

**THE SKATING CLUB OF HOUSTON  
(a Texas Nonprofit Corporation)**

**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME; EXISTENCE; OFFICES**

**Section 1.1 Name:** The name of this organization is The Skating Club of Houston (referred to in these Bylaws as the "Club").

**Section 1.2 Incorporation:** The Club is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Texas (the "State") and shall be governed by the nonprofit corporation law of the State (the "Nonprofit Law").

**Section 1.3 Membership in U.S. Figure Skating:** The Club has been formed to be a member of The United States Figure Skating Association ("U.S. Figure Skating"), to exist for the purposes specified in Article II of these Bylaws. As such, the Club and its members shall be subject to and abide by the Bylaws and Official Rules of U.S. Figure Skating, as in existence and amended from time-to-time by U.S. Figure Skating. The Club shall maintain its membership in U.S. Figure Skating and conduct its affairs in a manner consistent with the Bylaws, Official Rules, policies and procedures of U.S. Figure Skating.

**Section 1.4 Offices:** The principal office/headquarters of the Club shall be located at Willowbrook Aerodrome, 8220 Willow Place North, Houston, TX 77070-5671. The registered office of the Club required by the Nonprofit Law to be maintained in the State may be, but need not be, the same as the principal office/headquarters of the Club, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors or by the Officers of the Club.

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSES**

**Section 2.1:** The Club is organized for the purposes of fostering figure skating on ice as a member Club of U.S. Figure Skating, fostering amateur skating competitions both individual and team and advancement of skills, fostering awareness of figure skating to the general public, and is formed exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

**Section 2.2:** No part of the net earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

**Section 2.3:** No substantial part of the activities of the Club shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Club shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

**Section 2.4:** Upon the dissolution of the Club, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of the county in which the principal office of the Club is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**Section 2.5:** Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERS

**Section 3.1 Members:** The Club shall have members who are interested in the objects and purposes of the Club and who are registered with U.S. Figure Skating, with voting rights and any other legal rights or privileges in connection with the governance of the Club, in accordance with such provisions and criteria pertaining to qualifications, classification, privileges, application and acceptance of members established from time-to-time by the Board of Directors. Members of the Club shall be required to abide by, and to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with, the Bylaws, Official Rules, policies, procedures, code of conduct, and code of ethics and principals of ethical behavior of U.S. Figure Skating.

**Section 3.2 Dues:** The Board of Directors may establish, as it shall deem necessary and appropriate, such periodic membership dues, other assessments and procedures for the manner of payment and collection thereof.

**Section 3.3 Annual Meeting:** The Club shall hold an annual meeting of its members for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting at a time, date and place stated in or fixed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors. If no place is stated, the meeting shall be held at the Club's principal office. Failure to hold an annual meeting shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Club or invalidate any action taken by the Board of Directors or Officers of the Club.

**Section 3.4 Special Meetings:** Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, the President or by written demand of the members stating the purpose or purposes for calling the meeting signed and dated by members holding at least ten percent (10%) of all votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the meeting. The record date for determining the members entitled to demand a special meeting is the date of the earliest of any of the demands pursuant to which the meeting is called or the date that is sixty (60) days before the date the first of such demands is received by the Club, whichever is later. If notice is not given within thirty (30) days after the date of the written demand or demands are delivered to a Club Officer, a person signing the demand may set the time and place of the meeting and give notice as provided in these Bylaws. Special meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the authority calling such meeting. If no place is stated, special meetings shall be held at the Club's principal office. The purpose of any special meeting of the members shall be stated in such notice. Only business within the purpose described in the notice may be conducted at a special meeting of members.

**Section 3.5 Notice of Meetings:** Notice shall be given to each member entitled to vote at a meeting in a fair and reasonable manner. Notice may be given as set forth below or by other means when all the circumstances are considered. Written notice by first class or registered mail of any annual, regular or special meeting stating the place, date and hour of the meeting shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting. If notice is mailed by other than first class or registered mail, no less than thirty (30) days notice must be provided. Notice of a special meeting shall include a description of the purpose or purposes of the meeting. Notice of an annual meeting need not include a description of the purpose or purposes except the purpose or purposes shall be stated with respect to (i) an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Club; (ii) a merger; (iii) a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition other than in the usual and regular course of business, of all or substantially all of the property of the Club; or (vi) the dissolution and liquidation of the Club. When giving notice of an annual, regular or special meeting of members, the Club shall give notice of a matter a member intends to raise at the meeting if a person entitled to call a special meeting submits a request, in writing, and it is received by the Secretary or President at least ten (10) days before the Club gives notice of the meeting.

