



**Olympic Figure Skating Club**

**Individual Membership Policy**

**Related Documents** Olympic Figure Skating Club ~ Constitution & Rules

**POLICY OBJECTIVE**

- To ensure that Olympic Figure Skating Club continues to meet the membership needs of individuals on a fair and equitable basis
- To provide guidelines for application for and renewal of annual membership
- To outline classes of membership and their guidelines

**POLICY**

**Obligation of Members**

1. All members of the Association, and all other persons claiming standing as participants in the activities of a Member or of the Association are bound by Olympic Figure Skating Club Inc.'s Constitution, Objects & Rules, and associated Policies, Regulations and Guidelines, and are subject to all decisions of the Committee of the Association.
2. All skaters who actively participate in the sport of Figure Skating and Synchronised Skating in Victoria, by taking tests or by entering competitions must be financial members of both, Olympic Figure Skating Club Inc., and Ice Skating Victoria Inc.
3. Any person registering for new membership, or membership renewal, who is actively competing and testing, must register their membership with the nominated online registration system as provided by Ice Skating Victoria Inc. Having selected OFSC as their nominated club at the time of registration, shall be deemed to be that Member's representative club in the relevant branch of the sport for that membership year, 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30th September.

If any member wishes to make a change to their nominated / representative club during the course of the financial year, both OFSC and ISV must be informed in writing, and the change must be acknowledged by both Club and State before the skater may next compete or test.

All inquiries may be made in the first instance to the ISV Membership Secretary at [memberships@iceskatingvictoria.org.au](mailto:memberships@iceskatingvictoria.org.au)

All other inquiries, please direct to the OFSC Secretary: [olympicfigureskatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:olympicfigureskatingclub@gmail.com)

## Financial Year

The financial year for Olympic Figure Skating Club is from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## Membership Classes

Individual members will belong to one of the following classes:

1. **Voting**
  - a) Senior Skating **\$30**
  - b) Senior Non-skating **\$30**
  - c) Junior Member **\$30** (1) one nominated parent or guardian may vote on behalf of a junior member
  - d) Masters Associate Skating **\$15** Competitive Masters skaters who compete once (1) per year, plus participate in (1) celebration skate.
  - d) Honorary **Free**
  
2. **Non-voting**
  - a) Associate Aussie Skate **\$15** Aussie Skate Members in their first year of membership only

## Classes of Membership ~ Outlined

- 1) **Voting:**
  - a) **Senior Skating** member, which shall apply to an eligible person aged 16 years and over by September 30 each year, who has applied for and been admitted to voting membership by the Association as provided in the OFSC Constitution, Objects and Rules, for the purpose of participating in tests and competitions.
  
  - b) **Senior Non-Skating** member, which shall apply to an eligible person aged 16 years and over by September 30<sup>th</sup>, who has applied for and been admitted to voting membership by the Association, as provided in the OFSC Constitution, Objects and Rules, for the purpose of participating in a non-skating capacity, including as a member of the OFSC Committee and/or as a representative to ISA and/or as a Judge and/or as a coach, and/or as a parent or guardian of a Junior member.
  
  - c) **Junior Skating** member, which shall apply to an eligible person under 16 years of age by September 30 each year, who has applied for and been admitted to membership by the Association as provided in the OFSC Constitution, Objects and Rules, for the purpose of participating in tests and competitions.

**NOTE:** All Junior Skating members may nominate one (1) parent or guardian, who may enter a vote on their behalf, either in person or by proxy, at any General Meeting.

d) **Masters Associate** member, which shall apply to an eligible person who has applied for and been admitted to membership by the Association as provided in the OFSC Constitution, Objects and Rules, for the purpose of participating in tests and competitions with the following limitations:

\* Competitive Masters skaters may only compete once (1) per year in either the OFSC Masters Competition, or the ANZAS competition, plus one Celebration Skate.

If a Masters skater wishes to enter any more than (1) one judged competition per year, they must upgrade their membership to Senior membership.

e) **Honorary** life member, which shall apply to persons who have been granted and accepted the status of honorary life membership of the Association.

(i) Honorary Membership may be conferred by the Committee of the Association at any time, or by Special Resolution in a General Meeting, on any eligible person in recognition of valuable service to the Association or to the sport of Figure Skating and or synchronised Skating. Acceptance of membership by an Honorary Member shall be deemed acceptance of and submission to these Rules, and the Objects of the Association.

(ii) Thereafter Honorary Members shall be deemed in all respects to hold voting membership rights except as herein provided. They shall not be required to pay membership fees. The Committee of the association may annul the Honorary membership of any person at any time should they fail to following all applicable regulations, policies and codes of conduct endorsed by Olympic Figure Skating Club Inc. and Ice Skating Australia.

## 2. **Non-voting:**

a) **Associate Aussie Skate** Member, which shall apply to persons of any age who have applied to the Committee of the Association for membership and who have stated in their application that they do not propose to take part in any competition, or test of championship associated with the Association, other than competitions or tests associated with the Aussie Skate™ Program, and who have been admitted to such class of membership by the Committee as provided in the OFSC Constitution, Objects and Rules.

### The following conditions apply to Associate membership: -

I. Associate membership shall be for a maximum period of one (1) year.

- II. Associate members may at any time during the year of membership, be admitted to Senior membership or Junior membership as is appropriate, by applying to the Committee of the Association.
- III. Upon being admitted, the applicant must pay any difference in the total initial subscription for the current year between that payable for an associate member and a Senior or Junior member. (This rule will not apply after May of each financial year)
- IV. At the conclusion of the year of Associate membership, skaters must register with the Association for full Senior or Junior membership as is appropriate.

### **Membership Renewal**

Skaters who compete or test must have registered for combined OFSC and ISV membership at the close of entries for any scheduled Test session in Victoria, or any OFSC Inc., or ISV Inc. sanctioned Club event.

If full financial membership is not held at the time of entry, then that skater MAY NOT COMPETE OR TEST.

**It is the obligation of all Senior members, and the parent/guardian of all Junior and Associate members to ensure that membership registration is current and up to date.**

This policy may be reviewed and amended at an ordinary meeting of the association when sufficient notice has been given in writing (3 weeks) to the membership.

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