



# ATLANTIC CITY FIGURE SKATING CLUB, INC.

*Celebrating 78 Years of Skating 1937-2014*

Dear Skaters and Family,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 skating season with Atlantic City FSC. We look forward to an exciting year! Our **Club Ice** begins in **October** and continues until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit our website at [www.acfigureskating.org](http://www.acfigureskating.org) for Club Ice and Freestyle Ice times each month. Enclosed is our annual Membership Package. ACFSC is an active club, dedicated to the skating enjoyment of its members.

A one-year membership with the ACFSC entitles you to many services and activities, which include:

- ★ Membership in the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA)
- ★ Subscription to the USFSA magazine.
- ★ Participation in ACFSC sponsored ice shows, seminars, and summer skate camp.
- ★ USFS sanctioned Test Sessions at home club rates.
- ★ A renowned coaching staff for private lessons (coaching fees paid separately)
- ★ Participation in ACFSC sponsored parties and banquets.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming club events:

- Sun, Sand, & Skate Competition
- October - Club Ice begins - Wednesday!
- October - bring a friend to Skate Day - date to be announced
- Winter Ice Show - date to be announced

The success of our skating season and the ability to keep the cost at a minimum requires volunteer work on the part of the skaters and their family members. Please help us out during the year. If you have a special talent, service or ability, please let us know. If you're not sure how you can contribute, please talk to any board member.

Once again, THANK YOU for your interest in the Atlantic City Figure Skating Club. We look forward to seeing you at the rink.

Sincerely,

Roberta Vernon,  
Membership Chair  
609-399-7942  
[baybunnie@comcast.net](mailto:baybunnie@comcast.net)

Atlantic City Figure Skating Club, Inc.  
Membership Application 2015 -2016

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ USFSA # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues 2015– 2016-** *membership must be received by the date listed below.*

_____ First family member	(by June 7th) - \$95.00	
	(by June 30th) - \$105.00	
	(July 1st) - \$125.00	_____ Collegiate Membership \$100.00
		(4 years)
_____ Second/family member	(by June 7th) - \$55.00	
	(by June 30th) - \$65.00	
	(July 1st) - \$75.00	
_____ Associate membership to ACFSC	\$60.00	

A **separate form** must be completed for **each family member**.

Make checks payable to ACFSC and mail to the address below. One check may cover several family members if all applications are stapled together.

**MAIL TO: ACFSC - Membership c/o Roberta Vernon**  
**3702 Westminster Lane**  
**Ocean City, NJ 08226**

\*\$50.00 of your membership dues goes directly to the USFSA - *not to our club*. If ACFSC is not your home club, please make sure that your Home club pays your USFSC membership dues.

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The Atlantic City Figure Skating Club (ACFSC) is the oldest skating club in southern New Jersey, presently with members, ranging in ages from 4 thru 18 as well as some adult skaters. It was started by Mr. and Mrs. John White of the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel in 1934. In 1937, it was sanctioned by United States Figure Skating (USFS), making it the only sanctioned figure skating club in the area. Membership in USFS carries certain privileges and entitles ACFSC skaters to host and participate in test sessions, competitions and exhibitions sponsored by the association.

Some of our special events include our annual **Sun, Sand & Skate Competition**. We hosted the NJ Council Figure Skating Championship Competition in 2005 & 2007 in addition to Sun, Sand & Skate. Our skaters participate in an annual Winter Ice Show, host a USFS Test Session, mid-June march in the Miss New Jersey Parade in O.C., host our end of the year Awards Banquet, and sponsor a skating camp in the summer.

ACFSC had the opportunity as a member of New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs, to Host Smart Ones Skate America 2005, which was the first of the Grand Prix Competitions prior to U.S. Nationals and the Olympics which was held and televised from Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. Our skaters participated as sweepers and in the exhibition show as well as presenters to competitors from around the world.- many of which competed in past Olympics!

In December of 2011 several of our skaters performed at the *Caesars Tribute II, A Salute to the Ladies of the Ice*, which was filmed at the Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City and aired on NBC on New Year's Day.

The Atlantic City Figure Skating Club offers Club Ice at their Home Rink, the Flyers Skate Zone here in Atlantic City. Our Professional Coaches have a wealth of experience in all areas of skating, are all certified by USFSA and offer private lessons to our club members.

