

BCFSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - PROFESSIONAL MEMBER

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBER - \$70

- Includes voting privileges.
- Must sign the BCFSC Professional Members Policy and Agreement.
- Must sign the BCFSC Coaches' Code of Ethics, Standards and Conduct from the SafeSport Handbook.
- Must follow all BCFSC Ice Etiquette and Safety Rules for all freestyle sessions.
- Must inform non-club private students of the payment procedures and rates for using all freestyle sessions.
- Must have all non-club private students sign the Club Waiver before using Club Freestyle ice.
- Associate Professional Members will participate in skating school instruction or pay commission on Club Ice

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ U.S. Figure Skating # _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Previous Home Club, if not BCFSC _____

PSA Membership # (if required) _____ CER Level _____

Basic Skills Only (Yes or No) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Preferred Hospital _____

Preferred Physician _____

Health Insurance Provider _____

Name of Insured _____

BEAVER COUNTY FIGURE SKATING PROFESSIONAL MEMBER POLICY & AGREEMENT 2023/2024

Professional coaches requesting teaching privileges at the Beaver County Ice Arena during Beaver County Figure Skating Club freestyle ice sessions will follow the guidelines outlined below. Teaching privileges will be permitted at the discretion of the Beaver County Figure Skating Club Board of Directors. Privileges may be withdrawn at any time for any infraction of the rules outlined below or in the Beaver County Figure Skating Club Coaches' Code of Ethics, Standards and Conduct.

THIS POLICY AND AGREEMENT MAY BE AMENDED AT ANYTIME BY THE BCFSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS NECESSARY.

- Professional Members must be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate.
- PSA Membership is required by the club to teach any student in the U.S. Figure Skating Test Structure including moves in the field and free skate test elements; not required for teaching Learn to Skate USA Levels only.
- Must be in full compliance with the U.S. Figure Skating Coaches Compliance Rules before teaching any lessons on BCFSC or BCIA freestyle sessions. You must be listed 2021-2022 Coach/Instructor Compliance List available on the U.S. Figure Skating website. The list must show a "green light" for Background Screen, "yes" for proof of insurance and that you have completed the required CERs.
- The BCFSC highly recommends that all Professional Members teaching Learn to Skate USA Levels, complete the Category C CER. These courses may be taken for free at the PSA website.
- Proof of Professional Liability insurance through a skating industry carrier MUST be submitted to the BCFSC. (U.S. Figure Skating, ISI or PSA)
- No commission will be charged to BCFSC Professional Members or Associate Members who fully participate in teaching Learn to Skate USA/Skating School classes, the Holiday Ice Show, and the Spring Ice Show.
- All Professional Members will actively promote the Club in a positive manner.
- All Professional Members, whether they are a member of the PSA or not, must adhere to the Code of Ethics and Tenets of Professionalism of the Professional Skaters Association. A violation of these guidelines will be cause for immediate suspension/termination of teaching privileges.
- Professional members of the BCFSC will at all times be loyal and uphold high standards of the Club at all BCFSC events, and where the BCFSC is being represented.
- Professional Members must act in a responsible and professional manner with all Club Members, customers, and other instructors.
- Professional Members will dress in a professional manner.
- Must inform non-club private students of the payment procedures and rates for using all freestyle sessions.
- Must inform all non-club private students/parents that they must sign the Club Waiver before using Club Freestyle ice.

By signing this agreement I accept the BCFSC Professional Policy, the BCFSC Bylaws, and operating principles of the Club. I also understand that I am morally responsible for the health and well-being of this Club and will adhere to the Member Code of Conduct of U.S. Figure Skating.

Signature _____ Date _____

Beaver County Figure Skating Club
Coaches' Code of Ethics, Standards and Conduct 2023-2024

Mission Statement: To provide a standardized guideline of ethics, standards and conduct to ensure the quality, integrity and moral environment of U.S. Figure Skating, its member clubs and programs.

Purpose: The BCFSC 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. This information is intended to provide both the general principles and the decision rules to cover most situations encountered by coaches and instructors. It has, as its primary goal, the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups with whom coaches work.

