

## **HFSA PARENT AND SKATER AGREEMENT 2011/2012 SEASON**

In order to maintain a fun, safe environment for all participants, the following rules have been established and must be followed during all scheduled HFSA time. 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.
- Keep the ice, arena and locker room clean. Follow the rules of the arena.
- Skaters must be chemical free whenever participating in HFSA activities.
- Skaters must check in with the rink monitor prior to skating.
- 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.
- Avoid nonessential talking while on the ice. Leave the ice for visiting.
- 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.
- Once each skater's music has been played, the rotation will start over.
- Skaters receiving lessons have the right of way.
- Skaters must wear HFSA practice vests when doing their routine.
- 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 when girls are changing.
- 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. Any skater signed up for a test session that is a "no show" will still be charged the \$20.00 testing fee.
- 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 monitor will collect the non-refundable testing fee of \$20.00 for the compulsory/program test.
- Testing skaters only allowed in box, all spectators should be in bleachers.
- Skaters will be allowed a few minutes to warm up on the ice prior to the test session.

### **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 must fulfill 10 volunteer hours, with 5 hours of service and 5 hours of rink monitoring, per family per season. Volunteer opportunities are communicated at the Mandatory Parent Meeting, which is held on the first day of ice in October. Please email all completed volunteer hours to the Board Member Volunteer Chair. Fulfilled hours are posted outside the HFSA locker room for those who have not completed their total of 10 hours. Once your commitment has been met, your name is removed from the list. Parents/guardians are responsible to verify their hours have been recorded on the posting. Additionally, the fee has been increased to \$20 per unfulfilled hour when the commitment has not been met. This will be billed to the parent/guardian post season and will be due upon receipt.
- 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 assigned 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.
- The monthly Board Meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the conference room at the arena during the regular & summer ice season. During off-season, meetings will be held at Dunn Bros.
- 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 Club Director.
- Contact a Board Member if you have any questions/comments/concerns. 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 Club Director.

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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 participate, 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 **by the first skating session**. Please mail to: HFSA  
PO Box 204  
Hutchinson, MN 55350

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

**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 privileges could be suspended. I agree to abide by the HFSA rules.

I understand the family volunteer hour requirements and agree to either complete the required 10 hours, with a minimum of 5 hours rink monitoring and 5 hours of service throughout the season, or pay \$20.00 per unfulfilled hour when the commitment has not been met. Additionally, volunteer hours must be completed outside of the skating show weekend, as we need everyone's help to have a successful show for our skaters.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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...Thank you!)