**Section 3.6 Methods of Notice:** Notice shall be given personally or by mail, facsimile or other form of wire or wireless communication by or at the direction of the President, the Secretary or the persons calling the meeting, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. Such notice shall be deemed to be given and effective at the earliest of: (i) the date received; (ii) five (5) days after deposit in the United States

mail, properly addressed to the member at the member's address as it appears in the Club's current record of members, with first class postage prepaid; (iii) the date shown on the return receipt, if mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the addressee; or (iv) thirty (30) days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed correctly addressed and with other than first class, registered or certified postage affixed. A written notice or report delivered as part of a newsletter, magazine, or other publication regularly sent to members shall constitute a written notice or report if addressed or delivered to the member's address shown in the Club's current list of members, or in the case of members who are residents of the same household and who have the same address in the current list of members, if addressed or delivered to one of such members, at the address appearing on the current list of members.

**Section 3.7 Waiver of Notice:** A member may waive notice of a meeting before or after the time and date of the meeting by a writing signed by such member. Such waiver shall be delivered to the Club for filing with the Club records, but this delivery and filing shall not be conditions to the effectiveness of the waiver. Further, by attending a meeting either in person or by proxy, a member waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting unless the member objects at the beginning of the meeting to the holding of the meeting or the transaction of business at the meeting because of lack of notice or defective notice. By attending the meeting, the member also waives any objection to consideration at the meeting of a particular matter not within the purposes described in the meeting notice unless the member objects to considering the matter when it is presented.

**Section 3.8 Voting List:** After a record date is fixed for a membership meeting or for determining the members entitled to vote by written ballot, the Secretary shall make, at the earlier of ten (10) days before such meeting or two (2) business days after notice of the meeting has been given, a complete list of the members entitled to be given notice of such meeting or any adjournment thereof. The list shall be arranged in alphabetical order and shall show the name, address of each member and number of votes to which each member is entitled. For the period beginning the earlier of ten (10) days prior to the meeting or two (2) business days after notice of the meeting is given and continuing through the meeting and any adjournment thereof, this list shall be kept on file at the principal office of the Club, or at a place (which shall be identified in the notice) in the city where the meeting will be held. Such list shall be available for inspection on written demand by any member or the member's agent or attorney during regular business hours and during the period available for inspection.

**Section 3.9 Proxies:** At all meetings of members, a member may vote by proxy by signing an appointment form or similar writing, either personally or by the member's duly authorized attorney-in-fact. A member may also appoint a proxy by transmitting or authorizing the transmission of an electronic transmission providing a written statement of the appointment to the proxy or other person duly authorized by the proxy to receive appointments as agent for the proxy or to the Club. The transmitted appointment shall set forth or be transmitted with written evidence from which it can be determined that the member transmitted or authorized the transmission of the appointment. The proxy appointment form or similar writing shall be filed with the Secretary of the Club before or at the time of the meeting. The appointment of a proxy is effective when received by the Club and is valid for eleven (11) months unless a different period is expressly provided in the appointment form or similar writing.

**Section 3.10 Club's Acceptance of Votes:** If the name signed on a vote, consent, waiver, proxy appointment or proxy appointment revocation corresponds to the name of a member, the Club, if acting in good faith, is entitled to accept the vote, consent, waiver, proxy appointment or proxy appointment revocation and give it effect as the act of the member. If the name signed on a vote, consent, waiver, proxy appointment or proxy appointment revocation does not correspond to the name of the member, the Club, if acting in good faith, is nevertheless entitled to accept the vote, consent, waiver, proxy appointment or proxy appointment revocation if to do so is proper under rules established by the corporation that are not inconsistent with this Section. No member under the age of 18 shall be entitled to vote.

