

## **2018 – 2019 SCWNY Membership Letter**

Thank you for your interest in the Skating Club of Western New York (SCWNY). This letter contains information for the **2018—2019 season**.

To keep your USFS/SCWNY membership current, dues must be paid by **June 30, 2018**. SCWNY membership fees and all forms should also be submitted at this time. All membership types processed after June 30 will be subject to applicable payment and processing procedures.

The SCWNY is a non-profit, volunteer club. **Our continued success depends on the active participation of all of our members**. We have **TWO non-negotiable requirements**: (A 3<sup>rd</sup> is only for ice show participants).

- **DUES/FORMS** - SCWNY and USFS **annual dues and ALL completed forms must be submitted yearly**.
- **SPRING SKATE FESTIVAL** - All testing, introductory, full, and non-home club members (the only exception to this requirement is the collegiate membership) are **REQUIRED to work as many hours as needed to fill our adult volunteer schedule and skaters runners schedule** during the weekend of the annual May **Spring Skate Festival**.

The minimum number of hours required is **TBD** on a yearly basis, and subject to change dependent on current club membership enrollment. If an adult member is unable to fulfill their required hours it is their responsibility to find a replacement. All volunteer hours are applied toward the membership year directly following the competition and are valid only for that membership competition year.

Adult volunteer hours do not need to be completed by a SCWNY club member but the volunteer must be 18 years of age or older. A skater under the age of 18 years of age may not complete the required hours. If a member is over the age of 18 years of age, and is also a competitor/skater they must still complete the required volunteer hours. Volunteer hours may be compiled by one or more qualified persons.

If the adult volunteer (either parent, guardian, skater and/or competitor) is unable to fulfill the required volunteer hours, and if a replacement can not be found, a medical release must be submitted to the SCWNY Board of Directors clearing them from all possible volunteer positions. Acceptance of all releases is dependant on approval of the

SCWNY Senior Board. Medical releases must be submitted no less than two weeks prior to the first day of the May Skate competition.

If the volunteer that is unable to perform the required hours is a skater/competitor medical releases must simultaneously state that although the skater/competitor is unable to fulfill their required volunteer hours they are cleared to skate/compete on a day to day basis.

SCWNY recognizes all current HIPPA laws and may not require the disclosure of personal medical history unless initiated by the member. However, SCWNY will require a registered physician that is personally, and currently, overseeing the patients condition (not a family member that is a DR.) to give adequate information to justify the release from volunteer duties.

Possible volunteer positions include but are not limited to; set up, tear down, convening, announcing, music, check-in, awards, copying and hospitality.

Volunteer hours can be broken into short increments and do not need to be served sequentially.

Several volunteer positions do not require standing, and have limited to no physical exertion. In the event that all current volunteer positions are too physically demanding for the volunteer the SCWNY Sr. Board will make all attempts to find a position that the volunteer is physically able to perform.

In the event that all appropriate positions for the individual volunteer affected are filled the SCWNY Sr. Board will find a position that fits there needs.

A list of adult volunteers, and hours completed, will be recorded for reference as proof of service completion by the current Spring Skate Competition Volunteer Chair. Hours completed will directly affect qualification for the coming years booster account benefits.

In addition to an adult working the required volunteer hours, **ALL** SCWNY skaters are **REQUIRED** to run judges' scores regardless of if they compete. The minimum number of hours required are **TBD** on a yearly basis, and subject to change dependent on the current club membership enrolment. A runners sign up schedule will be made available for volunteers to choose hours that fit their schedule. It is the skaters responsibility to make sure their schedule is open enough the weekend of May Skate in order to fulfill their required hours.

If a skater is under the age of 12, they must shadow an older skater for a minimum number of hours **TBD** on a yearly basis, and subject to change based on the current club enrolment.

If a skater is under the age of 8, the number of hours required, and volunteer positions will be determined on a case by case basis by the current SCWNY Jr. Board President and the skaters parent/guardian.

If a skater is unable to complete the required runners hours a signed note from the parent/guardian explaining the reason for release must be submitted to the current the current SCWNY Jr. Board President no less than two weeks before the first day of the May Skate competition. Acceptable excuses are serious illness or family emergency. Conflicting activities such as; shows, rehearsals, games, etc. are the responsibility of the skater to work around in order to fulfill hours. All attempts will be made to work around a skaters conflicts in order to schedule all needed hours. If the reason for a release is accepted, the skater is responsible for finding a replacement.

