#### **BYLAWS**

of

#### GARDEN STATE SKATING CLUB

## ARTICLE I NAME; EXISTENCE; OFFICES

**Section 1.1** Name . The name of this organization is the Garden State Skating Club (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 New Jersey, and has been granted tax exempt status under Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501c3 and shall be governed by the nonprofit corporation law and all applicable Internal Revenue rules and regulations.

**Section 1.3 Membership in US Figure Skating**. The Club has been formed to be a member of US Figure Skating ("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 US Figure Skating, as in existence and amended from time-to-time by US Figure Skating.

**Section 1.4 Offices** The principal office/headquarters of the Club shall be located at Howell Ice Arena, Farmingdale, New Jersey. 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 Trustees or by the Officers of the Club.

#### ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The principal purpose of the Club is to foster figure skating on ice and to facilitate the teaching, instruction, and training of amateur figure skaters, in order to improve, develop and support their capabilities as competitors in local, state, regional, national and international amateur figure skating

competitions, so as to foster such competitions, and as more fully set forth in paragraph second of the club's Certificate of Incorporation filed May 3, 2007, which is incorporated by reference herein and made a part hereof. In order to do so, the Club has been organized to exist as a member club of US Figure Skating and, therefore, seeks to assist in carrying out the objects and purposes of US Figure Skating in accordance with the provisions of the US Figure Skating Bylaws and Official Rules. The Club shall maintain its membership in US Figure Skating and conduct its affairs in a manner consistent with the Bylaws, Official Rules, policies and procedures of U.S. Figure Skating.

The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the State of New Jersey.

In furtherance of the above named purposes, the corporation shall be organized for the following purposes:

To facilitate the teaching, instruction and training of amateur figure skaters, in order to improve, develop and support their capabilities as competitors in local, state, regional, national and international amateur figure skating competitions, so as to foster such competitions.

In the furtherance thereof, the club may raise and receive funds therefor, and award scholarships, on a merit basis, to member competitors, but shall otherwise engage in activities only for the advancement of its stated purpose, and engage only insubstantially in activities not directly in advancement of its purpose, and not engage in activities proscribed by the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3).

In the event the corporation dissolves, any remaining treasury shall be distributed to or among the New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs, provided such remain(s) a Section 501(c)(3)organization(s).

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable

compensation for services rendered to the corporation and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office except as authorized under the Internal Revenue Code 1986, as amended.

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on, (a) by corporations exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United State Internal Revenue Law).

### **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 Trustees. 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 principles of ethical behavior of U.S. Figure Skating. Only members, identified as full home club members, over the age of 18, or the parent or legal guardian of any minor full home club member, shall have the right to vote at the Annual Meeting or any other general membership meeting.

**Section 3.2 Dues**. The Board of Trustees 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 may, from time to time, schedule meetings of the General Membership, but it shall conduct an Annual General Membership Meeting, every September, for the purpose of electing Trustees, in accordance with Sections 3.12 and 4.1. 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 Trustees or Officers of the Club.

A closed annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held during the month of September, immediately following, or as soon after the September General Membership Meeting, as may be practicable, at a time and place determined by the Board, for the purpose of electing Officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The Trustees may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of additional regular membership and board meetings.

**Section 3.4 Special Meetings** . Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the Board of Trustees, 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 of the first of such demands that 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. Notice by methods described in Section 3.6 of the Bylaws 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 ten (10) 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, telephone, e-mail, 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, 48 hours after electronic transmission, 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) ten (10) 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 in good standing 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 receiving by the Club and is valid for eleven (11) months unless a different period is expressly provided in the appointment form or similar writing. Only voting members in good standing of the club are eligible to receive any said proxy from any other voting member in good standing.

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 of 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. Twenty percent (20%) of the votes entitled to be cast by the membership on a matter shall constitute a quorum for action on the matter. If a quorum exists, action on a matter by the voters 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 Articles of Incorporation. The requirement of 20% of voting members in order to constitute a quorum shall continue to obtain, except in the occasion of voting for the election of trustees, in which case a majority of the votes cast will determine the election, irrespective of the number or percentage of the membership that attends or votes.

