



Welcome Information 2026-2027

Benefits of joining SCWNY: Why join SCWNY? Here are a few reasons it will benefit your son or daughter:

- USFS registration covered.
- Discounted hourly ice time cost.
- Opportunity to test USFS levels (*club membership required!*)
- Opportunity to compete in USFS sanctioned competitions (*club membership required!*)
- Grants – registration and travel expense aid at select events throughout the year.
- High School Senior scholarships of \$250 / skater (*member in good standing for 2 years*)
- Junior Board activities – social events, community service, and fun memories.
- Free 1st event registration for Empire State Winter Games & TBD travel stipend.
- Free 1st event registration for the May Spring Skate Festival.
- Free educational seminars hosted by the club.
- Free end of year banquet to celebrate skater's achievements.

UNITED STATES FIGURE SKATING (USFS) ASSOCIATION: Registration to USFS is covered by the SCWNY through your membership dues. A subscription to *Skating Magazine* is provided, one magazine per family. All skaters wishing to skate on club ice or take USFS tests must be registered with USFS.

CLUB DUES: All Memberships must be **PAID IN FULL** with submission of this packet by June 26th, 2026.

VOLUNTEERING: All members must volunteer their time for the good of the club. The required hours for the annual **May Spring Skate** vary from year to year based on active membership. The board will communicate required hours as soon as possible. **Non-Home Club and Collegiate Memberships will be required to volunteer less than Full Memberships. If an adult member is unable to fulfill their required hours, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.** Volunteer hours at May Spring skate are a participation requirement of SCWNY membership, not a financial obligation. Payment is not available as an alternative to fulfilling volunteer ***hours***.

SCWNY COMMITTEES:

In addition to the volunteer opportunities above, we ask each family to serve on one SCWNY committee. We are a volunteer organization and need the involvement of each family to be successful. Our committees are as follows:

- Annual Banquet Committee
 - Fundraising Committee
 - SCWNY Grant Committee
 - Hospitality Committee
 - Membership Committee
 - Publicity Committee
- Volunteer hours are a participation requirement of SCWNY membership, not a financial obligation. Payment is not available as an alternative to fulfilling volunteer hours. The repayment determination is a consequence of failure to meet membership requirements, not a substitute for them. Members who fail to meet volunteer requirements in two consecutive years, or in two of any three consecutive years, will not be eligible for renewal. The Senior Board's repayment determination in any given year does not create an expectation that the same determination will be available in future years.***



Membership Application 2026 - 2027

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH MEMBER.
Applications are due by June 26, 2026



Membership Descriptions:

- A. Full Membership:** For skaters whose primary membership is at SCWNY. **Mandatory** obligations include volunteer hours that will be determined based on the current club membership at the annual **May Spring Skate Festival competition** and participation in fundraising events as determined by the financial needs of the club. Skaters may apply for SCWNY Grants (See attached grant application) or scholarships and receive Club and Special Recognition Trophies at the Annual Banquet and participate in the SCWNY Jr. Board. If the club's 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.
Volunteer hours at May Spring skate are a participation requirement of SCWNY membership, not a financial obligation. Payment is not available as an alternative to fulfilling volunteer hours. The Senior Board's repayment determination in any given year does not create an expectation that the same determination will be available in future years.
- B. The Full Membership - Each Additional Family Member:** same as above, includes the SCWNY Membership and USFS Membership at a discounted price.
- C. 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 must meet the same volunteer and/or fundraising requirements as Full Members. 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.
- D. Testing Membership:** For skaters that wish to test only (no competing) and whose primary membership is at SCWNY. Obligations include volunteer hours determined at the annual May Spring Skate Festival competition and participation in fundraising events as determined by the financial needs of the club. Skaters 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. 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.
- E. Professional Membership:** For coaches working with club skaters. Must be the head coach for 2 or more club skaters to receive this professional membership that includes USFS membership cost. USFS membership must be paid by coach if not a head coach to 2 club members
- F. 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 May Spring Skate Festival competition. Skaters are NOT eligible for SCWNY Grants, scholarships, Club or Special Recognition Trophies or to participate in the SCWNY Jr. Board. If the club's 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. Skater is eligible for one (1) ticket to the Annual SCWNY Banquet
- G. Collegiate 4-year USFSA + 1 Year SCWNY Club Membership:** For the college skater who wishes to maintain their USFS/SCWNY Home Club membership status. Collegiate Members are exempt from all mandatory requirements and are NOT eligible for SCWNY Grants, scholarships, 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 USFS, all collegiate memberships may be purchased at any point of a skater's college career. Memberships are a 4-year USFS 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 is so determined. 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 skaters who choose to fulfill May Spring skate required volunteer hours are eligible for One (1) ticket for the skater to attend the Annual SCWNY Banquet in June 2026.
- H. Collegiate 1 yr. SCWNY Membership:** This option is available to those who have previously paid the USFS 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.
- I. Adult Membership:** This option is available to those who wish to test or compete. This option DOES NOT receive the discounted ice time.



