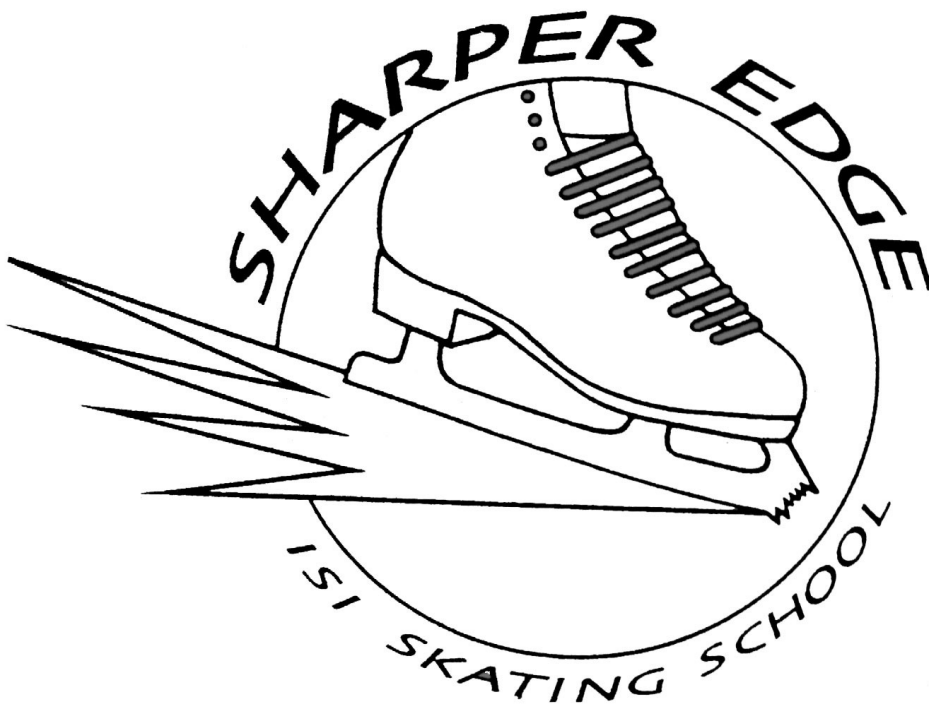


# CLUB MEMBER HANDBOOK

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**THANK YOU FOR  
ASKING ABOUT OUR  
CLUB PROGRAM.**



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## **Welcome to Sharper Edge Skating School!**

This handbook will explain how our “Club Program” works. The program is for skaters who wish to spend more time on the ice, attend more advanced classes, enhance their abilities, and/or compete. Please read this booklet with your child. It should answer most of your questions. To keep everyone informed of upcoming events or changes, we will send an email. Thank you for choosing Sharper Edge. We look forward to a fun and successful year with you!

### **Team Philosophy**

Sharper Edge Skating School believes that everyone should strive to do their personal best. We maintain the expectation that all of our skaters progress at their own rate in accordance with their individual abilities. Everyone, regardless of age or ability, will be treated equally. Our goal is to teach our Club members good sportsmanship, etiquette, and team spirit. We want team members to encourage and support one another. All these things work together to make our team successful.

**World Champs 2014**

**World Champs 2018**

**District Champs 2016**

**Conference Champs 2015**

**Theatre on Ice National Competitors 2017**



# **MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

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- 1.) All Club members must complete a membership form, Release form, and "Release to Treat" form on a yearly basis.
- 2.) **All classes** must be contracted. Walk-ons are at the discretion of the director. Classes must be paid in full and there will be no pro-rating. Please don't ask. **If a contract has not been submitted by the first day of the class, then the skater will not be allowed on the ice.**
- 3.) All SESS club members must be a member of the ISI (Ice Sports Industry). This application is available in the office or you can register via their website at [www.skateisi.org](http://www.skateisi.org) . It is the responsibility of the club member to renew his/her ISI membership yearly. Please submit a copy of the card to the Sharper Edge office.
- 4.) Please call the office and leave a message if you cannot attend practice. Prior notice is always appreciated. We expect that you will make every effort to attend. It is in your child's best interest to attend all scheduled practices.
- 5.) A competition schedule will be given to each skater at the start of the season. Skaters may choose to compete individually and/or as a member of a line. Line Members must go to all two/three TEAM competitions. This is a requirement for participation on a line.
- 6.) Competitors must submit their Competition form on or before the due date. Any incomplete forms will be given back to the skater. Please make checks payable to SHARPER EDGE SKATING SCHOOL. Competition fees are not refundable. **The Competition Coach fee will be \$40.00 per competition and the Out of State Competitions will be \$50.00.**
- 7.) As a Sharper Edge Club member, you are expected to **always** behave **appropriately** and **respectfully** at competitions and at our home rink.

