

Competition Eligibility

To be eligible to compete at skating competitions, a skater must be a current club member in good standing. Coaches and parents must check that the events entered are those for which the skater qualifies.

Competition forms must be signed by a club officer.

Competition Points

Awards are presented to skaters who have had outstanding achievement in tests and competitions. Skaters earn points for passing figure skating tests, and placing in competitions. A "President's Trophy" form will be distributed to each skater to record the number of points they have earned. It is important for parents to keep track of their child's competition results. Return forms to Kathy Gregoire by April 1. Rules for points are as follows:

1. Skaters must represent SCWNY as their home club.
2. Competitions must be "open" and skaters must represent SCWNY. Skaters must currently be representing SCWNY as of April 1st 2002 in order to be eligible for any trophy.
3. A skater who wins either a Junior or Senior Presidents Trophy in a given year must move up at least one figure test level, or one freestyle test level before April 1 the following year to be eligible to win again. The exception is at the senior level where a skater may win two consecutive years.
4. Skaters must compete against at least one other skater. Exhibitions do not count.
5. Over 50% of points earned in either the President's Trophy or a Progress Trophy must be at the higher level to qualify in winning a trophy at that higher level. (For example, if you are an intermediate level skater, and have moved up to novice level, over 50% of your points must be from novice level events to be eligible to win the trophy at the novice level.)
6. Please attach all competition result sheets to your President's Trophy form. Result sheets will be returned to you. Please indicate on the back of your form one or two major accomplishments you have made to skating this year.

SCWNY Trophies

A. President's Trophies

Presidents Trophies are awarded to two skaters each year. These skaters will have the most points overall. Presidents trophies winners will not receive a progress trophy.

Senior Level: All points counted must be in juvenile or higher events.

Junior Level: All points counted must be in pre-preliminary or through pre-juvenile events only.

B. Progress Trophies

All skaters who turn in a Presidents form will receive a progress trophy with the exception of the two skaters who will win the presidents trophies. Please indicate on the back of your form one or two major accomplishments you have made in skating this year.

Following is a list of progress trophies to be awarded:

Badge Level	Intermediate Level
Pre-Preliminary Level	Novice Level
Preliminary Level	Junior Level
Pre-Juvenile Level	Senior Level
Juvenile Level	

C. Other Trophies

Following is a list of other trophies to be awarded:

Most Tests Passed
Most Test Points
Overall Freestyle
Overall Dance

General Rules

1. Skaters should avoid interrupting skaters who are in a lesson. **NEVER TALK TO A PROFESSIONAL DURING ANOTHER SKATER'S LESSON.** (You will appreciate the same consideration when you are having a lesson.)
2. There should be no standing around or talking at the boards. Do not socialize in groups or in the corners.
3. Skaters heard using profanity or engaging in improper behavior will be ejected from the session.
4. During Dance time, free skating and moves-in-the-field are not allowed unless you are in a lesson.
5. Do not race, play tag, or practice hockey techniques.

6. The skater whose music is being played has the right-of-way. Other skaters must make the effort to stay out of that skater's way.
7. Skaters should not request dances more than one level above their test level. Skaters may follow higher-level dancers but should not skate in front of, or interrupt another dancer.
8. Be courteous & positive with your fellow skaters. Treat all professionals with respect.
9. Clean up your tissues, cups and other refuse left on the boards.
10. Skaters should exit the ice at the end of their sessions. For everyone's safety, no one should be allowed on the ice when the Zamboni is out.

Music Guidelines

1. Please treat our music people with respect. These are volunteers donating their time for the benefit of all skaters. Do not argue with them or give them a hard time. "Please" and "Thank You" would be greatly appreciated.
2. Tapes will be handed in at the beginning of each freestyle session. It is the skater's responsibility to pick up their tape at the end of the session. Tapes left behind will be put in the side pocket of the equipment bag at Holiday and on the music cart at Leisure Rinks.
 - a. Tapes should be labeled with skaters first and last name, level, and event, e.g. Suzie Jones, Prelim. Freestyle.
 - b. Only the tape should be handed in – no cases. HINT: Skaters should have a master copy, a competition copy, and a rink copy for each of their programs. The master copy should be kept in a safe place at home and used for making additional copies. Only the competition copy should be handed in at competitions, picked up after the event and checked to be sure it is rewound before the next competition. Only the rink copy should be brought to practice and handed in.
3. Tapes will be put in line in the order they are handed in. They will be played in this order unless "bumped" by a coach's request. Skaters should check to see whose tape is before them so they can be ready when their tape is played.
4. Coaches working on choreography should use a boom box at a reasonable volume so as not to interfere with the music on the speaker.
5. Tapes will not be rewound and started again unless there is no waiting line of tapes. This is at the discretion of the Music Person.

6. If a skater requests his/her program to be played again, his/her tape will be placed at the end of the waiting line and will be played only if time permits.
7. If a skater “waves off” his/her program, it will be placed at the end of the line, and played only if time permits.
8. Dance music will be played during freestyle only at the request of a coach during a lesson. No freestyle music may be played during dance, even when in a lesson.

Competitions

Did you know that membership fees only pay for a small percentage of our total ice costs? Competitions are the main source of funding our club ice. Because of this, skaters and parents are expected to work at our competitions.

ALL CLUB ICE FEES ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 1.

Test Sessions

The club holds United States Figure Skating Association (U.S.F.S.A.) test sessions at periodic levels as needed throughout the year. The fees for these tests are used to defray the judges traveling expenses as well as other costs. Meals for the judges must be provided by the hosting club. If your child is testing, you will be required to add \$4.00 to your test fees to cover other expenses related to the food preparation, paper products and condiments, etc. You may also be asked to help work in the “hospitality room” for a few hours during the lengthy testing sessions. Please contact Nancy Maisano if interested in helping with hospitality.

The Scribe

During the regular skating season, from October to April, a short newsletter, *The Scribe*, is distributed to members present at club sessions. A new *Scribe* contains new information on schedule changes, upcoming competition deadlines, test and competition results, or other bits of information concerning club matters. *The Scribe* is not mailed to members due to cost considerations. Please check the bulletin boards at Leisure and Holiday for current *Scribes* or new schedules. If you do not attend club sessions, but would like to receive the newsletter, you may ask a member to hold one for you, or provide self-addressed stamped envelopes to Kathy Gregoire.

Anyone who has skating-related information they wish to be included in *The Scribe* may contact Kathy Gregoire.

Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

In April members are invited to a buffet dinner and annual meeting to celebrate the end of the club season and to recognize the efforts during the year. In addition, the President's Trophies and Progress Trophies are presented at this time.

We encourage all members to attend this banquet, if possible. The skaters thoroughly enjoy each others company in a setting away from the rink. We guarantee a good time for all!

General Membership Meetings

Occasionally, we have general membership meetings for parents. They are held in the rink club room during skating time. Please try to attend these meetings. You may be asked to vote on important issues, such as nominations for directors, decisions concerning ice usage, committee appointments, etc. You may also bring up issues that you feel are significant at this time.