All other requirements, and explanations related to adult volunteers for the Spring Skate competition apply towards runners of the Spring Skate competition.

A list of skater volunteers, and hours completed will be kept for reference as proof of service completion by the current SCWNY Jr. Board President. Hours completed will directly affect qualification for the coming years booster account benefits.

- **Ice Show Participants.** If you or your skater chooses to participate in the Rising Stars on Ice Show, a volunteer commitment is required to support that event. A list of volunteer positions will be made available for participants and family members to choose from. **All participants must help with both set-up and clean-up.** All requirements and explanations related to volunteer duties for the Spring Skate competition apply. A list of volunteers, and hours completed will be kept for reference as proof of service completion by the current Ice Show Chair.
- **Club Sanctions.** If **ALL** requirements are not met by members and/or responsible family member(s) it will be assumed that membership is not being renewed by the skater for the coming year. If membership is obtained the SCWNY Sr. Board will determine if **ALL** club financial benefits accrued from the prior year, including but not limited to, grants, scholarships, ice card discounts, seminar discounts, booster accounts and their potential applied club coverages such as membership, ice show costs, ice test session fees, banquet fees etc., must be repaid to SCWNY before membership registration is renewed. All actions are TBD on a case by case basis and may include but are not limited to, the loss of club acknowledgements, the temporary or permanent loss of club booster accounts, revocation of club membership, and/or placed in "not in good standing" with USFSA. If SCWNY membership was for one calendar year or less the member must show that

membership was not for the sole purpose of the financial advantages outlined above. Acceptable examples are: moving, serious injury or illness. If the SCWNY Sr.Board determines that membership was for the sole advantage of club financial benefits the above process and sanctions apply. SCWNY acknowledges that emergencies happen. In the event that a personal situation arises that does not allow a member to complete volunteer requirements please contact the current SCWNY Board President **Jeff Szczesek at jeff@basesny.com** or the **SCWNY Board of Directors at scwnyboardofdirectors@gmail.com** as soon as possible.

## **2017-2018 SCWNY Membership**

**\*It is your obligation when signing membership materials to carefully read and fully understand, and MEET the commitment you are making to the Skating Club of WNY for the season. It is recommended that all members keep a copy of this entire form for your personal records.**

**\*Please sign and return this page with your completed membership packet. It is your responsibility to retain your coaches signature for this form to be considered complete.** A complete membership packet includes **2** signatures/dates, **1** coach signature/date, and your USFS and SCWNY dues. Checks are payable to SCWNY or you may pay cash in person. Alternative payment arrangements can be made by contacting SCWNY. Forms and payments may be dropped off at the rink **\*Do not scan forms. Printed hardcopies only please.**

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Signature of Skating Club Member or Parent/Guardian if under the age of 18

Date \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to the upcoming season and the success it will bring to our skaters. With questions, or for more detailed information about SCWNY membership, please contact [skatingclubofwesternny.org](http://skatingclubofwesternny.org)



**SCWNY Membership Application**  
**2018 – 2019**

Please use a separate form for each member. **Applications and payment are due by June 30, 2018. PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY!**

New Member       Renewing Member       Transferring previous club name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (s): **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

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**\*\*SCWNY uses email as a primary form of communication.** If we do not have your email, you may miss out on receiving pertinent information in a timely manner. Please include ALL emails related to the skater. It is the members or parent/guardians obligation to keep all emails current. If emails are not kept current it is not the responsibility of the club to make sure volunteer duties are fulfilled and club announcements are received. Inaccurate emails do not disqualify members from all volunteer and/or club requirements. Failure to comply with requirements because emails were not maintained may result in club sanctions being implemented. It is a members obligation to notify SCWNY if they will no longer be participating, canceling current or future membership.\*\*

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY!**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

USFS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club:  SCWNY  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Test Passed: Freestyle: \_\_\_\_\_ MIF: \_\_\_\_\_

Dance: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SCWNY Membership Descriptions:**

