



Membership Policy

Policy Statement

Skate Ontario is a membership-based organization recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) and Skate Canada (SC) as the figure skating governing body for the Province of Ontario. Clubs and Skating Schools are granted Membership to Skate Ontario via Skate Canada as described in Skate Canada Bylaw 8.3;

Skate Canada Bylaw 8.3 Affiliations with a Section shall be considered as follows:

- i. each club and skating school in Good Standing with its registered address being within a particular province or territory shall be a Member with the applicable Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization;

and as further defined in Skate Ontario by-law 1.2 (m);

Skate Ontario Bylaw 1.2 m) *Member* – means a club or skating school located within the Province of Ontario registered with the Corporation (Skate Ontario) and with Skate Canada pursuant to the provisions of these By-laws that is compliant with the Governing Documents and whose membership has not been terminated in accordance with the Act and these By-laws.

To register with Skate Ontario a club/skating school must register with Skate Canada and list their location as an address from within the Province of Ontario.

The purpose of this Policy is to contribute to the growth and development of skating for all Ontarians in a safe sporting environment by providing Member Clubs and Skating Schools with rules and requirements, including Member obligations, fees, and the terms and conditions of Membership.

This Policy strives to provide increased accountability to both parties and provides a mechanism for transparency, identification of governance issues and an enhanced commitment to safe sport. Member Clubs/Skating Schools receive access to resources, education, and support that will make understanding their responsibilities as a sport organization easier.

Scope

This Policy applies to all clubs and skating schools located in the Province of Ontario who are Members of Skate Canada.

Definitions



Act – means the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (Ontario) S.O. 2010 c.15 including Regulations made pursuant to the Act, and any amendments, statutes or Regulations that may be substituted from time to time.

Annual MOU – means the ‘Annual Membership Memorandum of Understanding’ as described in this Policy.

By-laws – means the By-laws of Skate Ontario as may be amended from time to time.

Club – means a not-for-profit organization that is operating for the general purpose of providing Skate Canada skating programs and is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Member – means a club or skating school located within the Province of Ontario registered with Skate Ontario and Skate Canada pursuant to the provisions of the By-laws that is compliant with the Governing Documents and whose Membership has not been terminated in accordance with the Act and the By-laws, and Membership has a corresponding meaning.

Skating School – means an organization other than a Club that is operating for the general purpose of providing Skate Canada skating programs.

Membership Class

There is only one class of Membership within Skate Ontario. Membership is available to clubs and skating schools located within the Province of Ontario who register with Skate Ontario pursuant to the provisions of the Skate Ontario By-laws and this Policy.

Admission of New Members

A Club or Skating School may apply for Membership to Skate Ontario and Skate Canada by:

- i. Completing the Application for Membership
- ii. Providing all supplementary information as required by the Skate Canada Club and Skating School Approval Policy
- iii. Complying with the Skate Ontario Club/Skating School application process; and
- iv. Effective September 1, 2023 paying the one time, non-refundable new Member application fee of \$250.

Once these steps are complete, Skate Ontario will then recommend approval for admission to Skate Canada. Once approved by Skate Canada, the club or skating school will be admitted as a full Member of Skate Canada and Skate Ontario.

Maintaining Good Standing



In accordance with By-law 2.6 all Members will be deemed to be in good standing except:

- a) A Member who has failed to pay the annual Membership dues when due and owing, including the Skate Canada fees, and such Member is not in good standing for so long as the dues remain unpaid.
- b) A Member who has been suspended from Membership or has otherwise been declared not to be in good standing pursuant to a disciplinary proceeding in accordance with the By-laws
- c) A Member who has failed to complete, execute and remit, as applicable, all documents as required by Skate Ontario.

Annual MOU

Each Skate Ontario Member Club/Skating School will sign the Annual Membership Memorandum of Understanding (Annual MOU) in the form provided by Skate Ontario. Each Annual MOU will include the Membership Requirements required to maintain good standing, Member benefits, the annual Member fee regarding the relevant year, and an invoice regarding the annual Member fee for the relevant Member Club/Skating School.

Member Fees

Each Member Club/Skating School will remit an annual Member fee to Skate Ontario effective September 1, 2023.

The annual fee will be invoiced (as part of the Annual MOU) on October 1 each year and payment will be due no later than October 31 each year.

The annual fee will be calculated based on the number of skaters registered from September 1 to August 31 of the last Membership year the Member Club/Skating School was active.

The per registered skater fee will be announced by Skate Ontario no later than February 15th each year to allow each Member organization to include these fees in their annual budgeting process.

For greater certainty, annual Member fees are the same as annual Membership dues.

Policy Administration

This Policy will be maintained by Skate Ontario and will be reviewed on an annual basis no later than February 14th each year.