**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 teleconference or any other means of communication by which all members participating in the meeting can communicate and respond in a reasonable and timely manner. 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.**

- 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 trustees; (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 thirty (30) days prior written notice of the expulsion, suspension or termination and the reasons therefor. The member shall have an opportunity to be heard, orally or in writing, by the Board of Trustees, not less than fourteen (14) days before the effective date of the expulsion, suspension or termination by the Board of Trustees. 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 Board by a majority vote may, in its sole discretion, impose any such termination, suspension, or expulsion as it finds warranted by any members acting against the club's best interest and purposes. 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 Trustees 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.

**Section 3.17 Capital Contribution .** In the event any capital contribution shall be made or accepted pursuant to authorization conferred by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, each certificate evidencing such capital contribution shall conform to the law of the State of New Jersey.

**Section 3.18 Term Explanation.** For purposes of this article the terms Member, Members, and Membership shall be defined as eligible voters as set forth in Section 3.1 of this article.

# ARTICLE IV BOARD OF TRUSTEES Section 4.1 General Powers and Qualifications.

a. **Powers**. The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by its Board of Trustees, except as otherwise provided in the Nonprofit Law, the Club's Articles of Incorporation, US Figure Skating, or these Bylaws. In order for any action made by, or on behalf of, the Club, to be official, it must be authorized by the Board, and if in writing, signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary.

b. Qualifications . Trustees 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, Trustees 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 Trustees of the Club so long as they do not collectively constitute a majority of the Board of Trustees and, further provided, that eligible coaches may serve as Trustees of the Club so long as collectively they do not constitute a majority of the total number of Trustees of the Club (see, U.S. Figure Skating Membership Rule 4.00, as may be amended from time-to-time).

## Section 4.2 Number. Term, and Election of Trustees.

- a. Number of Trustees. The number of trustees of the Club shall be as determined by the Board of Trustees from time-to-time. b. Change in Number of Trustees. Any action of the Board of Trustees to increase or decrease the number of trustees, whether expressly by resolution or by implication through the election of additional trustees, shall constitute an amendment of these Bylaws affecting such increase or decrease.
- c. Term of Trustees . Trustees shall serve a term of three (3) years. Classification of the trustees may be made by dividing them into three classes. The term of office of the Trustees constituting the first class, shall expire at the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held after such classification; the term of office of the Trustees constituting the second class, shall expire at the second annual meeting thereafter; and the term of office of the Trustees, constituting the third class, shall expire at the third annual meeting thereafter, and so on. At each annual meeting after such classification, the number of Trustees equal to the number of the class whose term expires at the time of such meeting shall be elected, in accordance with the procedures set forth. Each Trustee shall hold office until such Trustee's term expires and thereafter until such Trustee's successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until such trustees earlier death, resignation or removal.

d. Nomination and Election of Trustees. At a time not less than 60 days next preceding the September Annual General Membership Meeting of the Club the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of no less than (3) three of the Trustees whose terms are not scheduled to expire at the upcoming annual meeting. Said committee shall submit its nominations of candidates for trusteeships to the Board not less than 30 days prior to the September meeting. Simultaneously with the appointment of the nominating committee, the Board shall notify the General Membership of the set date for the September meeting, and that the annual election of trustees shall be conducted at such meeting, in accordance with Sections 3.3 and 3.12. Additionally, within the same notice the membership shall be advised that any Member may submit, to the Board, Nomination(s) of Trustees, not less than 30 days prior to the September meeting date; it shall be also expressed in such Notice that no nominations may be accepted after the 30 day deadline, and that no nominations may be made from the floor at the upcoming meeting, and that no such nominations shall be accepted. As soon as may be possible, upon, or shortly after, the 30 day deadline before the September Meeting, the Board shall provide the membership with a complete list of all Nominees for Trusteeships, both those made by the Nominating Committee, as well as those submitted by the General Membership, at large. All notifications referenced in this provision may be made, preferably, by email, or by any other means of "good notice". Notwithstanding anything hereinabove to the contrary, any nominee for election as a Trustee must evidence in writing in advance of the annual meeting, such person's willingness to serve if elected. The members shall, by the affirmative vote as required by the provisions of Section 3.12 of these Bylaws, elect the requisite number of Trustees from among the list of nominees. The method(s) of voting (by paper ballot, email, otherwise, or any combination thereof) shall be determined, and advised to the membership, by the Board, reasonably in advance of the September Meeting.