**Full Membership:** For skaters whose primary membership is at SCWNY. **Obligations include volunteer hours TBD at the annual Spring Skate Festival competition** and participation in fundraising events as determined by the financial needs of the club. Skaters are eligible to participate in the Rising Stars on Ice Show, may apply for SCWNY Grants or scholarships and receive Club and Special Recognition Trophies at the Annual Banquet, and participate in the SCWNY Jr. Board. SCWNY booster accounts are available to full club members that comply and fulfill all club requirements and have completed one full year as a SCWNY club member. All booster accounts are funded by the Peter Buch Memorial Fund. All accounts are maintained by an independent financial advisor. Booster accounts will be updated at the completion of the annual Spring Skate competition, are based on yearly returns, and the fulfillment of all volunteer requirements. Booster accounts may be used to cover all SCWNY related expenses. The covering of yearly membership fees by booster accounts will be based on yearly returns and the decision of the SCWNY Board of Directors. In the event returns are insufficient the covering of yearly membership fees is TBD by the SCWNY Board of Directors. Booster accounts can no longer be accessed or maintained on the Scribe. Account balances will be emailed directly to each member at the completion of the June membership renewal. It is the obligation of each member to keep track of their booster total at all times. All SCWNY forms that booster accounts are applied to must be marked as such by the member for accurate account tracking by the current club Booster Chair. Please direct all other uses or updates, and questions concerning club booster accounts to the SCWNY Booster Chair.\*Please note: all club scholarships are to be held in club booster accounts and may only be applied toward SCWNY related costs. Monetary payments for scholarships will not be made.

**Testing Membership:** For skaters that wish to test only (no competing) and whose primary membership is at SCWNY. **Obligations include volunteer hours TBD at the annual Spring Skate Festival competition** and participation in fundraising events as determined by the financial needs of the club. Skaters are eligible to participate in the Rising Stars on Ice Show, may **NOT** apply for SCWNY Grants or scholarships and are only eligible to receive our **Testing Trophy** at the Annual Banquet or participate in the SCWNY Jr. Board. Seminar participation will be at a discounted cost.

**Introductory Membership:** For skaters who have **not** previously belonged to a USFS Skating Club. Introductory members are eligible for all programs and trophies available to Full Members, and also **must meet the same volunteer and/or fundraising requirements as Full Members.**

**Non-Home Club Membership:** For skaters whose primary membership is at another club, but wish to participate in SCWNY events. **Obligations include volunteer hours TBD at the Spring Skate Festival competition.** Skaters are eligible to participate in the Rising Stars on Ice Show, but are **NOT eligible** for SCWNY Grants, scholarships, Club or Special Recognition Trophies or to participate in the SCWNY Jr. Board.

**Collegiate 4 year USFSA + 1 Year SCWNY Club Membership:** For the college skater who wishes to maintain their USFSA/SCWNY Home Club membership status. Collegiate Members are eligible to participate in the Rising Stars on Ice Show, are exempt from all mandatory requirements, are **NOT eligible** for SCWNY Grants, scholarships, Club or Special Recognition Trophies or participate in the SCWNY Jr. Board except in an advisory capacity agreed upon by the current SCWNY Jr. Board of Directors. As stated by USFSA all collegiate memberships may be purchased at any point of a skaters college career. Memberships are a 4 year USFSA membership (payable one time) + 1 year SCWNY Club membership. The SCWNY Club membership will be renewed for the remaining 3 years of the collegiate membership only if the member so determines. If the club portion of the membership is not maintained the skater will lose the right to the club discounted ice card and other applicable club financial benefits.

**Collegiate 1 yr SCWNY Membership.** This option is available to those who have previously paid the USFSA 4 year membership, and want to also maintain SCWNY Club Membership. All collegiate rules apply. Please know that by not purchasing the SCWNY yearly club extension you will no longer be eligible for a club discounted ice card.

Note for collegiate members - At the time of collegiate registration all current club booster accounts will be suspended and no additional funds will be applied toward the account. Remaining balances may be used but members are encouraged to use funds in a timely fashion. At any time during the collegiate/club membership that the booster account is at a zero balance the booster account will officially be closed. In other words; the club will not claw back booster funds from members that have registered collegiate, and all members will have ample time to use funds but, no additional funds will be added, and all accounts will be closed once a zero balance is obtained. To qualify for membership fees to be covered through your booster account after a members final year as a full member and entering a members first year as a collegiate member, all members must still fulfill all volunteer requirements during their last year as a full SCWNY member. In the event returns from the memorial fund are insufficient and will not cover membership renewal fees it will be determined by the SCWNY Board of Directors if a collegiate members fees will be covered by the club. This decision may only pertain to the covering of SCWNY club fees and may not cover USFSA fees which will be the responsibility of the collegiate club member. At this time all accrued booster account funds may be applied to offset the remaining costs to the collegiate member. If remaining booster account balances are insufficient the remaining balance is the responsibility of the collegiate member.

