for the new membership year after the participated in competitive events.
3. Skaters must be Full Home Club members of Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club for one full year before becoming eligible for a stipend.
4. Skaters must apply for stipends no later than June 1. Applications may be submitted any time after the requirements are met.
5. Skaters must volunteer for the benefit of the club to include:

**TGCFSC Guidelines for Skater Stipends contd.**

25 hours of documented volunteer time during the CURRENT membership year (July 1st - June 30th). Hours worked by the skater's family can be applied to the skater's total hours. Families with more than one skater applying for a stipend must collectively work 40 documented hours.

- Autumn Fest, Skate Houston and any TGCFSC Sponsored Ice show
- Test sessions
- Club ice
- Other opportunities as they occur

Volunteer hours may be awarded for donations of food commensurate with its value and preparation time. Volunteer hours may be awarded for fund raising activities commensurate with their value. Individuals serving on the Board of Directors, Skate Houston Chairs, and others as determined by the Board may be exempt from this policy.

Skaters are encouraged to wear the official TGCFSC Club jacket or other TGCFSC Club clothing at the competitions.

In addition to the above, the board will take into consideration the following when determining a skater's eligibility to receive a stipend payment:

1. Participation in approved mentoring activities for the benefit of Club members. Examples include elite skaters attending Club ice to mentor skaters, presenting at a Club seminar, or writing articles for the Club newsletter when asked.
2. Participation in periodic special stipend fundraisers including skating in TGCFSC sponsored shows, if any.
3. Agreement to allow TGCFSC to use their name, photos and any other likeness to promote the Club.

I have read and understand the 2011-2012 TGCFSC Stipend Guidelines.

Skater's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(RETURN WITH REGISTRATION – DUE June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011)**



**Application for Stipend Reimbursement/Credit  
Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Skater Name \_\_\_\_\_

Event Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Skating Level \_\_\_\_\_ Amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Year joined TGCFCSC \_\_\_\_\_ TGCFCSC Home Club member: [ ] YES [ ] NO

Date membership application & payment received by Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

**Detail volunteer efforts benefiting the club: (Attach additional information as necessary)**

**Event Hours:**

FOR STIPEND COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Date reviewed \_\_\_\_\_ Amount approved \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for denial \_\_\_\_\_

**TEXAS GULF COAST FIGURE SKATING CLUB  
GENERAL ICE RULES**

Ice rules are necessary for the safety of all skaters, to programs running smoothly, and to insure that each participant receives equal consideration.

**General Rules**

- Safe skating is essential. Club members are expected to be considerate of other skaters at all times.
- No hockey sticks, pucks, or food allowed on figure skating ice.
- No standing around during freestyle sessions. Standing is allowed only next to the back wall hockey boxes or in lesson with your instructor.
- Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club members are guests of Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center. Skaters are expected to follow all Sugar Land Ice rules and regulations as well as take direction from rink personnel when appropriate.

**Check-In for Freestyle Sessions and Classes**

- Every skater must check in with the ice/class monitor before taking the ice or beginning the class. Appropriate cards must be punched PRIOR to taking the ice.

**Freestyle Sessions Skating**

- Program music is played by rotation in the order it is requested of the ice monitor. Skaters requesting music who are in lesson with a coach take priority over skaters in practice on their own.
- Skaters practicing their program with music have the right-of-way. It is the responsibility of the skaters to be aware of who is on the ice, who is skating his or her program, and knowing who should yield the right-of-way.
- Training Freestyle sessions are for athletes working in their sport, not for socializing. If you are not practicing and training as directed by your coach, please leave the ice and participate in public session skating.
- All ice rink rules with respect to property and proper behavior are expected to be followed at all times on the ice.
- Promptly leave the ice at the end of your sessions. If the doors to the Zamboni bay open, exit the ice immediately.
- Pay attention to the areas of training on the ice. Respect the right-of-way of others.

**Report any/all injuries and accidents to the ice monitor on duty IMMEDIATELY.**

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I have received and will abide by all ice rules. Failure to do so could result in ejection from the ice.

**Skater's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(SIGNED FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH REGISTRATION)**

## TEXAS GULF COAST FSC CLUB ICE RULES

These rules were approved by the Board of Directors 2-16-2008.

