

Celebrating 75 Years !

# Annual Membership Packet

2011-2012 Skating Season

## Skate with the Hershey Figure Skating Club

Join us and become a part of the great history of accomplished skating in Hershey. That history goes back to the founding of the club in 1934 and includes U.S. National Champions, cast members of touring skating shows like Disney on Ice, skating coaches, choreographers, and more! Many HFSC skaters go on to skate for nationally- ranked collegiate synchronized skating teams, join skating shows, and coach around the country. Other members serve behind-the-scenes as judges and technicians – making sure skating competitions from the local Hershey Open to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships run perfectly.

At Hershey FSC, we encourage the instruction, practice, and advancement of our members in all figure skating disciplines. We operate figure skating programs for skaters of all ages and promote growth of the sport under the general policies and objectives of U.S. Figure Skating, the national governing body for skating in the United States.

### We cultivate an environment with five core values:

- Fun •High Quality instruction
- Good Sportsmanship
- Friendly Competition •Volunteerism



Member:



## Membership Benefits

- 1 year U.S. Figure Skating membership
- 1 **FREE Test Session** for full members of HFSC, not to exceed 2 tests
- Option to apply for support of costs for approved qualifying competitions (please see club officer or club website for appropriate forms)
- Several **FREE** membership skates throughout the year
- Participation in Holiday & Spring Teacher Appreciation Recitals
- Annual Judges Critique (Pre-Preliminary FS Level and Up)
- Off-ice training privileges
- Club parties and extra special events
- Access to practice ice at HFSC open practice sessions, and Hersheypark arena and Giant Center practice ice sessions
- HFSC email news & updates
- Access to purchase official club apparel
- Opportunities to purchase discount or special tickets to ice shows at Giant Center
- Opportunities to volunteer in club activities that support the sport of figure skating

Affiliate members please see specific listing of included privileges on the next page.

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### General Information

All members, with the exception of affiliate Members, designate the Hershey Figure Skating Club as their "Home Club" with U.S. Figure Skating by completing this membership application.

The membership year is from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Payment must accompany each membership application. All memberships are subject to approval by the HFSC governing Board, however, skating privileges, if applicable, may start after the Club is in receipt of the completed application with proper payment.

Additional skating or non-skating family members may also join for an additional fee.

## Membership Levels

### JUNIOR SKATER WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN

For one skater under the age of 18 (a junior member), and one adult member who is the skating member's parent or guardian.

Includes:

- Two U.S. Figure Skating memberships
- Two Hershey FSC memberships
- Junior member may join Badge, Advance or Competitors Club skating program (whichever is applicable, additional fee applies).
- Skaters age 14 and older may participate in Adult Club skating sessions for the purposes of practicing ice dancing.\*
- The Adult Member has voting rights at club meetings. This includes the Annual Membership Meeting and any special club meeting called by the HFSC Board of governors. (Board meetings not included).
- The Adult Member receives all privileges listed under the Adult Skater Membership.

**Please note:** the privilege of attending club meetings is not open to persons under the age of 18. This membership specifically provides for an adult member to represent the interests of the skating member at official club meetings.

### ADULT SKATER

For skaters 18 years of age or older.

Includes:

- One U.S. Figure Skating membership
- One Hershey FSC membership
- Adult Club skating program privileges (additional fee applies)
- Attendance and voting rights at club meetings. This includes the annual Membership Meeting and any special club meetings called by the HFSC Board of governors. (Board meetings not included.)
- Adult skaters who are training to compete or test at the intermediate level or higher may request special privilege from the Board of governors to participate in the Competitors Club skating program. (additional fee applies).

### SKATING PROFESSIONAL

For professional skating instructors 18 years of age or older.

Includes:

- One U.S. Figure Skating membership
- One Hershey FSC membership
- Adult Club skating program privileges if desired. (additional fee applies)
- Attendance and voting rights at club meetings. This includes the Annual Membership Meeting and any special club meetings called by the HFSC Board of governors. (Board meetings not included.)

### COLLEGIATE

For full-time college students. Proof of full-time college or university attendance is required. Collegiate members are entitled to all privileges listed under the adult Skater Membership.

**Please note: the membership fee covers 4 years of membership.** Members who are still under the age of 18 are not eligible to attend club meetings.

### ADDITIONAL SKATER | SKATER/NON-SKATER

Additional family members are welcome to join for an additional fee. Additional Members should indicate on the application if they will be a "skating" or "non-skating" member and must comply with the applicable first membership qualifications and privileges.

**Please note:** additional members will not receive a separate subscription to Skating Magazine.

### AFFILIATE

For skaters who participate in the sport on a regular basis, are currently a "Home Club" member at another U.S. Figure Skating club, and would like to participate in certain HFSC skating programs and utilize HFSC sponsored USFS test sessions without paying the non-HFSC member fee (currently \$25.00 per test session). Affiliate Members do not have voting privileges and are not eligible for support of any expenses to qualifying and/or non-qualifying competitions by the club. USFS membership and Skating magazine subscription are a benefit of the Home Club membership.

Affiliate membership includes all benefits of the other Hershey FSC membership types except for the following:

- Voting privileges.
- Attendance privileges at club meetings.
- Competitor's send-off party.

### NON-SKATER

For non-skaters who are interested in supporting the club and being involved in figure skating in non-skating ways such as volunteering at club sessions and events, or serving as a U.S. Figure Skating Judge or Official (certification process required). There are no skating privileges with this membership. The Hershey Figure Skating Club appreciates all its Non-Skating Members for their support and dedication to the sport of figure skating and the Hershey Figure Skating Club.