**Section 3.11 Adjournment of Meeting:** When a meeting is adjourned to another date, time or place, notice need not be given of the new date, time or place if the new date, time or place of such meeting is announced before adjournment of the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. At the adjourned meeting the Club may transact any business which may have been transacted at the original meeting. If a

new records date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a new notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each member of record entitled to vote at the meeting as of the new record date.

**Section 3.12 Quorum and Manner of Voting:** One tenth (10%) of the votes entitled to be cast by the members on a matter shall constitute a quorum for action on the matter. If a quorum exists, action on a matter by the members is approved if the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action, unless the vote of a greater number of votes is required by law or the Club's Certificate of Formation.

**Section 3.13 Meetings by Telecommunications:** Any or all of the members may participate in an annual or special membership meeting by, or the meeting may be conducted through the use of any means of communication by which all members participating in the meeting can hear each other during the meeting. A member participating in a meeting in this manner is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

**Section 3.14 Action Without a Meeting:** (a) By Unanimous Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing (or counterparts thereof) that sets forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof and received by the Club. Such consent (which may be signed in counterparts) shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the members. Action taken under this Section is effective as of the date the last writing necessary to effect the action is received by the Club, unless all of the writings specify a different effective date, in which case such specified date shall be the effective date for such action. The record date for determining members entitled to take action without a meeting is the date the Club first receives a writing upon which the action is taken. Any member who has signed a writing describing and consenting to action taken pursuant to this Section may revoke such consent by a writing signed by the member describing the action and stating the member's prior consent is revoked, if such writing is received by the Club before the effectiveness of the action. All signed written instruments necessary under this provision shall be filed with the minutes of the membership meetings. (b) By Written Ballot. Any action that may be taken at any annual, regular or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if the Club delivers a written ballot to every member entitled to vote on the matter. The written ballot shall: (i) set forth each proposed action; and (ii) provide an opportunity to vote for or against the proposed action. Approval by written ballot shall only be valid when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall: (i) indicate the number of responses necessary to meet the quorum requirements; (ii) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; (iii) specify the time by which the ballot must be received by the Club in order to be counted; and (iv) be accompanied by written information sufficient to permit each person voting to reach an informed decision. Written ballots may not be revoked.

**Section 3.15 Termination, Expulsion or Suspension:** No member may be expelled or suspended from the Club, and no membership may be terminated or suspended, except as follows. The member shall be given not less than 30 days prior written notice of the expulsion, suspension or termination and the reasons therefore. The member shall have an opportunity to be heard, orally or in writing, by the Board of Directors, not less than 15 days before the effective date of the expulsion, suspension or termination by the Board of Directors. Written notice must be given by first-class or certified mail sent to the last address of the member shown on the Club's records. Any member expelled or suspended shall be liable to the Club for dues, assessments or fees incurred or commitments made prior to expulsion. The provisions of this Section 3.15 apply to a member's membership in the Club and not to membership in U.S. Figure Skating, the latter of which is subject to applicable provisions of the Bylaws and Official Rules of U.S. Figure Skating pertaining to expulsion or suspension of membership privileges in U.S. Figure Skating.

**Section 3.16 Delegates to the U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council:** Delegates to the U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council must be registered members of the Club and must meet the qualifications as set forth in Article VII, Section 1 of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws. The Club's Board of Directors shall appoint from among the Club's registered members the requisite number of delegates to the Governing Council as determined in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws. The

Club's delegates shall be representatives of the Club at the Governing Council meeting for which they are appointed as delegates and shall attend said meeting, either in person or represented by proxy. The Club will file a certificate of appointment of its delegates with the Secretary of U.S. Figure Skating, duly signed by an authorized Officer of the Club.

#### **ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 4.1 Number:** The Board of Directors is comprised of eight senior members of the Club, of which five shall serve as Officers and of which three shall serve as Directors-at-Large. A Term of Office is two years beginning on January 1 of every other year. The number of Directors of the club may be changed as determined by the Board of Directors from time-to-time.

**Section 4.2 Powers:** The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by its Board of Directors, except as otherwise provide for by State law, the Club's Certificate of Formation or these Bylaws.

