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### 2010-2011 School-Affiliated Club Membership

Thank you for your interest in the forms necessary to establish a U.S. Figure Skating School-Affiliated Club (SAC) membership (\$30 per school). All of our forms are available on the U.S. Figure Skating web site to assist you in the forming your High School Club / Team.

All SACs must obtain the U.S. Figure Skating school-affiliated club membership in order to participate in upcoming events. U.S. Figure Skating SAC membership will not only ensure that U.S. Figure Skating judging standards, scheduling and competition accounting standards are upheld and maintained during high school events, but that the eligibility status of those participating in this event are protected. U.S. Figure Skating member skaters may not participate in figure skating events unless they are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating. All questions regarding memberships should be directed to the National Vice Chair of School Programs (see assistance). **This membership must be renewed annually** to participate in High School competitions.

Fall is the best time for new clubs to get started and renew. In the future you may want to set up the basic information for this year's figure skating club at the end of the previous season so you are ready to start each fall. New clubs need to set a schedule for meetings so you can plan social and skating events to get to know each other.

The school administration needs to have your club contact's name and number, and other information for planning the school calendar. Most schools will let you schedule meetings in the school if you request it in the Activities Office.

Use your meetings to plan and organize your upcoming activities, work on recruiting ideas, and set your team goals for on-ice practices and competitions. To get in a yearbook, your team will need to submit a team photo to the yearbook staff at your school. Ask them for the deadlines now.

You can even start planning for your own awards night. It often takes a good deal of time to organize, so it doesn't hurt to start now.

Students run most clubs in schools with support from parents and/or school faculty who have an interest in skating. A teacher, principal, staff coach of another sport, or head of another club can serve as your advisor and contact regarding the school's calendar and requirements. Many responsible students have successfully formed their own School-Affiliated Club and in the process, become leaders in their school. Check with your local school to find out the rules and regulations for club activities.

Your club activities will help the sport of figure skating gain recognition within your school. In addition to the individual skating activities of the club's members, many clubs are now competing as teams at High School Team competitions. There are several competitions that are open to teams from any high school. Probable sites for some of these open competitions this year will be Colorado, Massachusetts and Michigan. Other areas are organizing competitions within a single state. Check with other teams and other figure skating clubs in your area to see if there is a competition for high school skaters that you can attend. Organizing a competition for your area is also a good activity for your club. Remember you must work in conjunction with a local club to run a High School competition.

U.S. Figure Skating's Program Development Committee is dedicated to High School club skating and will continue to make skating available to you as a way to a lifetime of fun with figure skating.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Macadam". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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