

## ***U.S. SPEEDSKATING MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION***

The categories of membership in U.S. Speedskating are as follows:

### **A. Elite Athlete**

An individual shall be eligible for Elite Athlete membership in U.S. Speedskating if he/she has either (i) within the ten (10) years preceding election, represented the United States in the sport of speedskating in the Olympic or Pan American Games (if speedskating is included), or an Operation Gold event, or a World Championship recognized by the ISU for which a competitive selection process was administered by U.S. Speedskating; (ii) within the twenty-four (24) months before election, demonstrated that he/she is actively engaged in amateur athletic competition by finishing in the top half of U.S. Speedskating's national championships or team selection competition for the Olympic Games, Pan American Games or an event or discipline which is regularly included in the international competition program of the ISU; or (iii) represented the United States in Speedskating at the Paralympic Games, or an International Paralympic Committee-recognized Speedskating World Championship; provided, however, that an individual shall not qualify for membership as an Elite Athlete if he/she satisfies the definition set forth above by virtue of competition in one or more events that categorize entrants in classifications commonly known as "Juniors," "Masters," "Seniors," "Veterans" or other similarly designated age restricted competition. All Elite Athlete members shall automatically be members of the Elite Athletes Council.

### **B. Retired Elite Competitors**

An individual shall be eligible for Retired Elite Competitor membership in U.S. Speedskating if he/she has represented the United States in the Olympic Games or World Championships in the sport of speedskating as a competitor or alternate, provided that any individual who qualifies for Elite Athlete membership shall be an Elite Athlete member and not a Retired Elite Competitor member.

### **C. Competing Athlete**

An individual shall be eligible for Competing Athlete membership in U.S. Speedskating if he/she actively competes or desires to actively compete in U.S. Speedskating-sanctioned competitions, provided that any individual who qualifies for Elite Athlete or Retired Elite Competitor membership shall be a member in that classification and shall not be a Competing Athlete member.

### **D. Individual Membership**

An individual shall be eligible for Individual Membership in U.S. Speedskating if he/she joins U.S. Speedskating and satisfies any and all membership criteria, provided that any individual who qualifies for Elite Athlete, Retired Elite Competitor or Competing Athlete membership shall be a member in that classification and shall not be an Individual member.

### **E. Supporter Membership**

An individual shall be eligible for Supporter Membership in U.S. Speedskating if he/she joins U.S. Speedskating with the express intention of supporting the Team. A Supporter Member will not be eligible to vote on any matters of the organization. Any individual who qualifies for Elite Athlete, Retired Elite Competitor, Competing Athlete or Individual membership shall be a member in that classification and shall not be a Supporter Member.

### **F. Fan Membership**

An individual shall be eligible for Fan Membership in U.S. Speedskating if he/she joins U.S. Speedskating as a fan of the sport and the Team. A Fan Member will not be eligible to vote on any matters of the organization. Any individual who qualifies for Elite Athlete, Retired Elite Competitor, Competing Athlete, Individual or Supporter membership shall be a member in that classification and shall not be a Fan Member.

### **G. Organizational Membership**

An organization shall be eligible for Organizational Membership if it conducts programs in the sport of speedskating, provided that any organization which qualifies and is recognized by U.S. Speedskating as an Affiliated Sports Organization member shall not be an Organizational member. Speedskating clubs and associations shall be eligible for membership in this category if they conduct speedskating activities on the local and/or regional level.

### **\* Lifetime Membership**

An individual shall be considered a Lifetime Member in U.S. Speedskating if: 1) he/she purchased a Lifetime Membership when it was available; 2) Olympians (skaters only); 3) Hall of Fame members; 4) Honorary members; and 5) ASU/USS Past Presidents. A Lifetime member is not required to pay a fee to U.S. Speedskating.

The fee for each membership category is as follows:

- ❖ Categories A-D \$50.00/year (\*\*\$25.00/year)
- ❖ Category C (1<sup>st</sup> yr. Only) \$25.00/year
- ❖ Category E \$25.00/year
- ❖ Category F \$10.00/year
- ❖ Categories G \$300.00/year

\*\*Officials (USS/ISU certified list), USS Officers, Board, and Coaches fee is \$25.

Join U.S. Speedskating today! Get your application on our web site ([www.usspeedskating.org](http://www.usspeedskating.org)) or by contacting the National Office, phone (440)899-0128, fax (440)899-0109.