**Section 4.3 Resignation**. A Trustee may resign at anytime 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 4.4 Removal**. Trustees elected by voting members or trustees may be removed as follows: (i) The voting members may remove one or more trustees elected by them with or without cause unless the Bylaws provide that trustees may be removed only for cause;

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

**Section 4.5 Vacancies**. Any vacancy occurring among the Trustees may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Trustees, though less than a quorum. A Trustee elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the un-expired term of such Trustee's predecessor in office. Any trusteeship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Trustees shall be filled by a vote of the members, and a Trustee so chosen shall hold office until the next election of the class for which such Trustee was chosen and thereafter until such Trustee's successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until such Trustee's earlier death, resignation or removal.

**Section 4.6 Regular Meetings** . Meetings may be regularly scheduled, or specially called by the President and / or the Secretary, as desired, required or necessitated. Any other Officer or Board Member may request, to either, that a meeting be held.

"Good Notice" of any meeting must be given to all officers and Board Members, within a reasonable time prior to the proposed date for a meeting, and should be done by email preferably, but in person mention, phone, fax, text, social media, or mail are all "good" as well.

Meetings may be held in person, by teleconference, or by email exchange. If by email the meeting should commence and conclude within a noticed period of 24-48 hours.

Any duly scheduled, or called, and well noticed, Meeting, attended by two or more, shall be deemed an official Board Meeting, wherein official business may be conducted.

In the event that any such Meeting is attended by less than a quorum (a simple majority of the total number of Board Members), then those in attendance shall constitute an ad hoc executive committee, for the purpose of that meeting, and business may proceed.

At any meeting constituted by a quorum, or less, agenda matters may be raised, deliberated, moved, seconded, voted upon and resolved.

However, any matters voted upon at a Meeting constituted by less than a quorum shall be reported to all those not in attendance, within two days, by any written good notice means, preferably by email. Those absentee members, so advised, may thereupon cast their votes on such matter(s), by any written good notice means, preferably by email, also within two days of their receipt.

The final tally of the votes on any matter, cast by both those in attendance and those absent, shall determine the official act of the Board, either "for" or "against".

Any Officer or Trustee may, at any time other than at a duly called meeting, suggest by email, any matter(s) to be considered, moved, voted, etc., also by email.

**Section 4.7 Special Meetings**. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by or at the request of the President or a majority of Trustees. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Trustees may fix any place as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them. Notice stating the place, day and hour of every special meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be given to each Trustee by mailing and/or e-mailing such notice at least ten (10) days before the date fixed for the meeting. The notice of a special meeting need not specify the purpose of the meeting.

**Section 4.8 Quorum and Voting.** A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Trustees, and the vote of a majority of the Trustees present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Trustees. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, the provisions of section 4.6 may apply. No Trustee may vote or act by proxy at any meeting of Trustees.

Section 4.9 Meetings by Telephone, email or similar communication equipment. Members of the Board of Trustees or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone, e-mail or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate and respond in a reasonable and timely manner. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

**Section 4.10 Presumption of Assent**. A Trustee who is present at a meeting of the Board of Trustees is deemed to have assented to all action taken unless: (i) the Trustee 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 Trustee contemporaneously requests that the Trustee's dissent or abstention as to any specific action taken be entered in the minutes; or (iii) the Trustee causes

written notice of the Trustee'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 Trustee who votes in favor of the action taken.