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New Member Renewing Member Transferring – previous club name _____

Skater's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE NOTE: The SCWNY uses email as a primary form of communication, therefore it is important to provide ALL email addresses. If we do not have your family's emails, you may miss out on receiving pertinent information in a timely manner.

Date of Birth: _____ USFS #: _____

Professional Coach: _____ Home Club: SCWNY Other _____

Highest Test Passed: Freestyle: _____ Skating Skills: _____ Dance: _____

Check circle one membership type:

NOTE: All Venmo payments, add \$5.00 to below prices

A. Full Membership - \$200		F. Non-Home Club Membership - \$90	
B. Full Membership - Each Additional Family Member - \$120		G. Collegiate 4-yr USFS & 1-yr SCWNY Membership - \$140	
C. Full Membership - Introductory - \$120		H. Collegiate 1-yr SCWNY Membership - \$90	
D. Full Membership - Testing - \$165		I. Adult Membership - \$125	
E. Professional Membership – No Charge - \$0 if head coach of 2 club skaters \$90 if not head coach for 2 club members			

❖ **As a New or Returning member, I acknowledge by signing, that I have read the entire Membership form and agree to all terms and conditions.**

- Code of conduct- Skater, Parent, Coach
- Fundraising and member obligations to remain in good standing
- Grants and scholarships
- Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity and parental consent agreement with The Skating Club of Western New York
- Photo/Internet Release
- Solicitation, Promotion & Tampering

Parent
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Skater
Signature: _____
Date: _____

TOTAL DUE: **Membership Type** _____ \$ _____
Venmo Check Cash
Received by: _____

Membership dues: Make check payable to "SCWNY" or pay via Venmo (with \$5 addition) to @SCWNY716

Due By: June 26, 2026, Questions? Contact the board at SCWNYboardofdirectors@gmail.com

RETURN ONLY THIS PAGE (The remaining pages must be kept by the parent/guardian and skater)

1.) Code of conduct

I. INTRODUCTION:

The Board of Directors of the Skating Club of Western New York (SCWNY) 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 SCWNY.

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.

II. 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, recognizing 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;

III. SKATING CLUB OF WNY PARENTS' GUARDIANS' 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

IV. SKATING CLUB OF WNY COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT:

The primary function of coaching 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.

V. 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

Enforcement Action. 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; or

- Dismissal of a Coach from the program due to his or her failure to comply with this Code of Conduct.

2.) Fundraising and Volunteering requirements

MAY SPRING SKATE FESTIVAL: ***Our largest fundraiser with over 300 skaters!*** Each member is required to run judges scores and sign up for the minimum number of required hours during the weekend event at a volunteer position: set-up or breakdown, registration, music/announcing, convening, or awards. This year's competition will be Friday 5/14 to Sunday 5/16. More information can be found below about the May Spring Skate Festival.

