

## **HFSA PARENT AND SKATER AGREEMENT 2018/2019 SEASON**

In order to maintain a fun, safe environment for all participants, the following rules have been established and must be followed during the HFSA season. Violation of these rules by skater or parent/guardian can result in suspension from HFSA.

### **RULES:**

- **Skaters and parents/guardians in HFSA activities are expected to be courteous and considerate. Respect is to be shown toward all personnel and fellow skaters. (See Discipline guideline, attached)**
- **Skaters must be chemical free throughout the HFSA season. (See Discipline guideline, attached)**
- **Avoid nonessential talking while on the ice. Leave the ice for visiting.**
- **Skaters must check in with the rink monitor prior to skating.**
- Keep the ice, arena and locker room clean. Follow the rules of the arena.
- Skaters must wear appropriate skating attire as requested by coach.
- An adult must be in the arena prior to anyone starting to skate.
- If a skater falls or is injured, please let a coach or other adult assist as needed.
- Coaches will approve all music.
- Rink monitors will play music in the order it is received. A coach may put music ahead of others when giving lessons. All skaters must receive equal time to play their music.
- Skaters receiving lessons have the right of way.
- Clear the ice at the end of your skating session so the Zamboni may run. All skaters need to be off ice when the Zamboni is running.
- Males may not enter the HFSA/show locker rooms.
- Only HFSA coaches are allowed on HFSA purchased ice time.
- HFSA Skaters may use their time to mentor a limited number of lower level skaters. The mentor must be an HFSA member from the fall prior to the session and have passed the level of FS4. Both skaters need to have paid for the ice session. The mentor will work on elements and routines for Holiday on Ice or Exhibition shows, but will not work on competition routines.

### **TESTING SESSIONS:**

- Refer to the HFSA Testing Policy that was adopted in April 2007 for all the details on HFSA Testing.
- HFSA Coaches will determine when a skater is ready to test and will sign the skater up for a test session based on availability.
- Test sessions are regularly scheduled during the season with additional sessions added based on coach requests/needs. Dates are posted on the bulletin Board and on the web site. Test Sessions can be cancelled if skater participation is too low.
- The coaches will decide the test order of the skaters.
- Prior to the start of the testing session, the testing coordinator will collect the nonrefundable testing fee of \$20.00 for the compulsory/program test.
- Testing skaters only allowed in box. Only immediate family of the testing skaters will be allowed in the bleachers and/or in the rink. All other skaters/friends need to remain outside or in the locker room.
- Skaters will be allowed a few minutes to warm up on the ice prior to the test session.
- Skaters need to pass both the compulsory and program to demonstrate mastery of the freestyle level. Skaters need to pass the compulsory first. If a skater passes compulsory but does not pass all elements in the program, the skater can test again at the next testing session, for \$10 for only the program test.
- If time allows, skaters who tested for FS5 and above but did not pass, can test again in the same testing session. The same testing fees will apply for the second testing.

### **DISCIPLINE:**

- Coaches/Rink Monitors have the authority to discipline skaters as needed.
- Participants will receive one verbal warning when violating any rule. The participant will be asked to leave the ice for the remainder of the session if a second violation occurs.
- If a participant is asked to leave more than 3 times, the skater, parent/guardian, coach and a Board Member will meet to determine how the situation should be handled.

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### **EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