**Section 4.11 Action Without a Meeting**. Except as otherwise provided by section 4.6, any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Trustees or any other action which may be taken at a meeting of Trustees may be taken without a meeting if every member of the Board in writing either: (i) votes for such action or (ii) votes against such action or abstains from voting and waives the right to demand that action not be taken without a meeting. Action is taken only if the affirmative votes for such action equals or exceeds the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the Trustees then in office were present and voted. The action shall only be effective if there are writings, which describe the action, signed by all Trustees, received by the Club and filed with the minutes. Any such writings may be received by electronically transmitted facsimile or other form of wire or wireless communication, such as e-mail, providing the Club with a complete copy of the document including a copy of the signature. A Trustee's right to demand that action not be taken without a meeting shall be deemed to have been waived if the Club receives a writing satisfying the requirements hereof that has been signed by the Trustee and not revoked as provided below. Actions taken shall be effective when the writings set forth a different date. Any Trustee who has signed a writing may revoke it by a writing signed, dated and stating the prior vote is revoked. However, such writing must be received by the Club before the last writing necessary to effect the action is received. All such actions shall have the same effect as action taken at a meeting.

**Section 4.12 Compensation**. Trustees shall not receive compensation for their services as such, although the reasonable expenses of Trustees of attendance at Board meetings may be paid or reimbursed by the Club. Trustees shall not be disqualified to receive reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the benefit of the Club in any other capacity.

**Section 4.13 Executive and Other Committees .** By one or more resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Board may designate from among it's Trustees an Executive Committee of the Board, as well as one or more other Committees of the Club, each of which, to the extent provided in the resolution establishing such Committee, shall have and may exercise the authority delegated by the Board of Trustees, except as prohibited by the Nonprofit Law. Rules governing meetings of any committee shall be as established by the Board of Trustees, or in the absence thereof, by the committee itself.

### ARTICLE V OFFICERS

**Section 5.1 Number and Qualifications.** The elected officers of the Club shall be a President (who shall also serve as the Chairman of the Board), one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board of Trustees 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 simultaneously hold the offices of President and Secretary. Officers must first be Trustees of the Club and, therefore, must meet the qualifications of Trustees as set forth in Section 4.1(b) of these Bylaws.

**Section 5.2 Election and Term of Office.** The elected Officers of the Club shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at each regular annual meeting of the Club upon the conclusion of the public portion of such annual meeting, or as soon as may be practicable. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meetings, such election shall be held as soon as convenient thereafter. Each Officer shall hold office for a one year term.

**Section 5.3 Compensation .** Officers shall not receive compensation for their services 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 Trustees 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 appointment by the Board of Trustees 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 Trustees or these Bylaws, except that in any event each officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be required by US Figure Skating, law, or these by-laws.

- a. **President**. The President shall be the Chairman of the Board, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of the President and Chairman.
- b. VicePresidents. The Vice-President or Vice-Presidents shall assist the President and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the by the Board of Trustees or the President. The Vice-President (or if there is more than one, then the Vice-President designated by the Board of Trustees, or if there be no such designation, then the Vice-Presidents in order of their election seniority) shall, at the request of the President, or in the President's absence or inability or refusal to act, perform the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to, all the restrictions on the President.

- c. Secretary. The Secretary shall (i) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees; (ii) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (iii) be custodian of the Club records; and (iv) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the President or by the Board of Trustees.
- d. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall (i) be the principal financial officer of the Club and shall have the care and custody of all its funds, securities, evidences of indebtedness and other personal property and deposit the same in accordance with the instructions of the Board of Trustees; (ii) receive and give receipts and acquittances for moneys paid in on account of the Club, and pay out of the funds on hand all bills, payrolls and other just debts of the Club of whatever nature upon maturity; (iii) be the principal accounting officer of the Club and as such prescribe and maintain the methods and systems of accounting to be followed, keep complete books and records of account, prepare and file all local, state and federal tax returns and related documents, prescribe and maintain an adequate system of internal audit, and prepare and furnish to the President and the Board of Trustees statements of account showing the financial position of the Club and the results of its operations; (iv) upon request of the Board, make such reports to it as may be required at any time; and (v) perform all other duties incident to the Office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President or the Board of Trustees. The Board shall authorize a minimum of two (2) officers, and only officers, to serve as signatories on the Club's bank account.

**Section 5.8 Surety Bonds**. The Board of Trustees may require any officer or agent of the Club to execute to the Club a bond in such sums and with such sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board, conditioned upon the faithful performance of such person's duties and for the restoration to the Club of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in such person's possession or under such person's control belonging to the Club.

