

**Mission: As the national governing body, the mission of the United States Figure Skating Association is to provide programs to encourage participation and achievement in the sport of figure skating on ice.**

## **ARTICLE V – U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws**

### **Membership**

**Section 2 Member Clubs.** Member clubs consist of:

- A. Full member clubs;
- B. Provisional member clubs; and
- C. Such other classes as may from time to time be determined by the Governing Council.

Any club fostering figure skating may apply in writing for membership and, if satisfactory and upon compliance with all requirements of U.S. Figure Skating, may be elected a provisional or full member club by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting. If an application for membership is received in the period between meetings of the Governing Council, the applicant may be admitted to interim membership until the next annual meeting of the Governing Council in such manner and upon such terms as may be set forth in the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Interim and provisional member clubs have only such privileges as are specified therein.

### **Membership Rules**

#### **MR 2.04 Definitions:**

- A. The “principal skating headquarters” of a club shall be the address of the rink in which the club conducts the majority of its skating sessions. This address shall be recorded in the U.S. Figure Skating database under the club’s name. A club may name only one principal skating headquarters. Clubs in violation of this rule shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Membership Committee.
- B. To maintain a club’s principal skating headquarters, a Facility Usage Form must be completed each year by the club president, certifying the facility is the principal skating headquarters of said club and said club uses ice at the facility certified as the principal skating headquarters in compliance with MR 2.04 (A). Clubs in violation of this rule shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Membership Committee, including omission of said principal skating headquarters from the U.S. Figure Skating directory.
- C. Other rink locations, listed as “additional rink addresses” in the U.S. Figure Skating directory and database, may be listed by the club. These locations are defined as any other surface where the club contracts ice. These listings are in place to protect the ice of one club from being usurped by another (MR 7.01).

#### **MR 3.00 Applications**

- MR 3.01** Any club, individual, coach, school, Theatre On Ice/Team, college or university meeting the qualifications for membership and desiring admission thereto will file application on the appropriate forms which are available from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters or online.
- MR 3.02** Applications by Theatre On Ice/Teams, or by schools, colleges and universities for school-affiliated or collegiate club membership may be forwarded to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters at any time of the year.
- MR 3.03** Applications by clubs may be forwarded to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters at any time of the year.
- MR 3.04** The sectional vice chair will thoroughly investigate all membership applications from clubs. Said investigation will include any club using the same principal skating headquarters. The sectional vice chair will report a recommendation to the chair of the Membership Committee for appropriate action.
  - A. An applicant club may be granted interim membership by the chair of the Membership Committee if so recommended by the sectional vice chair of the committee.
  - B. Provisional and full club membership will only be granted by the Governing Council at or in connection with its annual meeting.
- MR 3.05** The chair of the Membership Committee will report and make recommendations of such interim and provisional member clubs to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary in care of U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters by March 1. Such report and recommendations will be included in the notice for the annual meeting of the Governing Council. The Governing Council will either accept or reject the interim clubs as provisional clubs and the provisional clubs as full member clubs.
- MR 3.06** Approval of full club membership is also contingent

#### **MR 4.00 Qualifications for Provisional Club Membership**

- MR 4.01** The applicant club must submit, with its application, payment of \$50. Upon approval, such club shall receive a copy of the current rulebook as well as general information and assistance helpful to new clubs.
- MR 4.02** In order to apply for provisional membership, the applicant club shall have been operating as an organized club for six months prior to the date of application. A club is deemed to be organized when an election of officers and directors has taken place and a constitution and/or bylaws has been approved by the general membership of the club.
- MR 4.03** The constitution and bylaws of a club should be in a form similar to the constitution and bylaws approved by U.S. Figure Skating for member clubs, including a conflict resolution process, or in such form as is acceptable to the Membership Committee, and which calls for the election of officers and directors in accordance with generally accepted parliamentary procedures. See also MR 4.06.

**MR 4.04** The applicant club shall have made arrangements for exclusive ice time either at a rink or some other place where ice is available for use exclusively by the club. The club or rink may run the session as long as it is exclusive to the club. This requirement begins no later than the date of approval for provisional membership.

**MR 4.05** The applicant club shall have adopted a program for the use of its ice time, which, as a general practice, provides for separate periods on a regular basis for one or more of the following: free skating, ice dance, synchronized skating or other figure skating programs.

**MR 4.06** The officers, directors and all figure skating members of an applicant club shall be registered or shall register with U.S. Figure Skating within 30 days after receipt of notification of such club of its acceptance to provisional membership. The officers and directors of the club must be home club members of said club (see also MR 8.05); otherwise, such provisional membership shall be subject to cancellation by appropriate action of the Governing Council, Membership Committee and/or Board of Directors. In no event may an officer of a club's board of directors be an ineligible person (as defined in ER 1.05) or a restricted person (as defined in ER 1.04); however, one restricted person, one ineligible person and coaches with eligible status may serve as directors of a member club as long as they do not collectively constitute a majority of a club's board of directors. In addition, eligible coaches may serve as officers of a member club's board of directors so long as, collectively, they do not constitute a majority of the total officer positions on that board.

**MR 4.07** The applicant club shall have not less than 25 home club members, 10 of whom are adult members over the age of 18 years.

A. Clubs unable to meet this requirement that wish to remain active may be approved at the discretion of both the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee and the chair of the Membership Committee.

**MR 4.08** Provisional membership shall not be granted by the Membership Committee if the applicant club will use the principal skating headquarters of an existing full member club and such club objects to the granting of membership in U.S. Figure Skating. If such member club does object, valid reasons must be given in support of that objection. The objection will be fully investigated by the Membership Committee.

**MR 4.09** An applicant club failing to meet any of the requirements for full member club status may be kept on provisional status for one additional year.