



June 10, 2008

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 are in the works for the 2008-9 membership year that we know you will find membership in the Club more rewarding than ever. The new Board looks forward to working toward many goals and getting to know both you and your athletes better as we move forward.

Our 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. With that in mind, we are providing a contact listing for the 2008-9 Board members. Any of these people will be happy to accept your forms or you can leave forms, documents, and other information for the board in the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Proshop. Please ask a staff member for the Club book. If you do leave it in the book, please consider sending an e-mail to a Board member to let someone know it is there. We check the book frequently but it will help us to know that it is there.

Stay up to date with "**Club Happenings**" by frequently checking the bulletin boards in the SLISC lobby, the Club website (www.texasgulfoastfsc.org), Club newsletters, and e-mail updates. These are the key ways we pass along important information and updates. If you are not on the e-mail subscription list, please visit the Club website to sign-up or fill out the e-mail sign-up request form that is included in this packet.

TGCFSC 2008-2009 Board

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

The attached membership packet has taken many hours of work to prepare. We have tried to be comprehensive in order to make sure you are as informed as possible as to the business of your club. Please take time to read through the information that is included.

Once your membership information and payment are received, you will receive a welcome packet that will be sent to you via your skater or coach. This packet will include the TGCFSC Bylaws and Constitution, information relating to ongoing fundraising opportunities, a calendar of planned events, club ice dates, and other important information.

Thank you for joining the Club and supporting its athletes and the sport of figure skating.

Have a great summer!!!

Rene' Bloom
President, Texas Gulf Coast FSC



Membership Benefits

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

Social Events – including annual Halloween party and December's annual gift exchange holiday party. 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. Others as fundraising allows.

Test Sessions - 6 test sessions are offered 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, 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 Rene' Bloom at president@texasgulfcoastfsc.org.

Full membership in US Figure Skating - including 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 TGCFCSC. 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 and which provide skaters with the opportunity to demonstrate skills and refine skating programs.

Newsletter - Club members receive our bi/monthly newsletter which keeps skaters abreast of current Club activities, test results, profiles of member skaters and other skating news. Available online at www.texasgulfcoastfsc.org or at the rink.

Club Directory - A convenient reference source for addresses and telephone numbers of Club members, annual event calendar and our Club Constitution and Bylaws.

Club Jacket and Other Club Spirit Items and Wearables - Our Club jacket with unique Club logo and specially designed are available at cost to our club members to encourage them to show Club spirit. (See attached order form for information on how to order.)

Texas Gulf Coast FSC Guidelines for Skater Stipends

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

The Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club (TGCFSC) 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 TGCFSC 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 TGCFSC stipend.

TGCFSC 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.

Sectional Championships – Singles - \$250 Pairs/Dance - \$50 per skater (funds permitting)

Junior National Championships -Singles/Pairs/Dance- \$500 per skater

US Figure Skating Championships - Singles/Pairs/Dance \$1,000 per skater

Adult Sectionals – Singles/Pairs/Dance - (funds permitting)

Non-qualifying events -\$25

Qualifying events - \$100

Adult Nationals - / Qualifying events - \$100

Regional Championships – Singles events (funds permitting)

Non-qualifying events (Pre-Juvenile, Open Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile) - \$25

Qualifying events (Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior) - \$50.00

Membership Stipend Credit – Full Home Club members who complete 25 or more hours of volunteer service to TGCFSC 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 2008-2009 TGCFSC Stipend Guidelines.

Skater's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(RETURN WITH REGISTRATION)



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:

Event Hours:

FOR STIPEND COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Date reviewed _____ Amount approved _____

Reason for denial _____

Membership Application 2008-2009 Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club (TGCFC)

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 Phone ()	Cell Phone ()	
Email	Anticipated year of graduation from high school: _____ United States Citizen? Yes ___ No ___		
Alternate E-mail		Coach(es):	
		Secondary Rink	Primary 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/Father/Guardian 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

*Amounts below represent total annual fees for July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 membership year. Membership classes, fees and benefits detailed on reverse.