**Section 5.9 Official Club Actions.** In order for any action of the club to be official it must be authorized by the board, and if in writing, signed by the President and attested by the secretary.

### **ARTICLE VI**

## STANDARD OF CONDUCT FOR TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

Section 6.1 General. Each Trustee and Officer shall perform their duties as a Trustee or Officer, including without limitation their duties as a member of any committee of the Board, in good faith, (ii) in a manner the Trustee 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 Trustee 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 Trustee 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 Trustee or Officer shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if the Trustee or Officer has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted. The designated persons on whom a Trustee or Officer are entitled to rely are: (i) one or more Officers or employees of the Club whom the Trustee 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

Trustee or Officer reasonably believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence; (iii) a committee of the Board of Trustees on which the Trustee or Officer does not serve if the Trustee reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

**Section 6.3 Limitation on Liability**. A Trustee or Officer shall not be liable to the Club or its members for any action the Trustee or Officer takes or omits to take as a Trustee or Officer if, in connection with such action or omission, the Trustee 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 Trustee of the Club, or between the Club and a party related to a Trustee, or between the Club and an entity in which a Trustee of the Club is a director or officer or has a financial interest, and (ii) a "party related to a Trustee" means a spouse, a descendent, an ancestor, a sibling, the spouse or descendent of a sibling, an estate or trust in which the Trustee or a party related to a Trustee has a beneficial interest, or an entity in which a party related to a Trustee 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 Trustee of the Club or a party related to a Trustee or an entity in which a Trustee of the Club is a director or officer or has a financial interest or solely because the Trustee is present at or participates in the meeting of the Club's Board of Trustees or of a committee of the Board of Trustees that authorizes, approves, or ratifies the conflicting interest transaction or solely because the Trustee's vote is counted for such purpose if: (i) the material facts as to the Trustee's relationship or interest and as to the conflicting interest transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Trustees or the committee, and the Board of Trustees or committee in good faith authorizes, approves, or ratifies

the conflicting interest transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Trustees, even though the disinterested Trustees are less than a quorum; or (ii) the material facts as to the Trustee'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 Trustees may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Trustees 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 Trustees or Officers. Any Trustee 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 Trustees of the Club. Such complaints will be investigated and resolved according to the Club's conflict resolution policy that the Club has adopted and has in effect in accordance with the Bylaws of US Figure Skating. (see attachment A)

#### ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION

The club shall maintain its own liability insurance as well as that covering its Officers and Trustees. To the extent any occurrence might not be covered by the same, the Club may indemnify any Trustee, 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 Trustee 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 Trustees by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board, which quorum shall consist of Trustees 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 minutes of all meetings of its Members and Board of Trustees, a record of all actions taken by the members or Board of Trustees without a meeting and of actions taken by a Committee in place of the Board of Trustees, and a record of all waivers of notices of meetings of Members, the Board of Trustees or any Committee. The Club shall also maintain the following records: (i) appropriate accounting records; (ii) its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; (iii) Board resolutions relating to the characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations and obligations of Members or any class or category of Members, if any (iv) a list of the names and business or home addresses of its current Trustees and Officers; (v) a copy of its most recent corporate report delivered to the State; (vi) 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; (vii) all written communications within the past three (3) years to Members; and (vii) all financial statements prepared for periods during the last three (3) years that a Member of the Club could have requested under the State 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 Trustees 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 unless such money or property will be used solely to solicit the votes of the Members in an election by the corporation; (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 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Club should, but is not required to, correspond with the fiscal year of U.S. Figure Skating (i.e., beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30).

Section 10.6 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 it such invalid provision were omitted.

Section 10.7 Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present at any meeting of the members at which a quorum of the voting membership is present. Additionally, the Board of Trustees shall have the power to make, alter or repeal, from time-to-time, By-Laws of the Corporation by a simply majority vote.

#### BYLAWS CERTIFICATE

The undersigned certify that they are the Secretary and President of the Garden State Skating Club, and that he/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.