## **Club Membership Fees**

One Family Member	\$180.00/year
Two Family Member	\$330.00/year
Each additional Family Member	\$ 90.00/year

*Bounced Check Fee:	\$25.00/Check
*Late Contract Fee:	\$30.00/Session (This fee <u>will not</u> be waived)
*Testing Fee:	\$15.00/Test
*Coach Fee for Competitions:	\$40.00/Competition
*Out of State Competitions:	\$50.00/Competition



Please handle all paperwork by mail or place it in the black mailbox located outside the SESS office:

**Sharper Edge Skating School** (mailing address only)

**100 Powdermill Road - PMB 233**

**Acton, MA 01720**

**(978) 369- 0088**

## Private Lessons

We strongly believe that the class lessons are structured adequately for all technical maneuvers. However, FS 1 and above skaters will need a few additional private lessons to choreograph and complete each program. You must follow our requirements by taking at least **one Program Practice Class** and allow practice time. If you and your child still feel that a private lesson is necessary, please contact Dawn.

## Skating Routines and Music

Competitive skating routines will be choreographed by a coach. Although the coach always has final approval for the music to be used in a skater's program, it is important that the skater be happy with his/her music. It is suggested that the skater give his/her coach (3) three pieces of music of appropriate duration from which to choose. The coach may also be asked if she/he has any suggestions for music to be used in a program. If skaters choose to cut their own music, the final edited music must be approved by Dawn. All self-edited music must also be transferred to CD by the Sharper Edge office. Please understand that skaters and their music represent Sharper Edge. It is the responsibility of SESS to check that the music is in compliance with all ISI rules and that it represents SESS well. Please Note: When a coach has control over the editing process, the choreography is stronger and takes less time. Each coach has individual ideas as to where a maneuver or spin belongs in a program and will therefore cut the music accordingly.

### The following Fees will apply to music and Cd's provided by SESS:

#### 1.) Self-edited music:

\$15.00 for music cut by a skater and then transferred to 2 Cd's

\*\*A coach's private lesson fee will be charged for music cutting consultation

\*\*All self-edited music must be digitally cut and given to the coach 1 week prior to the lesson so that there is time for the coach to prepare.

#### 2.) \$7.50 for a CD replacement

#### 3.) Office edited music:

1 minute program: \$20.00

1 1/2 minute program: \$22.00

2 minute program: \$25.00

2 1/2 minute and on: \$27.00-\$35.00 based on the number of cuts and time required for editing.

Once chosen, the skater's music should be registered in the office on a music registration form so that he/she has exclusive use of that music within Sharper Edge. A skater can only register music for the programs that he/she is currently working on. No skater will be allowed to skate to a piece of music that is in active use. If a skater has paid for a piece of music to be cut by a Professional Studio, that recording belongs to the skater.

## Testing Policy

The ISI program was developed with the belief that all athletes, regardless of their potential must have a solid foundation of basic skills in order to advance safely. Our program allows the skater to advance at his or her own pace. We emphasize having fun and doing your personal best. Test levels and placement in competition are secondary. **The Director will make the final decision when a skater is ready to be tested.** In an effort to make testing less stressful, testing will be done during lesson time. **If a skater plans to compete at Districts or Worlds, he/she must be tested by April 1st. Please Note: Any skater competing Freestyle 6 or above MUST compete in 2 competitions in the current competition season in order to compete in Districts of that year.** The fee is \$15.00 per test level.

## CLUB APPAREL

Our Sharper Edge Jackets, Sweatshirts, and T-shirts etc, are for sale. Yellow order forms are available in the club office. All orders must be submitted with payment. Skaters/Parents are reminded that the delivery time varies on all clothing and these items could possibly take months to be delivered. ORDER EARLY.

## CANCELLATIONS

Especially during the winter months, weather related cancellations will be recorded on our answering machine at (978) 369-0088.

**Please Note:** Classes are only cancelled if the rink is closed. We have prepaid our ice contract and are bound to the rink cancellation policies.

Each session might have its own cancellation dates. Please look for cancellation dates on the contract under NO ICE and write them down.