- All parents/guardians are expected to enroll their skaters into sessions and pay for all ice time in which the skater is participating.
- All parents/guardians must fulfill 10 volunteer hours per family per season, with at least 50% (5 hours) of these hours being allocated to rink monitoring. Please email all completed volunteer hours to the volunteer coordinator designated by the HFSA Board. Total number of hours remaining per family will be emailed out throughout the skating season. Parents/guardians are responsible to verify their hours have been recorded by the volunteer coordinator. If you are not receiving email updates, or are not sure of how many hours you have yet to fulfill, you are responsible for contacting the HFSA volunteer coordinator or a member of the board to verify your hours. The fee for unfulfilled hours is \$25 per incomplete hour. This will be billed to the parent/guardian post season and will be due upon receipt. Skaters will not be allowed on the ice for any sessions after the skating show, if there is an outstanding bill.
- There will be a separate volunteer hour requirement for the annual skating show weekend. If this requirement is not met, there will be a separate \$50 fee billed to the skater's parent/guardian. Skaters will not be allowed on the ice for any sessions after the skating show, if there is an outstanding bill. Parents of Seniors are exempt from annual skating show volunteer hours.
- To help keep a safe environment for all, Rink Monitors will be required. If we do not have enough volunteers, the Board may assign Rink Monitors. If you can't work your scheduled time, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement.
- Keep up to date on information. Read emails, newsletters, notes sent home with skaters, check the website and bulletin board for new information and openly talk to Board Members and coaches.
- You are in the stands to enjoy your child's participation.
- At no time should you be critical of any skater's performance; always give positive reinforcement regardless of performance.
- Conflicts that can't be resolved immediately should be brought to the attention of an HFSA Board Member as soon as possible. The Board will help to resolve issues in a timely manner. Issues and disagreements should be resolved at the appropriate time and in a professional manner. There will be no confrontation or criticism in sight or hearing of any skater or other spectators.
- Please remember that HFSA is a volunteer organization, and all members should be positive role models. We are all working together to continue a successful skating program.
- Questions regarding competitions or technical questions regarding skating should be directed to the skater's coach or the HFSA Director.
- Contact a Board Member if you have any questions/comments/concerns. The monthly Board Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month in the conference room at the arena. Meeting date/time/location is subject to change based on availability of HFSA board members. If you would like something discussed at a Board Meeting, please contact the President a week before the scheduled meeting to be added to the agenda.
- If a skater taking private lessons switches coaches for any reason, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to give notification to the coach and verify all bills are paid.
- All competition information should come from your skater's competition coach. All forms should be turned into your competition coach. If you have questions, contact a Board Member or the HFSA Director.
- If a skater chooses to compete for HFSA, the skater is expected to have an HFSA coach with them at competition, assisting them on the ice for their events. This coach must complete judging hours on behalf of HFSA. Skaters are strongly encouraged to have a coach with them for all events, but can only choose to go without a coach in two events: Jump and Spin and Interpretive.

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*Assumption and Acknowledgment of Rules/Risks and Release of Liability Agreement  
Web Page Authorization: [www.hutchfigureskating.org](http://www.hutchfigureskating.org)*

In consideration of being instructed and/or coached for ice skating in any way by the Hutchinson Figure Skating Association (HFSA), along with my related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious injury does exist: and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation: and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will bring such to the attention of any HFSA coach or Board Member: and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS HFSA and their coaches, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULL UNDERSTAND AND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT INDUCEMENT.

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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Please **sign** and return this page **before the first skating session**.

**Skaters will not be allowed onto the ice without this signed agreement...Thank you!**

Please mail to: HFSA, PO Box 204, Hutchinson, MN 55350

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Skater's

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF LIKENESS ON WEB SITE:**

\_\_\_ I hereby grant and assign to HFSA the right to use the likeness of

\_\_\_\_\_ (Skater's name),

by photograph or otherwise, on its web site from time to time without further authorization, or until I notify the President of HFSA in writing to cease the use of the Minor's likeness.

\_\_\_ I do not give HFSA the right to use the likeness of \_\_\_\_\_

(Skater's name).

**PARENT AND SKATER AGREEMENT:**

I have read the HFSA Parent and Skater Agreement and understand that violation of these rules will mean skating and/or viewing privileges could be suspended or revoked. I agree to abide by the HFSA rules.

I understand the family volunteer hour requirements and agree to either complete the required 10 hours throughout the season or pay \$25.00 per unfulfilled hour when the commitment has not been met. These 10 volunteer hours must be completed outside of the skating show weekend, with separate required hours being completed during skating show weekend.