It is the individual responsibility of each coach to aspire to the highest possible standards of conduct. Above all, coaches of young people can have great influence on developing athletes who are reliant on these coaches for the basic instruction and guidance necessary to reach the top levels. Coaches can have tremendous power over these athletes in their quest to the top. This power must not be abused. Therefore, we have set forth these codes of ethics and conduct to guide our coaches and protect our athletes for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

General Principles:

- **Competence:** Coaches must strive to maintain high standards of excellence in their work. They should recognize the boundaries of their particular competencies and the limitations of their expertise. They should provide only those services and use only those techniques for which they are qualified by education, training and/or experience. In those areas, where recognized professional standards do not yet exist, coaches must exercise careful judgment and take appropriate precautions to protect the welfare of those with whom they work. They shall maintain knowledge of relevant scientific and professional information related to the services they render, and they must recognize the need for ongoing education. Coaches should make appropriate use of scientific, professional, technical and administrative resources.
- **Integrity:** Coaches should seek to promote integrity in their coaching profession. Coaches should always be honest, fair and respectful of others. They must not make representations about their qualifications, services, products, or fees that are false, misleading or deceptive. Coaches should strive to be aware of their own belief systems, values, needs and limitations and the effect of these on their work. To the extent feasible, they should attempt to clarify for relevant parties, the roles they are performing and to function appropriately in accordance with those roles. Coaches must avoid conflicts of interest.
- **Professional Responsibility:** Coaches must uphold professional standards of conduct, clarify their professional roles and obligations, accept appropriate responsibility for their behavior, and adapt their methods to the needs of different athletes. Coaches should consult with, refer to, or cooperate with other professionals and institutions to the extent needed to serve the best interest of their athletes, or other recipients of their services. Coaches should be concerned about the ethical compliance of their colleagues' conduct. When appropriate, they should consult with their colleagues in order to prevent or avoid unethical conduct.
- **Respect for Participants and Dignity:** Coaches shall respect the fundamental rights, dignity and worth of all participants. Coaches must be aware of cultural, individual and role differences, including those due to age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language and socioeconomic status. Coaches must eliminate the effect on their work of biases based on those factors, and they do not knowingly participate in or condone unfair discriminatory practices.
- **Concern for Others Welfare:** In their actions, coaches must consider the welfare and rights of their athletes and other participants. When conflicts occur among coaches' obligations or concerns, they should attempt to resolve these conflicts and to perform their roles in a responsible fashion that avoids or minimizes harm. Coaches shall be sensitive to differences in power between themselves and others, and should not exploit nor mislead other people during or after their relationship.

- **Responsible Coaching:** Coaches must be aware of their ethical responsibility to the community and the society in which they work and live. Coaches must comply with the law and encourage the development of law and policies that serve the interest of sport or activity. The coach shall strive to serve as a leader and model in the development of appropriate conduct for the athlete both within and beyond the U.S. Figure Skating setting. The coach shall strive to use strategies in practice and competition that are designed to encourage play within the letter and spirit of the rules. The coach shall strive to keep the concepts of winning and losing in proper perspective. The coach shall strive to enforce policies and rules with fairness, consistency and an appreciation for individual differences.

Ethical Standards:

- **Compliance with Rule Requirements:** All coaches must complete all annual coaching member requirements set forth by U.S. Figure Skating Rules and the PSA that apply to them by the appropriate deadlines.
- **Competence:** Coaches should not undertake these duties until they have first obtained the proper training, study and advice that they are competent to do so.
- **Maintaining Expertise:** Coaches should maintain a level of expertise through continued education and experience and shall strive to acquire additional education and experience through sources available to them.
- **Respecting Others:** Coaches shall respect the rights of others values, opinions and beliefs even if they differ from their own.
- **Nondiscrimination:** Coaches must not engage in discrimination based upon age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, socioeconomic status, or any other basis as prescribed by law.
- **Sexual Harassment:** Coaches must not, under any circumstances, engage in sexual harassment which includes solicitation, physical advances, verbal or nonverbal conduct which is sexual in nature and will respond to complaints of such a nature to respondents with dignity and respect.
- **Personal Problems or Conflicts:** Coaches should have a responsibility to be aware if there are personal problems or conflicts which may affect their ability to work with athletes. They should also be able to identify problems affecting their athletes, which could potentially create situations that place their athletes in harm or danger of injury, and take the appropriate steps to remove the athlete from this environment.

Further, any person who makes groundless allegations or complaints of abuse or harassment may be subject to disciplinary action per Article XXV, Section 3B, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

Coaches Code of Conduct:

- Must obey and abide by all U.S. Figure Skating published rules, regulations and procedures.
- Shall maintain exemplary standards of personal conduct.
- Must obey all state, national and international laws.
- Must not use alcohol, illegal drugs or substances, which could impair ability or judgment as a coach.
- Must refrain from using any profane or abusive language.
- Must not engage in sexual harassment or sexual misconduct with any athlete
- Must teach and support the athletes fairly and equitably.
- Never discriminate against any athlete

I understand that as a U.S. Figure Skating member coach, I have assumed certain responsibilities to prepare, develop, be an advocate and role model. I agree to the “Coaches Code of Conduct,” have read the “Coaches Code of Conduct” and understand what is expected of me.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

*Also refer to the PSA Code of Ethics and Tenets of Professionalism for more information.