



BUFFALO SPEEDSKATING CLUB

Membership Guide

The purpose of this guide is to explain our organizational structure and to clearly spell out how you can fully participate in the running of Buffalo Speedskating.

As a club member you have certain privileges and responsibilities that are specified in our club By-Laws. This document is the operating manual for our organization and is available on our website. What follows is an explanation of how our By-laws directly effect you as a member of the Buffalo Speedskating Club.

Club structure and voting procedure:

We have a volunteer board consisting of nine (9) elected directors. This body is responsible for the day to day operations of the club as well as for setting the club's future agenda.

The board is elected for a two year term by a majority vote of the membership at the club's annual meeting which will be held each year between March 30th and April 30th. Every member over the age of 18 is eligible to serve on the board.

The board meets at least every 90 days during our regular season and members are invited and encouraged to attend board meetings. Every member 15 years of age and over gets one vote. A parent of one or more members 14 or younger gets one vote on behalf of all of the parent's children.

By attending board meetings and voting, you have a very real say in how the club is run, and what direction it will take.

Notices of board meetings will be sent in an email and posted on our website. Minutes of every meeting will be emailed to our group list and the most recent meeting will be posted on our website.

In order to develop and run the club we have formed the following six committees which are chaired by board directors.

- Race Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Camp Committee
- Steering Committee
- Athlete Development Committee
- Community Outreach Committee

All BSC members are eligible and encouraged to participate on committees. Additional standing or ad hoc committees as well as directorships may be formed as needed.

Finances:

It is the policy of the BSC to be financially transparent and accountable to it's membership. Our treasurer will present a financial report to the board and members at each regularly scheduled meeting.

Code of Conduct:

Buffalo Speedskating strives to create a safe and enjoyable environment in which all athletes can work towards reaching their individual goals and potential. Towards this end it was determined that the club and it's members would benefit from having a uniform standard code of conduct. This document spells out what is expected from club members and their parents or designate when representing the club, or participating in club sponsored activities. The Code is available on our website. All new and existing members will be required to sign and abide by the Code of Conduct.

How you can help:

Buffalo Speedskating benefits from the participation of it's members, you can help in the following ways.

- Attending our board and annual membership meetings. Providing guidance and direction through your input and vote.
- Serving on committees. It takes members willing to provide their time, skill and energy for the club to grow and be successful.
- Giving your advise at anytime as to what we can do to improve our club.

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