**Professional Membership:** For coaches working with club skaters.

**Please check one membership type:** A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H.

<b>A. Full Membership - \$180</b> Includes SCWNY Membership (\$100) and USFS membership (\$80)	<b>E. Professional Membership - No Charge</b> For coaches working with club skaters.
<b>B. Each Additional Family Member - \$109</b> Includes SCWNY Membership (\$85) and USFS membership (\$24)	<b>F. Collegiate 4 year USFS Membership + 1 year SCWNY Membership - \$135</b> Includes 4 year USFS membership (\$70 - payable ONE TIME) and one year SCWNY Membership (\$65)
<b>C. Introductory Membership - \$100</b> Includes SCWNY Membership (\$70) and first-time USFS membership (\$30)	<b>G. Collegiate 1 yr SCWNY Membership - \$85</b> This option is available to those who have <b>previously</b> paid the one-time, \$70 USFS 4 yr membership, and want to also maintain SCWNY Club Membership
<b>D. Testing Membership - \$145</b> Includes SCWNY Membership (\$85) and USFS membership (\$60)	<b>H. Non-Home Club Membership - \$85</b> Includes SCWNY Membership only

**Complete applications include:** Membership Letter, SCWNY Membership Application, Waiver & Release of Liability, Solicitation, Promotion & Tampering, Code of Conduct, Photo/Internet Release, Booster Account Agreement, Membership Dues.

### **Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement**

In consideration of participating in **Skating Club of Western New York** 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 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 own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the "activity", the conditions in which the "activity" takes place, or the negligence of the "releases" 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 **Skating Club of Western New York**, United States Figure Skating, its 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 "Releases" 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 "releases" 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 Releases, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releases from any loss, liability, damage or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

The **Skating Club of Western New York** has the right, but not the obligation, to provide rules, regulations and/or ice monitors for during ice time. We hereby acknowledge that the **Skating Club of Western New York** shall not be responsible for the supervision of the members at any time while they are on the 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 Skater or Parent/Guardian if under the age of 18

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Skater or Parent/Guardian if under the age of 18

### **Parental Consent and Indemnification Agreement**

I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of the above reference 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 Releases 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 Releases 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 claims against any of the above Releases, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releases from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any Releases may incur as the result of any such claim.

\_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name of Parent/Guardian if under the age of 18

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian if under the age of 18

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **Solicitation, Promotion, & Tampering**

The Skating Club of Western New York would like to inform all members of the following behaviors which are not acceptable.

**PROMOTION** — is done publicly. It is appropriate for all coaches to promote their background and credentials to the entire world. This information can be posted in a public space at the rink, advertised in a flyer or promoted in a newspaper — as long as the opportunity is available to all and the audience is general. Many coaches say they promote themselves through their work. Their student's accomplishments are their "advertisement". That, unequivocally, is the best way to promote oneself.

**SOLICITATION** — is done behind the scenes. It is clandestine and usually conveyed one to one and not in a public forum. Solicitation can be done by a coach, a parent on behalf of the coach or by rink management favoring one coach over another. It is considered solicitation for a professional to contact a skating student, not their own, when a significant motive for doing so is the personal gain of the skating professional. Solicitation includes contact directly, indirectly or through a third party, in person, by telephone, letter or other means directed to a specific recipient.

**TAMPERING** — is helping someone else's skater by offering a suggestion that might improve their skating. This gray area extends to such subtle tactics such as sending another coaches' student a birthday card. Another example would be holding a pizza party and inviting other coaches' students. The sentiment may be sincere, but the perception is suspect.