Dated: 4 FEBURARY, 2016

Attachment A

Name
MICHELLE D'ME

CONFLICT RESOLUTION POLICY



# GARDEN STATE SKATING CLUB

Infraction, Dispute, and Conflict Resolution Policy, Procedures and Protocols

Generally, the Board of Trustees of the Club has the right and the obligation to take notice of, and jurisdiction over, any and all infractions, disputes, and conflicts involving the Club, its business, and its members. The Board is the Final Arbiter of all such matters.

These matters may come to the attention of the Board by its own observation, by information it may receive and believe, or by formal complaint, by or against a member or members.

The Board shall consider and act upon any of these such matters as it may find indicated and appropriate, within its sole and broad discretion, in accordance with its policies, procedures and protocols.

Upon taking notice of any infraction, dispute, or conflict, the Board shall deliberate the matter and may conclude, by majority vote, that the matter is credible and should be addressed in accordance with the Resolution Policy. Alternatively, the Board may determine to resolve the matter administratively, particularly in the case(s) of infractions or disputes.

Infractions. Generally, infractions are constituted by, but not limited to, violations of Club rules, codes of conduct, etiquette protocols, other policies, and any other incidences the Board may deem to be against the best interest and purposes of the Club, USFS, or Skating, itself.

Infractions are generally objectionable, but don't impact any individual, solely. By example, but not limitation, infractions include: improper attire, food, drink or gum chewing on the ice, poor payment pattern, boisterous, inappropriate or improper conduct or behavior at facilities, sessions, tests, competitions, shows, exhibitions, or any other venues or events involving the Club, or Skating, itself.

**Disputes.** Generally, disputes arise from disagreement over the application and implementation of Club policies, etc., as they pertain to any given situation(s). Disputes have the potential to rise to the level of conflict, but it is the spirit and intent of this provision to resolve all disputes before they do. By example, but not limitation, disputes include: payment(s), refunds, order of performance, etc., "harness time", "right of way", scheduling, or the safety or allowability of certain equipment or types of skating on certain sessions.

Conflicts. Generally, conflicts arise from a complaint made against a member by another member or non-member, usually alleging that the complaining party has been, in some way, violated, offended or harmed by the member against whom it is complained.

Of infractions, disputes and conflicts, conflicts warrant a more formal and specified resolution procedure. By example, and not limitation, conflicts include: disparagement, defamation, solicitation, harassment, sexual harassment, assault, sexual assault, theft, bullying, intimidation, verbal, mental, physical, emotional or sexual abuse, or any other conduct contrary to the best interest and purposes of the Club, its membership, USFS, or Skating, generally.

In the event that the Club receives a Complaint that it may reasonably believe could constitute a violation of law, the Board shall, forthwith, refer the matter to the appropriate Authorities, and defer any further Club action until guided to resume same by said Authorities.

Any person(s) who considers themselves to be violated, offended or otherwise aggrieved by a member, and who seeks to have the Club consider their matter as a Conflict, shall:

- File a written complaint to the Board, specifying against whom they complain and the details of what constitutes their complaint.
- The Board may request further particulars from the complainant, if it considers the complaint to be incomplete, ambiguous, or insufficient.
- Upon receipt of a complete and sufficient complaint, the Board may, upon due deliberation, determine within its sole discretion, if the allegations warrant the application of formal Conflict Resolution.
- Upon such a determination, the Board shall implement the Club's Conflict Resolution Policy, as follows:
- (a) Forthwith notify the Party against whom the Complaint has been made, in writing, providing a copy of the Complaint and all attachments.
- (b) Simultaneously notify the complained of Party that they must file a written response to the Complaint within 30 days of their receipt thereof, or the Complaint will be deemed to be true.
- (c) Upon its receipt of a valid complaint and response, the Board shall appoint, constitute and convene a 5 member Conflict Resolution Panel, as soon as is practicable. Such Panel shall consist of Two Impartial Board Members, Two Adult Impartial General Members, and One Non-Member Impartial Party (chosen by and

acceptable to the Board), preferably from the mental health, legal, teaching, guidance, social work, or arbitration/mediation professions.

(d) Any minor may be accompanied / represented by a parent, or any other adult representative, before the Panel, and / or the Board.

