

2019–2020 membership form

Members' names:	USFS numbers (if known)	Birth date	US citizen?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please note: Skaters under the age of 18 are required to have at least one parent join the club with them.

Home address: _____

Primary phone: _____

Primary email: _____

Membership fees

US Figure Skating and Sycamore Ice Skating Club dues are both required to join the club.

US Figure Skating dues: Primary or first family member	Introductory membership: \$30 Available to first-time club members.	
	Individual membership: \$60 First member in a family to register for a full club membership.	
	Collegiate membership: \$70 4-year membership available to club members attending college.	
Additional US Figure Skating dues*: Skaters under the age of 18 are required to have at least one parent join the club with them.	\$24 per member All members should be listed above.	
Sycamore Ice Skating Club dues:	\$30	\$30
TOTAL:		

*This must include related persons residing at the same address as the first family member and/or one parent if the skater is under 18.

Each family will be required to complete a minimum of 10 volunteer hours during the 2019-2020 season.

I authorize Sycamore Ice Skating Club to email me at the email addresses listed above.

I hereby apply for membership in Sycamore Ice Skating Club. By joining, I/we agree to the waiver and release of liability, Safe Sport policies and club bylaws, which are available on the following pages.

 Printed Name of Parent/Guardian (or skater if over 18)

 Signature of Parent/Guardian (or skater if over 18)

 Date

Mail a check and completed form to Sycamore Ice Skating Club; P.O. Box #17796; Indianapolis, IN 46217. Or email your form to membership@sycamoreisc.org and pay online at payments.sycamoreisc.org.



SAFESPORT POLICIES

Sycamore Ice Skating Club is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for members' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct.

The following code of conduct applies to all participants in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating and Sycamore Ice Skating Club including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions, training camps and local rink activities.

I recognize that my participation or my child's in all the activities associated with U.S. Figure Skating and Sycamore Ice Skating Club is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents.

U.S. Figure Skating Member Code of Conduct GR 1.02

I recognize that my participation in all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions and training camps, is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents. As a precondition to participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I will adhere to the following tenets in good faith:

- A. I will exhibit the highest standards of fairness, ethical behavior and genuine good sportsmanship in all of my relations with others.
- B. I will not damage public or private property. I understand that I may be held financially responsible for damage deemed to be wantonly or willfully executed on my part, and that I may be subject to disciplinary action by U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. I will not use or possess illegal drugs, and I will not engage in criminal activity. I understand that, if I am found to use or possess illegal drugs, or if I am found to engage in any criminal activity during any activity hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I may be subject to criminal penalties as well as penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating.
- D. I will adhere to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating and the host organization at all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.
- E. I will comply with all applicable anti-doping rules including, but not limited to, ISU and USADA anti-doping rules.
- F. I will conduct myself in a manner not detrimental to the welfare of figure skating. I understand that my actions reflect on U.S. Figure Skating and the sport of figure skating both positively and negatively. I understand that if my acts, statements, or conduct are considered detrimental to the welfare of figure skating by the appropriate authority, I may be subject to penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating pursuant to GR 1.04.
- G. I understand that the penalties that may be imposed may include, but are not limited to, loss of future international selections, loss of financial support from U.S. Figure Skating and its Memorial Fund, and loss of participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.
- H. I understand that all disciplinary proceedings will be conducted pursuant to Article XXV, Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and that my rights and remedies are derived therefrom.



WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of participating in Sycamore Ice Skating Club activities, I represent that I understand the nature of figure skating activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I acknowledge that if I believe event conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the activity. I have been informed that a physical examination and a physician's approval is advisable prior to participating in figure skating activities, and that an annual or more frequent physical examination and consultation with my physician as to figure skating activities is also recommended. I have either had a physical examination and have received my physician's permission to participate in figure skating activities, or I have elected not to have such physical examination or obtain such physician's permission.

I fully understand that these activities 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 activities, the conditions in which the activities takes place, or the negligence of the Released Parties 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 of losses, costs, and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the activities.

I release, discharge, and covenant not to sue Sycamore Ice Skating Club Inc., US Figure Skating, or their directors, officers, administrators, sponsors, volunteers, agents, employees, staff, instructors, trainers, or other figure skating participants (each, a "Released Party" and collectively, the "Released Parties") from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages (collectively, "Claims") resulting from my participation in or use of any activities, programs, facilities, or equipment offered or operated by the Released Parties. I release the Released Parties from any Claims raised by or relating to myself, including, without limitation, those caused by the negligent act or omission of the Released Parties, or otherwise in any way arising out of or connected with my participation in the figure skating activities. I agree that if, despite this agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a Claim against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such Claim.