**Section 4.3 Qualifications:** Directors must be (i) at least eighteen (18) years old, (ii) registered with U.S. figure skating and (iii) home club members of the Club in accordance with provisions of applicable rules of U.S. Figure Skating and (iv) voting members of the Club. In addition, Directors of the Club must be eligible persons, as defined in the eligibility rules of U.S. Figure Skating; provided, however, that one restricted person, one ineligible person and coaches with eligible status may serve as Directors of the club so long as they do not collectively constitute a majority of the Board of Directors and, further provide, that eligible coaches may serve as Directors of the Club so long as collectively they do not constitute a majority of the total number of Directors of the Club.

**Section 4.4 Change in Number of Directors:** Any action of the Board of Directors to increase or decrease the number of Directors, whether expressly by resolution or by implication through the election of additional Directors, shall constitute an amendment of these Bylaws effecting such increase or decrease, and, therefore, shall require approval of the members as referred to in Article III of these Bylaws.

**Section 4.5 Nomination and Election of Directors:** At a time reasonably in advance of each annual meeting of the Club, the President shall appoint a nominating committee which shall determine and present to the members, at a time reasonably in advance of the annual meeting, a list of nominees to stand for election as Directors to fill the positions of those Directors whose terms expire at the annual meeting. Additional nominations for Directors to be elected may be made by any voting member at the time of the annual meeting. Notwithstanding anything hereinabove to the contrary, any nominee for election as a Director must evidence in advance of or at the annual meeting, or in person at the annual meeting, such person's willingness to serve if elected. The members shall, by the affirmative vote as required by the provisions of Article III of these Bylaws, elect the requisite number of Directors from among the list of nominees. Each Director shall hold office until such Director's term expires and thereafter until such Director's successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until such Director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

**Section 4.6 Removal:** Directors elected by voting members or Directors may be removed as follows: (i) The voting members may remove one or more Directors elected by them with or without cause unless the Bylaws provide that Directors may be removed only for cause; (ii) If a Director is elected by a voting group, only that voting group may participate in the vote to remove that Director; (iii) A Director may be removed only if the number of votes cast to remove the Director would be sufficient to elect the Director at a meeting to elect Directors; (iv) A Director may be removed only at a meeting called for the purpose of removing that Director, and the meeting notice shall state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of the Director; (v) An entire Board of Directors may be removed under paragraphs (i) to (iv) above; and (vi) A Director elected by the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause by the vote of a majority of the Directors then in office or such greater number as is set forth in the Bylaws; except that a Director elected by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy of a Director elected by the voting members may be removed without cause by the voting members, but not the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.7 Resignation:** A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the Club. The resignation is effective when the notice is received by the Club unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

**Section 4.8 Vacancies:** Any vacancy occurring among the Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors, though less than a quorum. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the un-expired term of such Director's predecessor in office. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the members, and a Director so chosen shall hold office until the next election of the class for which such Director was chosen and thereafter until such Director's successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until such Director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

**Section 4.9 Meetings of the Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors will hold its first meeting within one month following the annual meeting at which they are elected and hold regular meetings thereafter usually one per month. Special meetings may be called by the President or by five directors provided 48-hour notice is given to each director. The notice shall state the day, hour and place of the special meeting.

**Section 4.10 Meetings by Telephone:** Members of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communication equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

**Section 4.11 Presumption of Assent:** A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors is deemed to have assented to all action taken unless: (i) the Director objects at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon arrival, to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to any action taken; (ii) the Director contemporaneously requests that the Director's dissent or abstention as to any specific action taken be entered in the minutes; or (iii) the Director causes written notice of the Director's dissent or abstention as to any specific action to be received by the presiding officer of the meeting before adjournment or by the Club promptly after adjournment. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a Director who votes in favor of the action taken.

**Section 4.12 Quorum:** Four Directors constitute a quorum for transacting business at any Board meeting. No action may be approved without the vote of at least a majority of the number of Directors required for a quorum. The vote of a majority of the Directors present at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.13 Compensation:** Directors shall not receive compensation for their services as such, although the reasonable expenses of Directors of attendance at board meetings may be paid or reimbursed by the Club. Directors shall not be disqualified to receive reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the benefit of the Club in any other capacity.

**Section 4.14 Duties of a Director-at-Large:** Each Director-at-Large can preside over any committee formed within the Club. A Director-at-Large is expected to attend all Board meetings to help present, preside over or vote on Club related issues. One Director-at-Large position is reserved for an elected Home Rink Representative to facilitate Club and Rink communication.