1. All skaters participating in club ice agree to abide by the rules for behavior and safe conduct posted by Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center. Any skater found not adhering to these rules or performing any act considered unsafe or destructive may, at the discretion of the TGCFCSC Ice Monitor or member of Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center rink management, be asked to leave the facility and may have club ice privileges suspended or revoked.
2. **All skaters must check in** with the ice monitor prior to taking the ice. Guests must be registered and a **fee of \$10.00** paid to the ice monitor prior to taking the ice, see rule 7.
3. The Club Ice Monitors/TGCFCSC DJ are in charge of club ice and all questions or problems should be directed to one of them.
4. **No more than 30 skaters** are permitted on the ice at one time under any circumstance. It is the discretion of the Ice Monitors/DJ to split the session into 2 – 30 minute sessions to accommodate all skaters if necessary. Rule shall be that the last ones on are the first ones off if the ice is over 30 and they will be the first on in the next session if two are needed.
5. **ONLY TGCFCSC HOME CLUB FULL MEMBERS are allowed on every club ice session.** Anyone who is not a full member is required to pay the \$10.00 guest fee. (Exception – see rule 6)
6. **Bridging TGCFCSC Home Club members** are permitted to skate the first club ice session of each month.
7. **Guests:** must be rated ISI/USFSA Freestyle 1 or above and must be with a current full home club member. Guests must introduce themselves to the ice monitor who will collect the **\$10.00 fee** and sign them in with their name, parents' name, and parents' phone number *prior to taking the ice*. Guests may not be admitted to the ice if there are over 22 members already on the ice. TGCFCSC members always have priority admittance to club ice over guests.
8. **MUSIC:** Club ice is for the skaters to skate and be social. Music may be requested via the Texas Gulf Coast web site to the DJ. There are to be no coaching, lessons, or program music played on club ice without prior Board request and approval. The Board reserves the right to use club ice for exhibitions/critiques/etc. as needed through out the year.
9. **Skaters participating do so at their own risk. Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club has no liability.**

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Skater's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club Photograph and Video Release  
2011-2012 Membership Year**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent's name), grant permission for my child,  
\_\_\_\_\_, to be photographed and/or video taped while  
participating in club activities as approved by TGCFCSC Officers.

Initial each area below that you approve of regarding your child.

- My child may be photographed during practice and competitions.
- My child may be videotaped during practice and competitions.
- My child may have his/her photograph displayed on the TGCFCSC web page.
- My child may have his/her photograph displayed in advertising material for TGCFCSC recruitment and sponsorship building officers.
- TGCFCSC may use video of my child performing in recruitment displays.
- TGCFCSC may use video of my child performing in sponsorship building presentations.
- TGCFCSC may use any photographic or videotaped material of my child for network or local television and print ads.

The name as I would like it to appear for my child in any promotional material:

\_\_\_ First name only \_\_\_ First name and fist initial only \_\_\_ Full name

Any exceptions or exclusions to the above regarding my child:

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Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

# TEXAS GULF COAST FIGURE SKATING CLUB

## Club Volunteer Information Sheet

Beginning with the 2012-2013 membership year, **members will be required to volunteer for a minimum of 5 hours at club events.** In order to **renew or join you will need to provide documentation of your service hours for the 2011-2012 year.** That means that you should log your volunteer hours beginning July 1st, 2011. Forms for tracking your hours will be available on the club website.

Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club is responsible for many events throughout the year. In order to successfully accomplish this many hours of volunteer time are necessary. Parents and skaters who volunteer at these events find it fun and educational. You meet many people and learn a lot about the "behind the scenes" of the sport. Please indicate below areas where you would like to volunteer. If you don't see the area you are interested in, please include this on the space for "Other". **THERE IS NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

- [ ] SOCIAL: Help organize periodic parties such as the Halloween party, Holiday party, event send-offs, etc.
- [ ] FUNDRAISING: Help us generate funds to keep our programs going.
- [ ] COMPETITIONS: Autumn Fest (October) and Skate Houston (March).
- [ ] TRANSPORTATION: Drive officials to and from the airport during competitions or testing.
- [ ] VOLUNTEERS: Help us find and schedule volunteers for our various events.
- [ ] TESTING: Pre-test paperwork or day of test assistance.
- [ ] SPRING SHOW: Month of May (We need all sorts of help with our large annual ice show.)
- [ ] ACCOUNTING/FINANCE: Assist the Treasurer in keeping track of Club finances.
- [ ] WEBSITE: Help keep our website up-to-date.
- [ ] GRAPHICS/PUBLICITY: Help prepare fliers, press releases, event programs, update the bulletin board, etc.
- [ ] SKATER DEVELOPMENT: Help design and run programs designed to enrich our skaters.
- [ ] BOARD MEMBERSHIP ... Become a part of our Board of Directors.
- [ ] I don't have anything specific in mind but I'll do whatever you need me to do to help!

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| YOUR NAME:  |  | PHONE #: |  |
| YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:   |  |          |  |
| YOUR OCCUPATION:  |  |          |  |
| OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN MATCHING YOUR SKILLS WITH OUR NEEDS. |  |          |  |

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**TEXAS GULF COAST FSC  
EMAIL BLAST SIGN-UP**

Most Club communications are done via email and by our website. It is important that we have an up-to-date email address for you and that you check your email periodically.

Please complete the following and return with your registration. You can also leave the form in the Club book in the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center Pro Shop or email the information to [secretary@texasgulfcoastfsc.org](mailto:secretary@texasgulfcoastfsc.org)

I/We would like to subscribe to the Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club e-mail group. We understand that we may opt out of this list at any time.

List the e-mail addresses you would like to use. Please print clearly and legibly.

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Once we receive your request you will receive a notification from Yahoo Groups that you have been subscribed or invited to the list. Please read and follow any instructions that may be included in the e-mail in order to confirm and complete your registration.

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