## U.S. Figure Skating Parents Code Of Conduct

**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".

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 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 prescribed 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 the 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 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.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Code of Conduct

Hershey Figure Skating Club supports the U.S. Figure Skating Parents Code of Conduct (left) in all our activities.

We encourage all skaters, including adult and College members, to be familiar with the Code of Conduct which embodies the ideals we present in our programs and activities.

### New to Skating?

Skating, like many things, can seem complicated when you first get involved. You might be looking for answers to many questions, like:

- What to wear
- Buying the right skates
- Preparing for competition
- How testing works

Feel free to ask any board members, program coordinators, skating professionals, and other members for answers to your questions. We were all new to the sport once, so we understand. You will also find good resources at the U.S. Figure Skating website, [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org). Click on Programs.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Skating clubs are run by volunteers and at Hershey we encourage and value volunteerism by all our members, including our junior members. If possible, take time to volunteer with us. You will learn more about skating and, at the same time, make new skating friends. Contact the club president to find how you can get involved.

### Ice rules

Hershey FSC supports a safe skating environment for all participants. Ice Rules are posted at each rink location. Skating Professionals and Program Coordinators may remove skaters who do not abide by ice rules. Please do your part to make sure we all skate safe!

### Support for Qualifying Competitions

To assist eligible HFSC Home Club members to achieve the highest skating awards in U.S. Figure Skating, we provide support to assist with expenses involved with Qualifying Competitions. Please visit the club website for more information.



# 2011-2012 Membership Application

Complete and return application with check or money order payable to Hershey Figure Skating Club.

Applications to be mailed only to Ann Bruder, membership chair.

**ANN BRUDER**  
**HFSC Membership Chair**  
205 Elm Ave.  
Hershey, PA 17033

## MEMBER INFORMATION

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

New Member? YES \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Membership Renewal – USFS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ US Citizen? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** We communicate the majority of club news by email. Email is sent using a secure system and member email addresses are never shared.

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Currently a teaching skating professional?: NO \_\_\_\_\_ OR YES – PSA #: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Highest Applicable Test Level you have passed as of the date of this application?

Badge Program \_\_\_\_\_ Freestyle \_\_\_\_\_ Moves in the Field \_\_\_\_\_ Dance \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

(Please complete if you are the parent of guardian of a junior skating member)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member? YES \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Membership Renewal- USFS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Street (if different from junior member's): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ US Citizen? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## VOLUNTEERING

Skating clubs are run by volunteers and at Hershey we encourage and value volunteerism by all our members, including our junior members. if possible, take the time to volunteer with us. You will learn more about skating and make new skating friends. Please let us know if you are interested in helping in any of the following areas:

Special Events \_\_\_\_\_ Test Sessions \_\_\_\_\_ Club Competition \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_

Serving on the Board \_\_\_\_\_ Chairing a Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Marketing \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ **THANK YOU!**

## MEMBERSHIPS

### FIRST FAMILY MEMBER:

- Junior Skater with Parent/guardian (2 memberships) \$95.00
- Adult Skater \$65.00
- Skating Professional \$65.00
- Collegiate (4-year membership) \$100.00
- Non-Skater \$50.00
- Life (USFS Fee only) \$40.00
- Affiliate\* \$65.00

\*Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER:

- Additional Member – Skater \$40.00
- Additional Member – Non-Skater \$25.00

### **TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEES** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Donations**

The Hershey Figure Skating Club is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Your donations are graciously appreciated and support the activities of the club in many ways. Please consider employer-matching programs as well.

TOTAL DONATION ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

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**2011-2012 Hershey Figure Skating Club WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY,  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND IDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of participating in Hershey Figure Skating Club activities, I represent that I understand the nature of figure skating activities ("activity") and that I am 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 participating 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 own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the "activity", the conditions in which the "activity" takes place, or the negligence of the "leases" 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 Hershey Figure Skating Club, 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 "leases" 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 "leases" 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 leases, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the leases from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which may incur as the results of such claim.

The Hershey Figure Skating Club has the right, but not the obligation, to provide rules, regulations and/or ice monitors for Club ice. We hereby acknowledge that the Hershey Figure Skating Club 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.

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(If member is under the age of 18)

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**2011-2012 VISUAL MATERIALS AND INTERVIEW RELEASE**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby give permission to the Hershey Figure Skating Club or to the local media to interview and/or take photographs, slides, movies, DVD's, or videotapes of the above participant(s). In addition, I give permission to the Hershey Figure Skating Club to use these interviews, photographs, slides, movies, DVD's, or videotapes in its publications (other than the Club's website on the internet) and presentations, and in material that may be circulated to media (newspapers, radio, television, etc.). I am aware that the above named participants may be part of videos, DVD's, and/or photographs that will be sold to parents, family members, and customers. I understand and agree that I will make no claim for

compensation for use of these written or visual materials. I also agree to release and discharge the Hershey Figure Skating Club from all claims and demands of any nature whatsoever arising from or with respect to the use of any interviews, photographs, slides, movies, DVD's, or videotapes.

I give/  I do not give permission to the Hershey Figure Skating Club or local media to interview and/or take photographs, slides, movies, DVD's, or videotapes of myself and/or my child.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(If member is under the age of 18)

**AND**

The Hershey Figure Skating Club publishes a variety of information about our Club and our activities on a portion of the internet known as the World Wide Web. From time to time, we may wish to include the above named participant(s) name and/or photograph on our website. This information might be published in order to recognize the participant(s) achievements or in conjunction with activities of the Club on the web.

Your signature below acknowledges permission for this information to be published on the World Wide Web.

I give/  I do not give permission to the Hershey Figure Skating Club or local media to myself and/or my child's name or photograph on the World Wide Web.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(If member is under the age of 18)