## **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

**Section 5.1 Number and Qualification:** The officers of the Club who must also be Directors are set forth in this Article V. As Directors of the Club they must meet qualifications of Directors as set forth in Section 4.2 above. The Board of Directors may also appoint such other officers, assistant officers and agents as it may consider necessary. One person may hold more than one office at a time except that no person may hold the office of President and Secretary simultaneously.

**Section 5.2 Election and Term of Office:** The elected officers of the Club shall be elected by the Board of Directors at each regular annual meeting of the Club. If the election of officers shall not be held at such

meeting, such election shall be held as convenient thereafter. Each officer shall hold office until the officer's successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified, or until the officer's earlier death, resignation or removal.

**Section 5.3 Compensation:** Officers shall not receive compensation for their service as such, although the reasonable expenses of officers may be paid or reimbursed by the Club. Officers shall not be disqualified to receive reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the benefit of the club in any other capacity.

**Section 5.4 Resignation:** An officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the Club. The resignation is effective when the notice is received by the Club unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

**Section 5.5 Removal:** Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Club will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Election or appointment of an officer shall not in itself create contract rights.

**Section 5.6 Vacancies:** A vacancy in any office, however occurring, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

**Section 5.7 Authority and Duties of Officers:** The officers of the club shall have the authority and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties specified below and as may be additionally specified by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws, except that in any event each officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be required by law.

**Section 5.8 Duties of the President:**

The President shall be the Chairman of the Board, and presides at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. The President shall perform all other duties incident to the office of the President and Chairman. The President shall have the power to suspend any member for violating the bylaws or regulations of the Club, pending the approval of the Board; to call special meetings and Club meetings. The President together with the Secretary shall sign all agreements and contracts made by the Club upon the approval of the Board of Directors. The President can create various committees and appoint members in good standing to various committees as he/she sees fit.

**Section 5.9 Duties of the Vice-President of Membership:**

The Vice-President of Membership (VPM) assists the President in the discharge of his/her duties and in the absence of the President, assumes the duties and officiates in his/her stead. The VPM will manage all membership transactions and be the steward of membership policies. The VPM will also be the director of committee chairs for all committees pertaining to membership and club community presence.

**Section 5.10 Duties of the Vice-President of Testing:**

The Vice-President of Testing (VPT) assists the President in the discharge of his/her duties and in the absence of the President and the Vice-President of Membership, assumes the duties of President and officiates in his/her stead. The VPT will manage and run all test sessions and be the steward of fulfilling all United States Figure Skating testing policies during such events. The VPT will also be the director of committee chairs for all committees pertaining to testing and the execution of test sessions.

**Section 5.11 Duties of the Treasurer:**

The Treasurer is in charge of the funds of The Club and shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements and shall render a written report at each regular Board meeting. Disbursements shall be made only upon vouchers approved by the Board of Directors. All funds shall be deposited in the name of the Club in a bank approved by the Board of Directors. All check disbursements shall be signed by two Club officers. The Treasurer shall prepare a yearly financial report and budget for presentation at the Annual Meeting and make an annual financial report to the accountant for preparation of all year-end filings for all government agencies, where required.



**Section 5.12 Duties of the Secretary:**

The Secretary keeps the "minutes of the meeting" of the Club and of the Board of Directors, supervises all reports and documents connected with the business of the Club and issues notices of all meetings of The Club and Directors, and prepares agendas for all meetings of the Club and Directors. The secretary ensures all motions are duly made in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and carried out. The secretary notifies United States Figure Skating, by their fiscal year start, who the officers of the Club are. The Secretary notifies United States Figure Skating of any officer changes that may occur during the year. The Secretary files a certificate of appointment of United States Figure Skating Delegates with United States Figure Skating. The Secretary supervises the counting of the ballots for all ballots cast and preserves all records as set forth in Section 10.1 below.

**ARTICLE VI  
STANDARD OF CONDUCT FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

**Section 6.1 General:** Each Director and Officer shall perform their duties as a director or officer, including without limitation their duties as a member of any committee of the Board, (i) in good faith, (ii) in a manner the Director or Officer reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the Club and (iii) with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances. A Director or Officer, regardless of title, shall not be deemed to be a trustee with respect to the Club or with respect to any property held or administered by the Club including, without limitation, property that may be subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or transferor of such property.