The ACFSC is a non-profit organization, thus, its continued success is dependent upon private donations and fundraisers. It is the invaluable support of friends like you that makes the Club the critical resource it is for young people and adults in our community. For more information about joining the Atlantic City Figure Skating Club, log onto our website at [www.acfigureskating.org](http://www.acfigureskating.org) or contact our membership chairperson, Roberta Vernon (609-399-7942) or our club President, BobbieJo DiPierro (609) 540-6455.

## Atlantic City Figure Skating Club , 2014/15 Board of Directors:

President: BobbieJo DiPierro, / Vice-President: Carolyn Seither, / Secretary: Trish Smoger, /  
Treasurer: Stacy Giordano / Test Chair: Peggy Blizzard / Membership: Roberta Vernon  
Trustees: Amber Fenton, Jennifer Corbett, Tammy DeFelice

ACFSC Coaching Staff  
Karen Beatty / Alex Clark/ Tammy DeFelice  
Denise Falvo/ Vicki Monroe/ Jill Zwicker

## ACFSC Volunteer Agreement

The Atlantic City Figure Skating Club runs many events and exhibitions throughout the year. These events cannot happen without volunteers. This year the Board of Directors is implementing a new policy for each skating family. Each family is required to have at least one adult volunteer for a total of 5 hours at any of our many events.

The easiest way to do this is to sign up to help out with our Annual Sun, Sand, and Skate Competition. We need as many volunteers as we can get to run this event smoothly. We also have other areas in which you can volunteer your time such as serving on our Board of Directors, help out at Shows or Exhibitions, or work on a fundraising event.

Please select one of the options below and return it with your membership application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Board Members.

Thank you for your support !!

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to have a family member volunteer for a total of 5 hours at any ACFSC event.

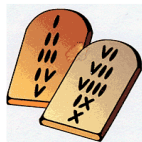
\_\_\_\_\_ I would prefer to pay a \$50.00 volunteer fee instead of volunteering. My payment is attached.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## The Ten Commandments for Figure Skating Parents



- I.** Thou shalt not impose your ambitions on thy child. Remember that figure skating is your child's activity. Improvement and progress occur at different rates for each individual. Don't judge your child's progress based on the performance of other athletes, and don't push them based on what you think they should be doing.
- II.** Thou shalt be supportive no matter what. There is only one question to ask your child - "Did you have fun?" If competitions, shows, and practices are not fun, your child should not be forced to participate.
- III.** Thou shalt not coach your child. You have taken your child to a professional coach - do not undermine that performance by trying to coach your child on the side. Your job is to support and love your child no matter what, and the coach is responsible for the technical part of the job.
- IV.** Thou shalt only have positive things to say at a competition. If you are going to show up at a competition, you should cheer and applaud, but never criticize your child, other children, the judges, coaches, or officials. Always strive to set a good example for your child.
- V.** Thou shalt acknowledge thy child's fears. A first competition (or every competition) can be a stressful situation. It is totally appropriate for your child to be anxious. Don't yell or belittle, just assure your child they are ready for it.
- VI.** Thou shalt not criticize the judges. If you complain about the judging or results, don't be surprised when your child models your behavior and acts out against other authority figures in his life. He learned it from you.
- VII.** Honor thy child's coach. The bond between coach and skater is a special one and one that contributes to your child's success as well as fun. Do not criticize the coach in the presence of your child.
- VIII.** The child shall have goals besides winning. Giving an honest effort, regardless of the outcome, is much more important than winning. An Olympic swimmer once said, "My goal was to set a world record. Well, I did that but someone did it too, just a little faster than I did. I achieved my goal and lost. That does not make me a failure. In fact, I am very proud of that race."
- IX.** Thou shalt place your child first above everything. Ask yourself this question - Are your child's goals more important to you than they are to your child? Remember that the focus of youth sports should be fun. Children are constantly changing, and their goals, interests and participation in activities will change as well. Parents should remain flexible, patient and always supportive while their children strive to find their niche in life.
- X.** Thou shalt not expect thy child to become an Olympian. There are more than 100,000 skaters registered with ISI and US Figure Skating. The odds of your child making the Olympic team are less than one in 33,000. Figure Skating is much more than just the Olympics. Ask your coach why he coaches. Chances are he or she was not an Olympic skater but still got enough out of skating that they want to pass that love for the sport on to others. Figure Skating teaches self-discipline and sportsmanship. It builds self-esteem and fitness. It provides lifelong friendships and much more. Figure Skating builds good people and you should be happy that your child wants to participate.