

SHAKER FIGURE SKATING CLUB

POLICY FOR NO TEST OBSERVATION OF SKATERS FOR CLUB SESSIONS

The purpose of observations is to ensure the safety of all SFSC club members. The club ice has been designated for different levels and skaters who have not taken any USFS tests must be observed in order to ensure their abilities and awareness before entering the ice.

1. Skaters who are subject to an observation are: skaters who have not passed 1) pre-preliminary moves test; and/or 2) successfully completed USFS Basic Skills Freestyle Level 5.
2. Skaters, specifically their coaches, need to contact either the SFSC membership chairman or the club administrator to arrange an observation. Coaches should expect at least a one week lead time to arrange the observation.
3. The membership chairman or administrator will provide the coach and/or skater's family the expectations the club is seeking in the observation.
4. Skaters who do not meet the minimum requirements set out in 1. above are permitted to skate Jr. Club only sessions, the PSE 1 clinic (traditionally on Fridays) and any weekday mornings from 7:30-8:00 AM.
5. Through the observation, no test skaters may also be approved to skate on Open sessions. Open sessions are for skaters from pre-preliminary moves through senior freestyles. Due to the wide range of skating skills and levels allowed on these Open sessions, the Club wishes to make sure all of our skaters are as safe as possible when on the ice.
6. While it may not always be an option, the Club strongly encourages new skaters/members to sign up for Jr. Club only ice. These sessions are an excellent opportunity for our newer members to hone their skills and to learn how to watch out for other skaters on the ice. In addition, they do not have to share the ice with our more experienced skaters who are skating at a higher rate of speed.
7. If a skater is observed and placed in Jr. Club only ice, the Club does not recommend a re-observation for at least 90 days. Exceptions will be made at the request of the coach if circumstances warrant a re-observation.
8. Observation process. Skaters will be observed on the attached skating skills and also their awareness on the ice. Observations will take place on open sessions (or on a skating session during summer camp). The club will first determine if the skater has gone through any of the USFS Basic Skills program. They will consult with LTS director Erin Schopf if the skater was part of the Shaker LTS program. The coach is required to attend the observation. The

observation will then be handled by a committee consisting of a combination of a judge, trial judge, SFSC Bd. Members and administrators. In order to accommodate schedules, the skater and coach must expect at least a one week time frame to set up a convenient time for the observation. Please plan ahead.

Observation will include:

Forward Stroking

Back Cross overs

Forward right and left foot spirals

Ability to skate with head up

Awareness of other skaters on ice

Ability to get out of the way quickly

Ability to stop

**The Shaker Figure Skating Club Board of Trustees
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