## LINE MEMBER POLICY ETC.

- 1.) All team members (Team Compulsories, Ensemble, Production, Synchro, and Formation teams) are required to attend the scheduled practices and arrive on time. If you are going to be absent, please call no later than the day before an expected absence. **If you miss any of the mandatory practices before a competition or show, you will not be allowed to compete.**
- 2.) Each team will be competing in **two/three mandatory team competitions** each year. If you do not fulfill your team responsibilities, you will be subjected to the consequences stated on the "Team Responsibility Sheet", which you were required to sign upon joining the team.
- 3.) All team members are required to purchase costumes to be determined by each team coach. Purchase of club jacket and pants is preferred but not mandatory. We offer new and used attire. If interested, inquire in the office. Team Compulsories and Ensemble costumes are (\$70). Synchro and Formation costs will range between: Used (\$25-\$75) or New (\$250). At the end of each season all Synchro dresses not returned will be billed for the full purchase price. Production Fee is (\$70). These fees include prop costs for each team. Parents are responsible for ordering the appropriate size costume for their child. **Sharper Edge is not responsible for any costumes or tights that do not fit.** Exception: Synchro dresses are fitted to the individual skater. SESS assumes responsibility for the fit of these dresses.
- 4.) As a team member, you should always strive to do your best in school. Skaters who submit a copy of their report card to the office will receive a prize.
- 5.) Always have **respect** for your coaches, the rink, and its equipment. There will be 3 warnings for unacceptable behavior: One verbal warning to the parent; the second in writing; and upon the third warning, you will be **expelled**.
- 6.) Remember that you are a representative of your team at all times. Your behavior inside and outside of the rink should leave a positive impression on others! Negative conversation circulating amongst the skaters is harmful and has no place in the Sharper Edge Family.

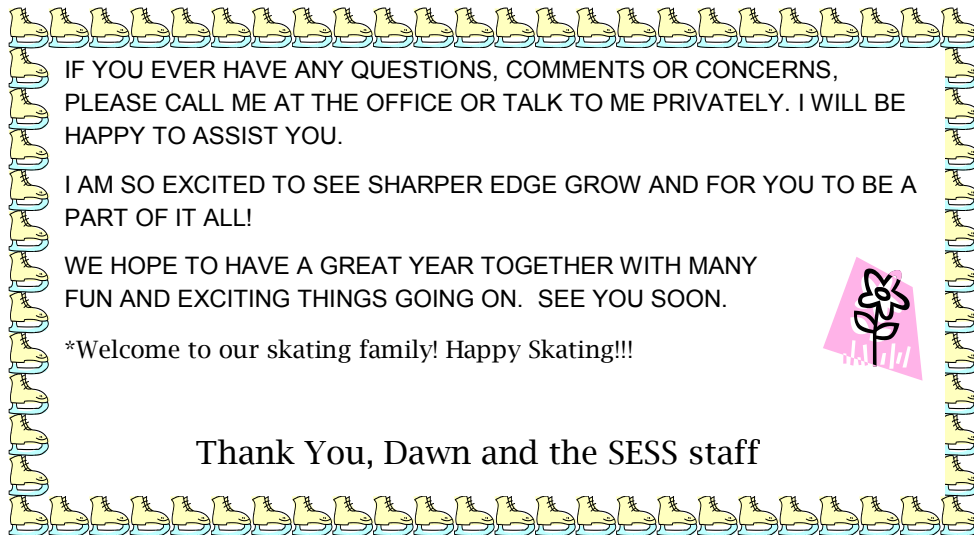
Skating is a demanding sport both mentally and physically. A major factor affecting the success of your child's skating will be your continual positive support and encouragement. The more you understand about skating, the easier it will be for your child to share with you not only the excitement of success but also the frustrations of failure. The insights parents provide about their children are always appreciated by our staff. We encourage you to inform us of any conditions that may affect your child's practice. Communication between parents and coaches is a vital element to any quality program and insures a more positive experience for your child. If you have any questions regarding training or competition, please feel free to ask our coaching staff. PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR CHILD NEEDS LOTS OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM YOU!

**ALWAYS REFRAIN FROM SIDELINE COACHING AND GOSSIP.**

**PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAND BY THE DOOR TO THE ICE. PLEASE STAY IN THE STANDS!!**

## **GENERAL ICE RULES**

- 1.) A Release Form, Permission To Treat Form, and a Behavior Contract must be signed each year by anyone skating on Sharper Edge ice.
- 2.) NO one is allowed on the ice without skates.
- 3.) NO food or beverages are allowed on the ice except water.
- 4.) Keep the ice surface clean.
- 5.) Keep the locker rooms clean.
- 6.) After a fall do not remain on the ice unless injured.
- 7.) During Program Practice, skaters doing their program will wear an orange vest (provided by Sharper Edge) and have the right of way on the ice.
- 8.) Only contracted students may have their music played during Program Practice.
- 9.) NO Cell Phones on the ice.




IF YOU EVER HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS,  
PLEASE CALL ME AT THE OFFICE OR TALK TO ME PRIVATELY. I WILL BE  
HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

I AM SO EXCITED TO SEE SHARPER EDGE GROW AND FOR YOU TO BE A  
PART OF IT ALL!

WE HOPE TO HAVE A GREAT YEAR TOGETHER WITH MANY  
FUN AND EXCITING THINGS GOING ON. SEE YOU SOON.

\*Welcome to our skating family! Happy Skating!!!



Thank You, Dawn and the SESS staff

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