

Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club Competitor Funding Policy Effective July 2015

It is the intent of the Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club that funds are to be disbursed from the competitor funding policy subject to approval of the Board, taking into consideration all relevant conditions existing at the time of disbursement.

A. Source of Funds

1. Funds will be allocated from monies earned through fundraising and volunteering efforts at competitions hosted by Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club solely or in conjunction with Mile High Figure Skating Association.
2. Dependent on the amount of funds earned in a given competition year, the Board, at its discretion, may divert funds to support programs for skaters in order to benefit skaters at all levels.

B. Basic Rules of Eligibility

The skater applying for funding must be a current full (senior or junior/senior) member in good standing of Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club. All of the following criteria must be met in order to be considered for competitor funding:

1. The skater must be a home club member of Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club for the current membership year;
2. Membership dues must be paid in full by the membership deadline of 11:59 pm June 30th for the current year with no lapse in membership;
3. The skater must have been a full home club member of Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club for one (1) full membership year (July 1 through June 30) prior to the year in which funds are requested.
4. The skater or a representative of the skater has complied with the Club's volunteer policy for the prior membership year;
5. No monies may be owed to Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club or any of the Club's synchronized skating teams;
6. The skater must represent Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club in competitions he/she enters, for which Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club is providing support;
7. The skater must request competitor funding, using the appropriate form, by the deadline specified;
8. Introductory junior, collegiate, associate, coach, official and honorary members are not eligible for competitor funding.
9. If a club member is found to have engaged in a continued pattern of violations of any tenet of the club's SafeSport policies or any of the club's Codes of Conduct, and the conduct has continued despite the

first offense warning and the second offense meeting required by club policy, the board may, in its discretion, vote to deny competitor funding for one year.

10. If any club member is found to have been disciplined by USFS for a violation of any tenet of any SafeSport policy, the board may, in its discretion, vote to deny that member competitor funding.

C. Principles Underlying Skater Support

1. In the interest of increasing participation in figure skating, and of extending the benefits of Club membership widely, RMFSC provides support to as many of its skaters as is reasonable.
2. Skaters are grouped into three categories according to the type of their skating activity, and within each category, funds are distributed equally.
3. Funding is allocated without reference to discipline or family income.
4. Within each category, skaters are treated as individuals.
5. RMFSC values and supports all types of figure skating activities, and through its funding policies gives special reward to the effort and commitment of skaters who are invited by US Figure Skating to participate in additional levels of competitions.
6. Skaters will receive funding for each category for which they qualify, but may only receive support once per level per funding year.

D. Participation Categories for Disbursement

For purposes of determining the level of funding for disbursement, qualifying competitions are those defined as qualifying in the US Figure Skating Rulebook, and for which entries are controlled through US Figure Skating.

1. Category A: Skaters who compete in competitions for which they directly register (including non-qualifying competitions, regionals, state games, adult sectionals, and Synchro sectionals).
2. Category B: Skaters who, by virtue of placement, cumulative points, or bye, are invited to a second level competition, such as sectionals, Synchro Nationals, or solo dance finals. This includes pairs and dance sectional competitors.
3. Category C: Skaters who, by virtue of placement, points, or a bye are invited to US Championships.

E. Disbursement

1. Within a reasonable amount of time after all money earned in a competitive year has been received, the RMFSC Board will determine the amount of funds available for disbursement.
2. The number of skaters requesting support for Categories A and B must be known in order for the per skater support level to be set.

3. Disbursement of funds must be made to a qualifying expense relating to skating and cannot, under any circumstances, be made directly to the skater. Proof of expense must be submitted with the request.
 - a. Payment may be made towards ice fees to the Club or ice arena where the skater trains;
 - b. Payment may be made to the skater's coach(es);
 - c. Payment may be made to the skater's credit card account when expenses have been charged to the account for competition travel purposes;
 - d. Funds may be donated to the RMFSC Scholarship Fund in any percentage or amount designated by the skater.
4. Disbursement of Category B and C funds take place as soon as possible following the deadline for receipt of requests. The deadline is set so that all qualifying competitions at the previous level will have been completed.
5. Any skater who receives support in advance of a competition, who later withdraws prior to the competition must return any funds advanced.
6. Whenever funding is requested in any category, all skaters shall provide documentation satisfactory to the Club Treasurer.
7. Any funds returned or not expended in a given year are rolled over to competitor funding for the following year.

F. Determining the Funding Level for Skaters at Each Participation Level

1. Distribution is to be determined on a yearly basis depending on the number of applicants eligible for each category and done in a fair and equitable manner.
2. Category B must be at least twice that of Category A.
3. No Category C payment may exceed twice that year's Category B payment.