#### (d) The Panel shall:

- (i) Notify all parties to collect, compile, and present to the Panel, within 30 days, any and all evidence, documentary, photographic, electronic, or of any other nature, to be presented by all parties to the matter, as well as that from any other sources that may be relevant, pertinent or of value to the Panel's decision making process.
- (ii) The parties shall also provide the panel with a list of all witnesses they will call to testify at any hearing of the matter.
- (iii) The Panel shall then schedule a Hearing Date not more than 30 days from its receipt of all evidence. The Hearing shall then be conducted, and all evidence shall be presented and all testimony of the Parties and witnesses shall be taken. Any party may question the other party or any witness. All aspects of the Proceeding, evidence, testimony, etc., shall be held by the Panel, the parties, and any member witnesses as strictly confidential.
- (iv) Upon the conclusion of the Hearing, the Panel shall not proclaim its findings, but, rather, shall reserve decision for a period not to exceed 15 days of deliberation (during which time no Panel Member may communicate in any way with anyone other than other Panel Members regarding the the matter(s) at issue), whereupon the Panel shall report its findings and conclusions to the Board.
- (v )Based on everything presented to the Panel, the Panel must decide, by a simple majority:
  - 1.Did conduct occur, as a matter of fact, as actually alleged in the complaint?
- 2. If such conduct did occur, did it constitute the cited violation or something else? (For example, "yes a certain comment was made, but, no, it was only a wisecrack and not to the level of harassment"; or, "yes, physical contact was made, but no, it did not constitute an assault, but rather was an accidental 'bump'.)
- 3. If the alleged conduct did occur, as a matter of fact, but it did not constitute the complained of violation, did it constitute some other violation, and, if so, what other violation did it constitute?
- (e) In the event that the Panel does find that the specifically complained of violation, or, some other violation, did occur, it shall be reported to the Board within 2 days.

- (e) The Panel's Report, upon a finding of a violation, shall also include the Panel's Recommendation to the Board for an Appropriate Remedy.
- (f) The Board shall give weighty deference to the Panel's Recommendation, but it shall not be strictly bound thereby, and the Board may decide to fashion a remedy alternative to that recommended by the Panel.
- 5. In the event that the Board determines that a Complaint is something other or lesser than that alleged, or, without merit, frivolous, untrue, or that it does not rise to the level of a matter that warrants the application of the foregoing formal Conflict Resolution Procedure, then the Board may resolve the matter administratively, by way of dismissal or other remediation, as it may deem fair.
- At any time, before, during or after any proceeding within the purview of this provision, the Board, and/or the Panel, may seek procedural guidance, interpretation, or advisement, as may be requested.

Remedies. If, after the foregoing process has been concluded, a Complaint is sustained, then the Panel, (and / or the Board) shall fashion an appropriate Remedy, which may include, but not be limited to:

Simply bringing the matter to the attention of the violator.

Written warning.

Written admonition / reprimand.

Published admonition / reprimand.

Published findings, Resolution, Remedy.

Removal of Sanctions.

Re-classification of membership to less than good standing, or probationary, thus precluding participation in tests, competitions, shows, exhibitions, etc.

Conditions placed on membership, such as cease and desist objectionable conduct or behavior.

Community Service.

Suspension.

Expulsion / Termination.

Or, any other Remedy deemed by the Board to be fair, fitting, appropriate, just, equitable and deterrent.

- 6. In fashioning any Remedy, the Panel and / or the Board shall take into consideration all mitigating factors, and all aggravating factors, any prior instances of concern, complained of, or not, the age of the violator, and the impact of the violation on the Club, the Complainant, and / or Skating in general.
- Before publication of any decision, finding, resolution, remedy or otherwise, involving a juvenile, the written permission of the parent or guardian of that child shall be obtained by the Club, in advance.
- In the event of formal litigation arising from the same circumstances as complained of, the Board may suspend all Resolution Procedures, pending the conclusion of said litigation.
- In the event that an aggrieved complainant or an alleged violator is dissatisfied
  with the outcome of the Club's Resolution, either may refer their matter to the
  New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs and / or United States Figure
  Skating.
- Nothing contained in the within set forth process shall be deemed to supersede nor supplant Section 3.15 of the ByLaws, pertaining to Termination, Expulsion or Suspension. Such Section remains in full force and effect, and any inconsistency, ambiguity or contradiction between said Section and this process shall be resolved by the Board, prior to the implementation of either.