Sycamore Ice Skating Club Inc. has the right, but not the obligation, to provide rules, regulations and/or ice monitors for Club ice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, I acknowledge that the Sycamore Ice Skating Club Inc. shall not be responsible for the supervision of the skaters at Club ice or other activities or programs.

I have read this WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it feely 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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ARTICLE I NAME AND CORPORATION

Section 1. Name. The organization shall be known as Sycamore Ice Skating Club (“Sycamore” or “club”).

Section 2. Incorporation. The club was incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana on October 30, 1982.

Section 3. Membership in United States Figure Skating Association. The club has been formed to be a member of The United States Figure Skating Association (“U.S. Figure Skating” or “USFSA”), to exist for the purposes specified in Article II of these bylaws and official rules of U.S. Figure Skating as in existence and amended from time-to-time by U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 4. Office. The club shall have its headquarters in the Perry Park Ice Rink in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Section 5. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the club shall begin each year on the first day of June and end on the last day of May.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purposes of the club are to encourage the instruction, practice, enjoyment and advancement of its members in all aspects of figure skating including freestyle skating, moves in the field, dance, figures, team skating and Basic Skills; to encourage and cultivate a spirit of fellowship among skaters; to sponsor, produce and cooperate in the production of amateur ice show(s) and exhibitions; to perform other activities as necessary in the pursuit of the objectives and purposes of club; and to carry out the policies of our parent organization and sanctioning body — U.S. Figure Skating.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. President. It shall be the duty of the president to take charge of the club; to preside at all meetings of the club, and the board of directors. He shall have the entire supervision and management of the club and its property pending the action of the board of directors; the power to suspend any officer or board member from board duties, pending approval of all of the remaining officers; the power to suspend any member for violating the bylaws or regulation of the club, pending the approval of the board; to call special meetings and club meetings. The president shall communicate on behalf of the club including media relations, rink relations, and any other outside parties. The president, together with the secretary, shall sign all agreements and contracts made by the club, upon the approval of the board of directors.

Section 3. Vice President. It shall be the duty of the vice president to assist the president in discharge of his duties and in his absence to assume his duties and officiate in his stead. All disbursements by check shall be signed by the vice president upon approval.

Section 4. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the club and shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements. The treasurer shall render a monthly financial and year-to-date financial written report at each board



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meeting; additional written financial reports rendered when requested by the president of the board of directors. The funds shall be deposited in the name of the club in a bank approved by the board of directors or in securities approved by the board of directors. Disbursements under \$500 may be approved by the treasurer for signature by the vice president. Disbursements over \$500 must be approved by the board of directors in a majority approval for signature by the vice president. The treasurer may sign in the absence of the vice president.

Section 5. Secretary. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of the meeting of the club and of the board of directors and to supervise all reports and documents connected with the business of the club; to supervise keeping of a roll and record of club membership; to supervise keeping of a roll of board of directors membership together with dates of their election and a record of all board members. He shall receive all applications for club membership and board of directors membership. Minutes must be posted within 3 (three) business days of board or club membership meetings.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number of Members. There shall be a board of directors composed of nine regular members of the club.

Section 2. Term of Office. Three members shall be elected each year at the regular meeting of the membership, and they shall serve for a period of three years.

Section 3. Method of Election. The secretary will request applications of candidates for the board of directors at least 14 (fourteen) days before the spring membership meeting. Three directors will be elected each year to replace those whose terms expire. If a director position becomes vacant, the president shall appoint a club member as a director for the balance of the year. At the next regular meeting of the membership, a director shall be elected for the unexpired term, if any.

Section 4. Election of Officers. The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected by the club membership at the spring meeting of the membership. Elected board members shall take their position at the board meeting following elections.

ARTICLE V POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Meetings. The board of directors shall meet at least once in every month. The date of such meetings shall be stated by the president, or in his absence, by the vice president. Any four (4) members of the board may call a board meeting upon written notice to all the members of the board of directors at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. The notice shall state the date of the meeting, purpose for which the meeting is called, and the names of the four (4) members requesting the meeting.

Section 2. Attendance. Board members are expected to attend all meetings. Attendance is marked by arriving by the scheduled time to all board meetings. Members are allowed a five (5) minute grace period to arrive late to any board meeting. With notice to the president or vice president prior to the scheduled start of the board meeting, members may extend his or her grace period to fifteen (15) minutes. If a board member misses three (3) meetings, they shall become delinquent. The secretary of the board of directors shall send electronic communication to the delinquent



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board member stating that they must attend the next board meeting. If they do not attend the following meeting, the board of directors shall accept the delinquent board member's resignation. If the delinquent board member attends the following meeting, the remainder of the board of directors shall vote to decide if the delinquent board member shall continue in his role as a member of the board of directors or if he shall be removed from the board of directors.

