

Windy City Figure Skating Club Policies

Membership categories and voting privileges

The WSFSC has the following classes of members:

First Family Member--Senior. A senior first family member shall be at least 18 years old. This is a full membership that includes registration with US Figure Skating, a subscription to Skating magazine, permission to test and take lessons on Windy City FSC ice sessions, and invitations to club meetings and events. Senior members enjoy full voting rights and may join the Board of Directors and hold office, provided they comply with US Figure Skating's eligibility standards as defined in the Rulebook (section PSER).

First Family Member--Junior. A junior first family member shall be under 18 years old. This is a full membership that includes registration with US Figure Skating, a subscription to Skating magazine, permission to test and take lessons on Windy City FSC ice sessions, and invitations to club meetings and events. Junior members may not vote, join the Board of Directors, or hold office.

Subsequent Family Member---Senior or Junior. This is a full membership for a subsequent family member. Such members enjoy the same benefits as senior first family members (if at least 18 years old) or junior first family members (if under 18), including voting privileges if 18 or older, but do not receive a subscription to Skating magazine.

Introductory Member. Introductory members are full members and enjoy the same benefits as senior first family members (if at least 18 years old) or junior first family members (if under 18), including voting privileges if 18 or older, at a discounted rate. This type of membership can only be used once; it is for first-time full members.

Collegiate Member. Collegiate members enjoy the same benefits as senior first family members (if at least 18 years old) or junior first family members (if under 18), including voting privileges if 18 or older, at a reduced rate for four consecutive years. They must be students in college or graduate school. This is a one-time, four-year membership that may only be used once.

Associate Member. Associate members are registered with US Figure Skating through another club. This type of membership includes permission to take lessons on Windy City ice sessions and invitations to club meetings and events. It does not include US Figure Skating registration or a subscription to Skating magazine. Associate members may neither vote at club meetings, serve on the Board of Directors, nor hold a club office. This is not a full membership.

Learn to Skate Member. Learn to Skate membership is only offered to skaters on the Synchro Skills teams who do not have full memberships to enable them to participate in USFS competitions. These skaters are registered with US Figure Skating through Learn to Skate USA. They receive all the benefits of Learn to Skate USA membership, including a welcome packet. This is not a full membership, and Learn to Skate members do not have permission to test or take lessons on Windy City ice sessions. Synchro skaters must pass certain tests to be eligible to try out for higher-level teams. A full membership is required to take these tests. Learn to Skate members may neither vote at club meetings, serve on the Board of Directors, nor hold a club office. Skaters may earn these privileges by upgrading to an Introductory membership, which is a full membership, by paying the difference between the Introductory fee and the Learn to Skate fee.