#### GARDEN STATE SKATING CLUB BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

#### Add a new:

Section 4.14 Junior Board. The Board of Trustees may, from time to time, designate, appoint, establish, and constitute, a Junior Board of the Club. The Junior Board shall be, exist and function as, a Sec. 4.13 Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Club, in furtherance of the Club's purposes, and in compliance with all rules applicable to the Club. Only Full, Home Club Members, Grades Seven through Twelve, may be appointed to the Junior Board.

The Junior Board shall sit and serve at the invitation, pleasure and discretion of the Board of Trustees.

The Junior Board shall operate in accordance with the advice, guidance, instruction, supervision and approval of the Board of Trustees. The Junior Board shall elect its own officers, annually, President(s), Vice President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer, for one year terms.

The Board of Trustees shall designate a Junior Board Advisor / Mentor, who shall attend all Junior Board meetings, and oversee all Junior Board activities.

#### Amend Sec. 4.13:

after "...Nonprofit Law", add and insert: "...USFS, and/or IRC Sec. 501(c) (3)."

#### Amend Sec. 4.1 b.

delete all language from: "...; provided, however, ...", through to the end of the paragraph, ending "from...time-to-time." And, then add and insert in the place of the deletion, "No restricted, ineligible nor non-qualified person may serve as a Trustee on the Board, except, however, up to one unrestricted, eligible, qualified coach may serve as a non-voting member of an Advisory Council to the Board."

add and Insert at Sec.4.1 b. (iii): "full" before "home club members..."

#### Add a new:

Sec. 4.15 Advisory Council. The Board of Trustees may, from time to time, appoint an Advisory Council of not more than three persons to attend Board meetings and render advice in the interest of the Club and its Purpose(s). Advisory Council shall serve at the sole discretion and pleasure of the Board and shall not have any vote(s). Up to one non-restricted, qualified, eligible coach may serve as a non-voting member on the Advisory Council.

#### Conflicts Resolution Policy:

Begin the fifth paragraph after the heading: **Conflicts.:** by inserting and adding: "Within not more than 100 days from the occurrence of the complained of incident / circumstance...", and then continue with ... 'file a written complaint'...", etc.

At the end of Section 4.1b, add and insert:

4.1b. "No member may submit their own name into nomination, but any nominee must be so nominated by another voting full home club member, over the age of 18, and otherwise in complete accordance with the Club's nominating procedures, as set forth in article IV Section 4.2d of these ByLaws. Nor, shall any write-in votes be accepted or counted.

Add and insert at the end of Article III, SEC 3,1:

"All Membership applications and renewals shall be subject to, and conditioned upon, the Board's approval, at the Board's discretion, with or without cause."

Accepted and Adopted: November 26, 2018

GARDEN STATE SKATING CLUB

Velma Chang, Vice President

Vice President

ATTESTED:

Christine Merlino, Secretary

#### RESOLUTION OF GARDEN STATE SKATING CLUB, INC.

On November 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at the Howell Ice Arena, Howell, NJ, the Club held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, of which proper Notice had theretofore been given. A Full Quorum was Constituted. The Vice President presided; the Secretary recorded.

The Board deliberated the subject of certain changes and Amendments to The ByLaws the Corporation; Whereupon, it was Moved, Seconded, and Voted Unanimously that such changes and Amendments be made; and, therefore, accordingly, it is

**RESOLVED, that** the certain Amendments and Changes to the Garden State Skating Club's January 11, 2016 ByLaws, be, and hereby are Attached, Added, and Incorporated into the Garden State Skating Club's same ByLaws, and hereby made a part thereof; effective October 17, 2018.

and, it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Attached Amendments and Changes be Filed with US Figure Skating, forthwith.

SO ADOPTED, November 26, 2018.

Attested:

Christine Merlino, Secretary

GARDEN STATE SKATING CLUB

Velma Chang, Vice President

Nichole Ruggeri, Vice President