Section 3. Quorum. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Authority. They shall have entire authority in the management of affairs and finances of the club, and shall have general control of all its property. All rights and powers connected therein shall be vested in them.

Section 5. Rules. They shall make such rules as they deem proper respecting the use of the club's property; prescribe rules for the admission of strangers; fix penalties for offenses against the rules, and make rules for their own government and for the government of the committees appointed by them.

Section 6: Appropriations. All appropriations from the funds of the club shall be made by the board of directors.

Section 7. Audits. They shall audit records of the secretary, treasurer, and of the committees upon request of the president. There shall be a bi-yearly external audit of the treasurer.

Section 8. Indebtedness. They shall have the power to limit the indebtedness of a member of the club.

Section 9. Suspend or Expel. They shall have the power to suspend or expel any club member for violations of the constitution and bylaws, or for conduct which they shall deem proper, but no member shall be expelled or suspended for longer than 30 days without a hearing.

Section 10. Readmit to Membership. They may at a regular meeting readmit to membership, without the payment of a second membership fee, any former member whose resignation has been fully accepted. Such readmissions will be voted upon and two negative votes shall reject. No rejected candidate shall be again proposed for reinstatement within six (6) months after rejection.

Section 11. Drop and Reinstated to Membership: They may as hereinafter provided drop from the roll any delinquent member, and also may reinstate such members as hereinafter provided.

Section 12. Standing Committee. The board shall appoint standing committee chairs from board members who are not officers at the first board meeting following board member election. The board has full authority over the standing committees.

Section 13. USFSA Delegate. They shall elect either a delegate or delegates or a proxy to U.S. Figure Skating's Governing Council and abide by U.S. Figure Skating's rules.

Section 14. Expenditures and Revenue. They shall prepare and submit to the Fall stated meeting a program of anticipated expenditures for the coming year together with proposals of sources of revenue to meet same.

Section 15. Board Member Limitation. The office of the board member shall be ipso facto vacated:

1. If he becomes bankrupt or suspends payments or compounds with his creditors or makes an authorized assignment or is declared insolvent.



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2. If he is found to be a lunatic or becomes of unsound mind.
3. If he is convicted of a criminal offense.
4. If by notice in writing to the club he resigns his office.
5. If he is no longer a member of the club.
6. All other limitations and agreements are provided in the board member handbook and agreement.

ARTICLE VI STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Names. The standing committee shall be: Learn to Skate USA, sanctions, fundraising, hospitality, volunteers, and junior board, and such other committees as the board of directors at their discretion.

Section 2. Learn to Skate USA (LTS) Committee. The LTS committee shall direct Sycamore Ice Skating Club's LTS program. This includes reports of membership and retention when requested by the board of directors.

Section 3. Sanctions Committee. The sanctions committee shall oversee the application and approval of sanctions to U.S. Figure Skating. The sanctions committee shall oversee the execution of the annual show and exhibitions.

Section 4. Judge and Donor Relations Committee. The judge and donor relations committee shall oversee the fundraising program and test sessions hosted by Sycamore Ice Skating Club. This person acts as the test chair for Sycamore Ice Skating Club.

Section 5. Hospitality Committee. The hospitality committee shall provide and take charge of social events given by the club and food arrangements for any club sponsored events, including test sessions and competitions. The hospitality committee chair also serves as our SafeSport chair. As part of his duties, the club's SafeSport program must be kept up-to-date.

Section 6. Volunteers Committee. The volunteers committee shall recruit, train, and staff all volunteer positions, including competitions, test sessions, and the annual show.

Section 7. Sycamore ISC Ambassadors. Club members who are active skaters that can contribute ideas, make suggestions, lead projects, and volunteers with Learn to Skate USA - all while being a good ambassador and representative of Sycamore Ice Skating Club. Interested skaters must inform the club president of his/her desire to participate and can choose his/her level of involvement.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes for Membership.

- A. Full membership: Full members shall have all the rights and privileges authorized by U.S. Figure Skating's bylaws and shall enjoy all rights and privileges authorized by Sycamore Ice Skating Club's bylaws except that those full members under the age of 18 shall not have the right to vote or hold office. Members under the age of 18 must have one parent join as an additional member.



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B. Associate membership: Associate members are those who designate another U.S. Figure Skating club as their “home club,” but purchase an associate membership from Sycamore Ice Skating Club to receive all the rights, privileges and obligations of full members, including club ice time rates, except that they are not allowed to vote, hold office or be elected to the club’s board of directors.