**Section 6.2 Reliance on Certain Information and Other Matters:** In the performance of their duties, a Director or Officer shall be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by the persons designated below. However, a Director or Officer shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if the Director or Officer has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted. The designated persons on whom a Director or Officer are entitled to rely are: (i) one or more officers or employees of the Club whom the Director or Officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (ii) legal counsel, a public accountant, or other person as to matters which the Director or Officer reasonably believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence; (iii) a committee of the Board of Directors on which the Director or Officer does not serve if the Director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

**Section 6.3 Limitation on Liability:** A Director or Officer shall not be liable to the Club or its members for any action the Director or Officer takes or omits to take as a director or officer if, in connection with such action or omission, the Director or Officer performs their duties in compliance with this Section.

**ARTICLE VII  
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**Section 7.1 Definition:** As used in this Section 7.1: (i) "conflicting interest transactions" means a contract, transaction, or other financial relationship between the Club and a Director of the Club, or between the Club and a party related to a Director, or between the Club and an entity in which a Director of the Club is a director or officer or has a financial interest, and (ii) a "party related to a director" means a spouse, a descendent, an ancestor, a sibling, the spouse or descendent of a sibling, an estate or trust in which the Director or a party related to a Director has a beneficial interest, or an entity in which a party related to a Director is a director, officer, or has a financial interest.

**Section 7.2 Procedure; Action; Disclosure:** No conflicting interest transaction shall be void or voidable or be enjoined, set aside, or give rise to an award of damages or other sanctions in a proceeding by a member or by or in the right of the Club, solely because the conflicting interest transaction involves a Director of the Club or a party related to a Director or an entity in which a Director of the Club is a director or officer or has a financial interest or solely because the Director is present at or participates in the meeting of the Club's Board of Directors or of a committee of the Board of Directors that authorizes,

approves, or ratifies the conflicting interest transaction or solely because the Director's vote is counted for such purpose if: (i) the material facts as to the Director's relationship or interest and as to the conflicting interest transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Directors or the committee, and the Board of Directors or committee in good faith authorizes, approves, or ratifies the conflicting interest transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors are less than a quorum; or (ii) the material facts as to the Director's relationship or interest and as to the conflicting interest transaction are disclosed or are known to the members entitled to vote thereon, and the conflicting interest transaction is specifically authorized, approved, or ratified in good faith by a vote of the members entitled to vote thereon; or (iii) the conflicting interest transaction is fair as to the Club. Common or interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee, which authorizes, approves, or ratifies the conflicting interest transaction.

**Section 7.3 Loans:** No loans shall be made by the Club to its Directors or Officers. Any Director or Officer who assents to or participates in the making of any such loan shall be liable to the Club for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

#### **ARTICLE VIII CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

If any member of the Club has a complaint against another member of the Club for an infraction of any Bylaw, rule, policy or procedure of the Club, other than skating rules, they may file a complaint in writing to the Board of Directors of the Club. Such complaints will be investigated and resolved according to the Club's conflict resolution policy that the Club is required to adopt and have in effect in accordance with the Bylaws of U.S. Figure Skating.

#### **ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION**

The Club shall indemnify any Director, Officer or agent of the Club to the fullest extent permitted by the Nonprofit Law and any other applicable laws of the State if (i) such person conducted himself or herself in good faith, (ii) such person reasonably believed (A) in the case of a director acting in his or her official capacity, that his or her conduct was in the Club's best interests, or (B) in all other cases, that such person's conduct was at least not opposed to the Club's best interests, and (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, such party had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. However, the Club may not indemnify a person either (i) in connection with a proceeding by the Club in which the person is or has been adjudged liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of the person's duty to the Club or (ii) in connection with any proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the person, whether or not involving action in the person's official capacity, in which the person was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by the person (even if the Club was not thereby damaged). Any indemnification under this Article (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Club only if authorized in the specific case after a determination has been made that the person is eligible for indemnification in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in this Article and after an evaluation has been made as to the reasonableness of the expenses. Any such determination, evaluation and authorization shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board, which quorum shall consist of Directors not parties to the subject proceeding, or by such other person or body as permitted by law.

