



SKATING ASSOCIATION OF MAINE

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The Skating Association of Maine (SAM) is an organization with over 300 members. SAM's mission is to encourage and promote ice skating programs in the State of Maine. SAM's purpose is to encourage and promote the participation, instruction, practice and advancement of its members in the sport of skating on ice, including, but not limited to Learn to Skate, Figure Skating, and Hockey, in accordance with the rules and regulations of each sport's National Governing Body (NGB) and to instill the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty and teamwork.

This letter is to welcome our new members and provide information to all SAM members. Membership in SAM allows our members to hold a vote at the annual meeting and have a voice in SAM. Being a member of SAM allows you to be on a committee or serve on the board.

So that SAM may keep you updated throughout the year please go to the SAM website and register at www.maineskaters.com . The registration login is at the top of the home page. This will help us keep you updated, informed and very soon will allow you to make payments online to SAM.

Here are a few [Questions and Answers](#) to help you understand SAM membership.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1.

If my child is a member of SAM, am I a member?



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A1.

Home Membership is available to any person whose primary skating membership resides with the Skating Association of Maine (SAM). This individual is registered through SAM with their respective National Governing Body (NGB), and represents SAM at competitions, games and tournaments. Home Members, 18 years of age or older, are voting members of the Skating Association of Maine.

If you register a hockey player (under 18) with SAM for a season of hockey, one parent/guardian qualifies as a member of SAM member with a Home Membership. The parent must complete the SAM membership and voter registration form to hold a vote with SAM.

This does not conflict with or change the USA hockey or MEAHA rules which allow a vote at the MEAHA level per registered skater.

If you register a figure skater (under 18) with SAM/USFS then one (1) parent/guardian must also register with SAM/USFS. This person will hold the Home Membership. The SAM/USFS registration form is available on the SAM website.

Q2.

If I register multiple hockey skaters (under 18) with SAM, how many votes does the family hold?

A2.

One adult has only one vote. If you have more than one child registered, a second parent/guardian may register with SAM and vote on behalf of the second child. In this situation each parent/guardian would hold a Home Membership. A Voter Registration form must be completed for each voting member. The SAM/USFS registration form is available on the SAM website. A family has a maximum two votes.

This does not conflict with or change the USA hockey or MEAHA rules which allow a vote at the MEAHA level per registered skater.



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Q3.

If I register one hockey skater (under 18) with SAM, may the family hold more than one vote?

A3.

See question 1 and 2, a second parent/guardian who is a member of USA Hockey may register and pay the SAM membership fee (\$10.00) to hold a vote and be considered to hold a Home Membership. The parent/guardian must complete the SAM voter registration and membership form to hold a vote with SAM. The SAM/USFS registration form is available on the SAM website.

Q4.

If I am a SAM Hockey/Figure Skating Coach, am I a member of SAM?

A4.

See the answer for #1. SAM coaches are members of SAM. To qualify as a SAM member, you must complete the SAM membership form and the voter registration form to hold a vote and to be considered to hold a Home Membership.

If you register a figure skater (under 18) with SAM/USFS, then one (1) parent/guardian must also register with SAM/USFS. This person will hold the Home Membership. The SAM/USFS registration form is available on the SAM website.

Q5.

Will this year's annual vote for vacant Steering Committee members be held as a public vote?

A5.

The vote to fill vacant Steering Committee members will be held by secret ballot during the annual meeting. You must attend the meeting to vote or you may give your vote to another voting SAM member by proxy. A proxy form can be found on the SAM website.



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Q6.

Will a vote for vacant Board of Director and Officer positions, ratification of prior board actions and annual meetings agenda items be taken at the annual meeting?

A6.

In keeping with the intent of the SAM bylaws for filling vacant Board of Director and Officer positions the nominations committee will be presenting a slate of officers for vacant positions.

The ratification of prior board actions will be presented to the members and voted on during the annual meeting. You must attend the meeting to vote or you may give your vote to another voting SAM member by proxy. A proxy form can be found on the SAM website. The ratification or prior board actions will be presented to the members and voted on during the annual meeting.

Q7.

What positions on the Hockey/Figure Skating Steering Committee are open this year and how do I let someone know that I am interested in holding a position?

A7.

Please see the roles and responsibilities of the Hockey/Figure Skating Steering Committee which is posted to the SAM website. The nominating committee chair will post the open positions for the upcoming year at least 45 days in advance of the annual meeting.

To be considered for an open position, please notify the Nominating Chair in writing that you are interested in applying for this position. Your name will be added to the ballot.

FUNDRAISING

SAM is a nonprofit (501c3) organization that fundraises to cover the expenses of the organization. This allows SAM to have lowered registration fees, cover scholarships and provide educational opportunities for skaters and coaches.



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VOLUNTEER HOURS

All SAM members' guardians/parents (over 18) are requested to donate volunteer hours for SAM. There are many opportunities within SAM or the community to donate your time either for SAM or in SAM's name. Please see your team representative/hockey committee/figure skating committee to let them know of your interest in volunteering.

Examples of SAM volunteering opportunities:

1. The hockey teams/figure skating group may volunteer in SAM's name within the community– For safety reasons the event must be approved by the Hockey/Figure Skating Committee.
2. Volunteer as a Team Representative
3. Sell Raffle Tickets
4. There are many other opportunities to volunteer, please ask us!

Thank you very much for your support of SAM. Have a great skating season!!

The Skating Association of Maine Board