Annual Dues	Junior Full (Home Club)	High School/ Collegiate/Adult Testing Membership (Home Club)	Special Olympian & Friends of Figure Skating, Absentee, Affiliate, Out of Area (Home Club)	2nd Club Membership (Non-Home Club) No stipends	Bridging Basic Skills (Home Club)	Limited Basic Skills (Home Club)	Synchro/ Theatre	Advocate, Skating Professional or Judge (Home Club)
Class of Membership								
First Family Member.....	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$45.00 - \$100.00	\$150.00	\$85.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	Zero - \$40
Additional Family Members....	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$45.00 - \$100.00	\$130.00	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	Zero - \$40

CANDIDATE/PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

I agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws and Official Rules and Policies of the TGCFC 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 TGCFC 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 TGCFC Bulletin board are primary methods of club communication	

Make Checks Payable to: Texas Gulf Coast FSC (TGCFC)	CLUB USE ONLY
Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check Number _____	MEMBERSHIP APPROVED? [] YES [] NO

Mail to: TGCFC Membership
P.O. Box 17273
Sugar Land, TX 77496-7273

Date Board Approved _____
USFS # _____

NO PRORATED AMOUNTS. Membership due 6-30-08

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

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, 2008 in order to qualify for stipend if club funds permit.

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

Individual - \$125.00

Additional Family Member \$100

Must be currently enrolled as a full time student, and enclose a copy of 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 Limited \$45.00

Competitions, shows, socials, communications, limited seminars at out of club rates. Must upgrade to full membership in order to begin 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 2nd club members.

Limited Memberships (Home Club)

Club Team Syncro/Theatre Member \$50.00 only if not already a TGCFCSC 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, Chambers, 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 TGCFCSC 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 TGCFCSC 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 TGCFCSC for all current students for basic Skills Membership and Bridging Membership for all Basic 8-Freestyle 8 with TGCFCSC.

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.

TEXAS GULF COAST FSC CLUB ICE RULES

These rules have been approved by the Board of Governors 2-16-2008.

1. All skaters participating in club ice agree to abide by the rules and 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, at the discretion of the TGCFSC Ice Monitor or member of Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center rink management may 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/TGCFSC 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 TGCFSC 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 TGCFSC 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. TGCFSC members always have priority admittance to club ice.
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. TGCFSC has no liability.**

Skater's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Numbers: _____

(RETURN WITH REGISTRATION)

TGCFSC Prospective Club Volunteer Information Sheet

Dear Parent or Senior Member,

Our club is responsible for many events during the year, which require many hours of volunteer work to be successful. Most people find it interesting and fun to get involved in the club. You meet many people and learn a lot about the “behind the scenes” of the sport. If you feel you might be able to help in some areas, please indicate below (feel free to write in any area not included). Also, please underline any special interests within a category. Please be assured that enthusiasm is the key requirement, not prior experience!

_____ HOSPITALITY: I can help organize or work meals for judges' hospitality at our competitions. This might also include assisting at our parties, recitals, and shows.

_____ ADMINISTRATION: I can help organize recitals, competitions, shows, etc.

_____ PROGRAMS: I can help with program layout and design logos for competitions.

_____ PUBLICITY: I can print media publicity, prepare press releases, etc.

_____ FUNDRAISING: I can approach potential advertisers for our competitions and shows. I can help solicit donations, which will in turn financially assist our skaters.

_____ FOOD CONTRIBUTION: I can bring food for competitions tests, shows, etc.

_____ Interested in serving the board: _____

_____ Midwesterns November 11-15, 2008

_____ Autumn Fest – October 26, 2008

_____ Skate Houston – March 2009

_____ OTHER: _____

NAME: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

Other affiliations: Other information you would like us to know about you that would be helpful to us in matching your skills and interests with the needs of the club?

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

(RETURN WITH REGISTRATION)

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.

Printed Name of Participant – Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of Participant /Parent

Date

TGCFSC MEMBER _____

(RETURN WITH REGISTRATION)

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.

Date _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____

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)

1st 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 TGCFSC membership year of
July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Which of the following programs do you feel should be included as part of our club program for the 2008-2009 season? Please place a check column next to those programs you feel should be included and check the right column next to those programs in which you or your skater may participate.

	Include	Participate		Include	Participate
Moves in the Field	[]	[]	Educational Programs	[]	[]
Free skating	[]	[]	Basic Skills	[]	[]
Dance	[]	[]	Shows	[]	[]
Pairs	[]	[]	Recitals	[]	[]
Synchronized	[]	[]	Fundraising	[]	[]
Family Skate	[]	[]	Competitions	[]	[]
Off Ice Training:					
Ballet	[]	[]	Aerobics	[]	[]
Jazz	[]	[]	Jump class	[]	[]
Weight training	[]	[]			

Please comment on any of these programs or any other programs you feel might be beneficial to the club.

Are you interested in information about becoming a U.S. Figure Skating judge or a U.S. Figure Skating accountant?