Section 2. Application for Membership. Applications for membership must be subscribed by the candidate, must state his name, citizenship, and address, and include an agreement to comply with the bylaws.

Section 3. Arrears for Dues. Any member in arrears for dues, or other indebtedness shall be notified, by electronic mail, by the treasurer at his last known address. If the amount is not paid in full within one week thereafter, the name of the delinquent shall be reported by the secretary to the board of directors at their next meeting. The board of directors may drop from the roll any name of such delinquent member. A member dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues, or other indebtedness, may upon payment of same, at the discretion of the board of directors, be reinstated to full membership.

Section 4. Arrears for Dues Restrictions. No member in arrears for dues, or other indebtedness, shall be eligible to hold office, or entitled to vote, or to enter in any club tests or competition.

Section 5. Resignation. Any member not in arrears for dues, or other indebtedness, may tender a written or electronic resignation of his membership to the secretary, who shall report the same to the board of directors, at their next meeting for their action.

Section 6. Board Approval for Competition and Exhibition. No member or members of the club shall make entry in the name of the club in competition or exhibition except with the approval of the sanctions committee chair.

Section 7. Guests. Only full members, associate members and coaches may skate on club sessions. A visiting skater may be admitted to a maximum of three (3) club sessions at the prevailing rate.

Section 8. Laughlin Award. The board is responsible for presenting the Laughlin Award to a skater who is a club member at the spring membership meeting. Nominations must come from club members. Board members, excluding junior board representative(s), may vote on the candidates.

Section 9. Volunteer Hours. All families are required to complete a minimum of six (6) volunteer hours in service to the club each membership season. A penalty for not completing the hours will be billed at \$10 per hour.

ARTICLE VIII CLUB MEETINGS

Section 1. Time. There shall be two annual stated club membership meeting each year. A stated meeting shall be held within one month after the skating season opens in the fall, and within one month after the skating season closes in the spring.

Section 2. Special Meetings. The secretary shall call special meetings at the direction of the president, or upon the written request of four (4) club members in good standing.



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Section 3. Quorum. Twenty percent (20%) of all members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. Notices. Notices of stated and special meetings shall be electronically mailed by the secretary to every member at least ten (10) days in advance thereof, and/or shall be posted by the secretary for the same length of time on the club bulletin board.

Section 5. Special Meeting Limitation. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that of which notice was given.

ARTICLE IX ORDER AND RULES OF BUSINESS

Section 1. Sequence. At stated and special meetings, the following order of business shall be observed:

1. Roll Call
2. Reports of Officers
3. Reports of Committees
4. Election of Officers
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

Section 2. Order of Motions. When a question is before the meeting, no motion shall be entertained except:

1. To adjourn
2. To lay on the table
3. The previous question
4. To postpone
5. To commit
6. To amend

Several motions shall have precedence in the order above given, and the first three shall be decided without debate.

Section 3. Yeas and Nays. If any two members shall request, the Yeas and Nays shall be called upon any question, whereupon each member present shall vote as his name is called, without debate, unless excused from voting by the meetings, and the vote so taken shall be recorded in the minutes.

Section 4. To Reconsider. A motion to reconsider must be made by a member who voted with the majority, and at the same or succeeding meeting.

Section 5. Majority Vote. Except as otherwise provided, all questions shall be determined by a majority vote.

Section 6. Robert's Rule of Order. All questions of parliamentary practice not herein provided for shall be determined in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order.



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ARTICLE X DISCIPLINE METHOD OF PROCEDURE

Any member or members having complaint against another member for the infraction of any law or rule, other than skating rules, as for conduct injurious to the welfare of the club, may report the same in writing to the board of directors. Such complaint shall set forth the facts of the case, together with the names of witnesses, if any. After receiving such complaint, a meeting of the board of directors shall be held as soon as practicable to investigate same. The complainant or complainants, and the member complained of, shall receive at least seven (7) days notice of such meeting, and may be heard with their witnesses. The statements and evidence shall be reduced to writing and filed with the secretary, and he shall mail copies thereof to the complainant or complainants, and to the member complained of. An appeal from the decision of the board of directors may be taken to the club within seven (7) days thereafter, by serving upon the secretary a written notice of such appeal. A special meeting shall thereupon be called for the consideration of the case, and a majority vote shall be necessary to reverse the decision of the board of directors.

ARTICLE XI ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1. Adoption of Bylaws. The president shall call the club together and request the adoption of the embodied bylaws.

Section 2. Amendments to Bylaws. These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the board of directors at any regularly constituted meeting thereof.



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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT of the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of Sycamore Ice Skating Club

Concerning tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954:

1. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
2. No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or another private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate to public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:
 - a. By a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or,
 - b. By a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
3. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporations in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under sections 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.