In an excerpted article written by Bob Mock several years ago entitled, "Just Say NO to Soliciting!" he offered some great words of wisdom. "Soliciting destroys skaters, clubs and rink programs. If soliciting is going on in your area, the good coaches, parents and skaters must band together to stop it. Every skater has the right to believe his coach is the best and should not be interfered with by a high-pressure, fast-talking, snake oil salesman who promises stardom, but by his own action, lacks the very qualities needed to develop championship caliber skaters. The soliciting coach always loses in the end. Don't be the next victim."

Here is a list of some common methods of solicitation:

### **Directly approaching a parent (or child) stating:**

"I could take your child further (to the Olympics, etc.)."

"I am a much more qualified coach than is."

"Join our program. That other program isn't very good."

"We'll give your child free (lessons, ice time, equipment, etc.)." **Indirect approach:**

Being overly friendly to the skater. (Giving hugs, offering assistance with skills on the side.)

Ego boosting. ("You did so great today.")

This one gets tricky. It's ok to be encouraging and to help a fellow coach instill positive feedback. However, it's when it's excessive that it crosses the line into solicitation. **Third-Party approach:**

Parents in the stands talking and convincing other parents to switch their skater to the "better" coach.

Skaters in the dressing rooms, on the ice or out of the rink persuading another skater to become part of "the group of good skaters".

Coach's spouse talking to parents both in and out of the rink. "My husband/wife could do so much more for your child." Sponsorships. "We (business) will sponsor your child, but only if they take from \_\_\_\_\_ or only skates at \_\_\_\_\_ rink." **If you witness any form of solicitation, it is your obligation to:**

Tell your coach immediately.

Notify the club president.

Avoid soliciting coaches for your own best interest.

Document what you have seen and/or heard. Include dates, times (if possible), method of solicitation, names of parties involved and what occurred.

You may remain anonymous when reporting solicitation. Document as suggested above and report it immediately. The coach, manager or president will investigate the report and follow necessary procedures while maintaining your confidentiality.

## **SCWNY Code of Conduct**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Board of Directors of the Skating Club of Western New York strives to create an environment that facilitates the optimum development of each child as a skater and as a person. Such environment will support coaches in this effort, as well as define lines of accountability for coaches, skaters, and families. In order to create this environment, the following behaviors are expected of all within the Skating Club of Western New York.

#### **TRUSTWORTHINESS.** All members of SCWNY shall:

- Be honest and never deceive, cheat or steal
- Have the courage to do the right thing
- Work to build a good reputation
- Demonstrate loyalty to family, friends, and club members

#### **RESPECT:** Each member of SCWNY shall:

- Treat others with respect and be considerate of the feelings of others
- Demonstrate a tolerance toward differences
- Use good manners and avoid offensive language and taunting
- Never slander, degrade, threaten, or hurt anyone
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:** All members of SCWNY shall:

- Use self-control and self-discipline
- Be accountable for all choices and actions
- Demonstrate reliability
- Exhibit supportive behavior and a positive attitude

#### **FAIRNESS:** All members of SCWNY shall:

- Adhere to all laws, rules, policies and guidelines
- Be open-minded and demonstrate the ability to listen to others
- Not pass blame carelessly
- Never take advantage of others

#### **TEAMWORK:** All members of SCWNY shall:

- Demonstrate compassion, kindness and forgiveness
- Support each other through words and actions
- Provide assistance to others in need when appropriate

#### **SPORTSMANSHIP:** All members of SCWNY shall:

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship during all practices, competitions and club activities

### **SKATING CLUB OF WNY ATHLETES' CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Athletes shall recognize that being a member of the Skating Club of Western New York carries with it responsibilities and rewards and they shall not only embrace those responsibilities, but also conduct themselves both on and off the ice in a way that exhibits respect for others and themselves. All Athletes shall resolve themselves to conduct themselves with dignity as an athlete and as a member of the Skating Club of Western New York.

Any skater found in the possession of and/or use of alcohol, tobacco, and or illegal drugs at any skating event and/or Skate Great or engaged by USFSA, may be subject to disciplinary actions. Respect for one another shall be exhibited by each individual skater on and off the ice. Bullying in any form, whether verbally or physically, will not be tolerated.

Violations of any Code of Conduct standards will be addressed by the SCWNY Board of Directors and/or those the SCWNY Board of Directors deem necessary dependent on the offense.

Resolutions to the violations or offenses of the Code of Conduct will be determined by the SCWNY Board of Directors.