VOLUNTEERING: All members must volunteer their time for the good of the club. The required hours for the annual **May Spring Skate** vary from year to year based on active membership. The board will communicate required hours as soon as possible. Non-Home Club and Collegiate Memberships will be required to volunteer less than Full Memberships. If an adult member is unable to fulfill their required hours, it is their responsibility to find a replacement. **Volunteer hours at May Spring skate are a participation requirement of SCWNY membership, not a financial obligation.** **Payment is not available as an alternative to fulfilling volunteer hours.**

WINTER FUNDRAISER: Alternates annually between the **meat raffle (even years)** and the **pancake breakfast (odd Years)** in November. Each requires members to sell tickets to and attend the event, assist with finding sponsors/donations, and to run both a basket raffle & 50/50 raffle.

Additional Fundraisers: Throughout the club season SCWNY will have smaller fundraisers.

- Football squares are sold periodically throughout the Bills season as well as for some playoff games and the Superbowl.
- If you have a fundraising idea and would like to share with the board, we welcome your input and leadership.
- The Junior Board fundraises during the season with dress sales and baked good sales at the annual May Spring Skate

MAY SPRING SKATE FESTIVAL – ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

The minimum number of hours required for the May Spring Skate Festival is determined 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 people.

If the adult volunteer (either parent, guardian, skater and/or competitor) is unable to fulfill the required volunteer hours, and if a replacement cannot 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 dependent on the 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 volunteer hours is a skater/competitor, medical releases must simultaneously state that although the skater/competitor is unable to fulfill the 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 patient's condition (not a family member that is a DR.) to give adequate information to justify the release from 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 are 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 their needs.

A list of adult volunteers, and hours completed, will be recorded for reference as proof of service completion by the current May Spring Skate Festival Competition Volunteer Chair. Hours completed will directly affect whether or not the member remains in "good standing" within the Club's guidelines.

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 determined on a yearly basis, and subject to change depending on the current club membership enrollment. A runners sign up schedule will be made available for volunteers to choose hours that fit their schedule. It is the skater's responsibility to make sure their schedule is open enough the weekend of the competition in order to fulfill the required hours.

If a skater is under the age of 12, they must shadow an older skater for a minimum number of hours to be determined on a yearly basis, and subject to change based on the current club enrollment. 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 skater's 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 SCWNY Jr. Board President, no less than two weeks before the first day of the May Spring Skate Festival 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 to fulfill hours. All attempts will be made to work around a skater's conflicts 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 May Spring Skate Festival competition apply towards runners of the May Spring Skate Festival 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 whether the members remain in "good standing" withing the Club's guidelines.

3.) Grants & Senior Scholarships:

The SCWNY will provide full membership skaters the opportunity to receive a monetary competition grant, offsetting the entry fees, and travel stipends for qualifying competitions. A Grant Application is enclosed with this membership packet. High School Senior skaters will also be offered a \$250 scholarship opportunity in their final year with the club. Recipients of the scholarship must be members in good standing with the club for 2 years to qualify.

The skater must meet the following eligibility requirements to receive a grant:

1. Must represent SCWNY for a competitive season (July 1-June 30) If the skater leaves the club during the season, grants must be repaid within 30 days of member termination.
2. The skater and/or family must meet the current volunteer requirements for the current competitive season.
3. The skater must be in good financial standing with the Club.
4. The skater must provide proof of registration for Competition Grants.
5. Grant applications must be submitted within at least 30 days of each competition.

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, and their potential applied club coverages such as membership, ice test session fees, banquet fees etc., must be repaid to SCWNY before membership registration is renewed. All actions are decided on a case-by-case basis and may include but are not limited to, the loss of club acknowledgements, 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 at scwnyboardofdirectors@gmail.com as soon as possible.

4.) Photo/Internet Release

I authorized SCWNY to post competition/test results on the Internet, which

may include my child's name and/or picture.

5.) Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement Skating Club of Western New York

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 "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 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 "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 Skating Club of Western New York has the right, but not the obligation, to provide rules, regulations and/or ice monitors for Club Ice. We hereby acknowledge that the Skating Club of Western New York 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.

6.) 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 part, 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. There are many more creative approaches but this should give you an idea of some possible scenarios.

1. *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 X is."
 - "Join our program. That other program isn't very good."
 - "We'll give your child free (lessons, ice time, equipment, etc.)"

2. *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.

3. *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 X or only skates at X 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.