NAME _____

Skater Current Test Level _____

(RETURN WITH REGISTRATION)

Texas Gulf Coast FSC ICE RULES

Ice rules are necessary to keep a program running smoothly and to insure that every participant receives equal consideration.

General Rules

1. Safe skating is essential. All club members are expected to be considerate of other skaters at all times.
2. No hockey sticks, pucks, or food allowed on figure skating ice.
3. No standing around during freestyle sessions. Standing is allowed only next to the back wall hockey boxes or in lesson with your instructor.

Check-In for Freestyles and Classes

1. Every skater must check in with the ice/class monitor before taking the ice or beginning the class; with their appropriate punch card for the session.

Freestyle Sessions Skating

1. Program music is played by rotation in the order of request to the ice monitor. Skaters in Lesson are rotated in next preference.
2. Any member to practice a free skating program will have the right-of-way during his or her program music.
3. Training Freestyle sessions are for athletes working in their sport, not for socializing. If you are not wanting to practice and train as directed by your coach, please leave the ice and participate in public session skating.
4. All ice rink rules of respect to property, and proper behavior are expected at all times on the ice.
5. Leave the ice at the end of your session. When the doors open by the Zamboni bay, exit the ice immediately.
6. Pay attention to the areas of training on the ice. Respect the write of way of others.

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

I have received and will abide by all ice rules:

Skater's Name: _____ **Parent's Name:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Texas Gulf Coast FSC Wearables Order Form:

Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club Jacket

Style: Mondor Polartec Style #4480 **Jacket:** Child Sizes: \$50, Adult Sizes: \$60, Adult XXL Sizes: \$88.50 Add \$17 for embroidery at Corredor Concepts. No Tax added.

Jackets may be purchased at:

Corredor Concepts

1719 Eldridge Rd.

Sugar Land, TX

77478 Phone:

(281) 240-0111

If they do not have your size in stock they will special order it for you or you can contact Skate Texas at 281-978-1015. These jackets can be worn by ALL club members and parents when you attend competitions, club events, or even at your practice sessions!

Jacket Size _____ Name on Jacket _____ Paid _____

Lady in Red Designs will donate 20% of all TGCFCSC items sales to TGCFCSC. Please contact Bobbie at sales@ladyinredcreations.com.

TGCFCSC Black Vest with skater's name	\$38.00	x _____
TGCFCSC Soakers with skater's name	\$35.00	x _____
TGCFCSC Black Blanket with skater's name	\$65.00	x _____
TGCFCSC Window Decal with Skater Name	\$15.00	x _____
TGCFCSC Skate Towel with Skater Name	\$25.00	x _____
TGCFCSC Black Shorts with Skater Name	\$28.00	x _____

Write name(s) you want on each item: _____

Other items can be done for your skater as well. Go to www.ladyinredcreations.com.

For orders submitted by July 1st, add \$3.00 shipping and handling with the total payable to Texas Gulf Coast FSC. Orders submitted after July 1st, contact Lady In Red directly for tax and shipping rates.

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Club Directory Cover Design Contest

Open to all current members of TGCFSC for the 2008-2009 year.

Submit your 8.5 x 11 design for the new TGCFSC Club Directory postmarked by July 30th, 2008. You may leave your entry in the Proshop in the club book or mail to:

TGCFSC – Club Directory Contest
PO Box 17273
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Submissions may be black and white or color and may also be submitted online in pdf or jpeg format to president@texasgulfcoastfsc.org.

Include your name, phone number and e-mail address on a separate piece of paper with your drawing or submission. The winner will be announced on the TGCFSC bulletin board and website on August 15, 2008.

The winning drawing will be the cover of the 2008-2009 TGCFSC Club Directory.

The winner will receive a \$50.00 visa gift certificate, a certificate of honor and bragging rights!!! Hurry and enter now.

Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club Photograph and Video Release 2008-2009 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 TGCFSC Officers.

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

- _____ My child can be photographed during practice and competitions.
_____ My child can be videotaped during practice and competitions.
_____ My child can have his/her photograph displayed on the TGCFSC web page.
_____ My child can have his/her photograph displayed in advertising material for TGCFSC recruitment and sponsorship building officers.
_____ TGCFSC may use video of my child performing in recruitment displays.
_____ TGCFSC may use video of my child performing in sponsorship building presentations.
_____ TGCFSC 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:

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Please invite me to the Texas Gulf Coast Membership site at this e-mail: _____

e-mail: _____

You will then receive an e-mail that you will have to click through for it to begin.

E-mail and Bulletin board are the clubs sources of information distribution.

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