#### **ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 10.1 Records:** The Club shall keep as permanent records, its Certificate of Formation and Bylaws including all amendments thereto, minutes of all meetings of its members and Board of Directors, a record of all actions taken by the members or Board of Directors without a meeting and of actions taken by a committee in place of the Board of Directors, and a record of all waivers of notices of meetings of members, the Board of Directors or any committee. The Club shall also maintain the following records: (i) all appropriate accounting records and financial statements for the period advised by its accountant but, in any event, not less than seven years; (ii) Board resolutions relating to the characteristics, qualifications,

rights, limitations and obligations of members or any class or category of members, if any (iii) a list of the names and business or home addresses of its current Directors and Officers; (iv) a copy of its most recent corporate report delivered to the State; (v) a record of its members which permits preparation of a list of the name and address of all members in alphabetical order and, if applicable, by class which shows the number of votes each member is entitled to cast; and (vi) all written communications within the past three (3) years to members. The Club shall also keep any other records as required by law.

**Section 10.2 Inspection and Copying of Club Records:** Upon written demand delivered at least five (5) business days before the date on which a member wishes to inspect and copy any of the Club records identified in Section 10.1 of this Article, a member, their agent or attorney is entitled to inspect and copy such records during regular business hours at the Club's principal office. The Club may impose a reasonable charge, covering the costs of labor and material, for copies of the documents provided. The charge may not exceed the estimated cost of production and reproduction of the records. A member may also inspect any other records at a reasonable location specified by the Club upon the same terms and conditions. Members entitled to inspect these other records must also meet the following requirements: (i) the member must have been a member at least three (3) months immediately preceding the demand; (ii) the demand must be made in good faith and for a proper purpose; (iii) the member must describe with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records the member desires to inspect; and (iv) the records must be directly connected with the described purpose. The rights set forth herein may not be abolished or limited by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

**Section 10.3 Limitations on Use of Membership List:** Unless the Board of Directors gives its consent, the Club's membership list or any part thereof may not be: (i) obtained or used by any person for any purpose unrelated to a member's interest as a member; (ii) used to solicit money or property; (iii) used for any commercial purpose; or (iv) sold to or purchased by any person.

**Section 10.4 Financial Statements:** Upon the written request of any member, the Club shall mail to such member its most recent annual financial statements, if any, and its most recently published financial statements, if any, showing in reasonable detail its assets and liabilities and results of its operations.

**Section 10.5 Conveyances and Encumbrances:** Property of the Club may be assigned, conveyed or encumbered by such Officers of the Club as may be authorized to do so by the Board of Directors, and such authorized persons shall have power to execute and deliver any and all instruments of assignment, conveyance and encumbrance; however, the sale, exchange, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Club shall be authorized only in the manner prescribed by applicable statute.

**Section 10.6 Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Club is the calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31).

**Section 10.7 Severability:** The invalidity of any provision of these Bylaws shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and in such event these Bylaws shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid provision were omitted.

**Section 10.8 Dissolution:** Upon the dissolution of the Club, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of the county in which the principal office of the Club is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

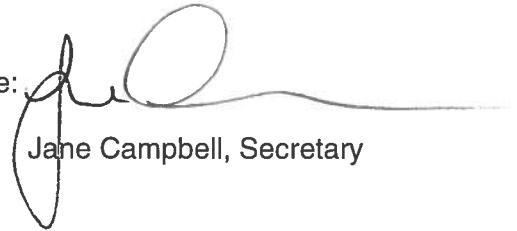
**Section 10.9 Amendments:** These Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the Board of Directors except where prohibited by law. The notice of any meeting at which these Bylaws are altered, amended, or repealed, or at which new bylaws are adopted will include the text of the proposed bylaw provisions as well as the text of any existing provision proposed to be altered, amended, or repealed.

**BYLAWS CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned certifies that she is the Secretary of The Skating Club of Houston and that she is authorized to execute this certificate on behalf of said Club and the foregoing is a complete and correct copy of the presently effective Bylaws of the Club.

Date: 5/17/2018

Name:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Campbell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jane Campbell, Secretary