Failure to comply with the decisions made forth by the SCWNY Board of Directors may result in further disciplinary actions and may result in the loss of club privileges, revocation of club membership, and/or placed in "not in good standing" with USFSA.

Athletes as a member of the Skating Club of Western New York must recognize and accepting that they shall:

- Accept accountability for all behavior and its outcomes
- Honor obligations and promises
- Exercise self-control
- Be willing to be fair with others in dealings on and off the ice
- Take pride in themselves and their accomplishments, but never at the expense of demeaning another person or group
- Respect the efforts of others
- Respect authority

### **SKATING CLUB OF WNY PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

All parents' and guardians' shall pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for their child participating in the activities of the Skating Club of Western New York by following this Code of Conduct:

All parents' and guardians' shall therefore resolve to conduct themselves with dignity as a member of the Skating Club of Western New York, recognizing and accepting that they shall:

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches and fellow parents at practices and club events
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of their child and the other athletes ahead of any personal desires they may have for their child
- Support efforts to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment
- Support coaches and officials working with their child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all
- Do their very best to make the sport of figure skating fun and to remember that is a sport
- Encourage their child to treat other skaters, coaches, officials and others with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability

### **SKATING CLUB OF WNY COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT**

The primary function of a coach is to educate athletes through participation and competition. Each athlete's welfare shall be considered uppermost at all times. All coaches shall be aware that they have a tremendous influence on the

wellbeing of the athletes and thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

All coaches shall therefore, resolve to conduct themselves with dignity as a member of the Skating Club of Western New York, recognizing and accepting that they shall:

- Uphold the honor and dignity of the profession
- Set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct in all personal contact with athletes, officials, and parents/guardians
- Take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse
- Avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with athletes
- Master the rules of the sport and teach them to his or her athletes
- Respect and support the decision of the officials

#### **ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The responsibility for enforcement of this Code of Conduct shall reside with the Board of Directors of the Skating Club of Western New York. The Board of Directors of the Skating Club of Western New York shall take whatever measures are necessary to enforce this Code of Conduct, up to and including any of the following actions:

- Removal of an athlete from the Skating Club of Western New York due to his or her failure to comply with this Code of Conduct
- Removal of an athlete from the Skating Club of Western New York due to the failure of his or her Parent/Guardian to comply with this Code of Conduct
- Dismissal of a Coach from the program due to his or her failure to comply with this Code of Conduct

**To complete your SCWNY Membership registration, please sign below. By providing your signatures, you are certifying that you have carefully read all of the information in this registration packet.**

#### **Solicitation, Promotion, or Tampering**

I understand that the Skating Club of Western New York does not condone solicitation, promotion or tampering as defined in this document. Failure to comply will result in a review and possible action by the Board of Directors.

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Signature of Skater or Parent/Guardian if under the age of 18

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Code of Conduct**

I, the skater, have read the Skating Club of Western New York's Code of Conduct as defined in this document, and will abide by said code. I understand that failure to comply will result in a review and possible removal by the Board of Directors.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Athlete

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, the parent/guardian, have read the Skating Club of Western New York's Code of Conduct as defined in this document, and will abide by said code. I understand that failure to comply will result in a review and possible removal by the Board of Directors.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Skater or Parent/Guardian if under the age of 18

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, the coach, have read the Skating Club of Western New York's Code of Conduct as defined in this document, and will abide by said code. I understand that failure to comply will result in a review and possible removal by the Board of Directors.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Coach

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo/Internet Release**

I authorize SCWNY to post competition/test results on the Internet, which may include my child's name and/or picture.

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Signature of Skater or Parent/Guardian if under the age of 18

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Booster Account Agreement**

I understand that booster account funds accumulated while a member of SCWNY are **forfeited upon leaving the club.** (Booster accounts are managed by the club Booster Chair and club Treasurer and can only be applied to SCWNY expenses and ice cards.)

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Signature of Skater or Parent/Guardian if under the age of 18

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*For club questions and concerns or to report a club related matter please contact our current **SCWNY President Jeff Szczesek at [jeff@basesny.com](mailto:jeff@basesny.com)** or a group email to the **SCWNY Board of Directors at [scwnyboardofdirectors@gmail.com](mailto:scwnyboardofdirectors@gmail.com)**