Skater Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

**I have read the following HFSA pertinent information located on the following website address:**

[www.hutchfigureskating.org](http://www.hutchfigureskating.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ HFSA Testing Policy

\_\_\_\_\_ HFSA Rules

\_\_\_\_\_ HFSA Bylaws

(Please initial next to the above three document titles after your review)

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## HFSA DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

*HFSA discipline will be based on the Minnesota State High School League as a guideline*

1. At any time during the calendar year, a skater shall not, regardless of the quantity:
  - A. use or consume, have in possession a beverage containing alcohol;
  - B. use or consume, have in possession tobacco;
  - C. use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away any other controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.
  - D. use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away products containing or products used to deliver nicotine, tobacco products and other chemicals.  
**“Tobacco products”** means: any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part or accessory of a tobacco product.
  - E. use or consume, have in possession, buy sell or give away any substance or product where the intent of such use of the substance or product is to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system, except under the direction and supervision of a medical doctor. Such substances or products shall include, but are not limited to, synthetic drugs, gasoline, glue, aerosol devices, bath salts, and any substances addressed by Minnesota or Federal Law.
2. At any time during the calendar year, a skater shall not engage in harassment or violence in any form.
3. **Penalties**
  - A. **First Violation Penalty**
    - a. The skater shall lose eligibility to skate for two consecutive weeks, 14 calendar days, from the date that the HFSA board meets with the skater regarding this matter.
    - b. The skater will be responsible for any fees associated with missed days during this 14 day period (i.e. fees to coach for missed private lessons, competition fees, etc.)
    - c. The skater will be expected to present at scheduled practice/lesson times during this 14 day period. The skater may be asked by any of the coaches or board members to perform duties at the rink during this period.
  - B. **Second Violation Penalty**
    - a. The skater shall lose eligibility for the three consecutive weeks, 21 calendar days, from the date that the HFSA board meets with the skater regarding this matter.
    - b. The skater will be responsible for any fees associated with missed days during this 21 day period (i.e. fees to coach for missed private lessons, competition fees, etc.)
    - c. The skater will be expected to present at scheduled practice/lesson times during this 21 day period. The skater may be asked by any of the coaches or board members to perform duties at the rink during this period.
  - C. **Third or Subsequent Violation Penalty**
    - a. The skater shall lose eligibility for the three consecutive weeks, 21 calendar days, from the date that the HFSA board meets with the skater regarding this matter, and will be prohibited from participating in the annual skating show. This will apply to all skaters reaching this penalty level, regardless of position in the annual skating show.
    - b. The skater will be responsible for any fees associated with missed days during this 21 day period (i.e. fees to coach for missed private lessons, competition fees, etc.)
    - c. The skater will be expected to present at scheduled practice/lesson times during this 21 day period. The skater may be asked by any of the coaches or board members to perform duties at the rink during this period.

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### **Responsibilities of HFSA Board:**

1. The HFSA board will address any concerns regarding skaters, which are witnessed by an HFSA board member or coach, or which are brought to the attention of an HFSA board member or coach. All meetings regarding these issues will be scheduled within 72 hours of board notification.
2. HFSA board will be responsible to enforce any determined disciplinary action, effective from the date of the meeting involving at least two HFSA board members, the affected skater and at least one parent/guardian of the skater.
3. The HFSA President/Vice President will track all disciplinary events involving skaters. Violations are considered to be in the same season when occurring any time from the first day of the HFSA season, to the day prior to the next HFSA season beginning. All skaters will start with zero violations at the beginning of each HFSA season.
  - a. Any violations occurring during the HFSA off-season will be addressed with the skater within the allotted 72 hour period from HFSA notification of the violation. Any penalties incurred from events occurring in the off season will be carried out at the start of the next HFSA season.
    - i. For disciplinary matters, the HFSA off-season will be considered March 1 through the first day of the Fall HFSA season.