

**MIDLAND FIGURE SKATING CLUB**  
**CONSTITUTION**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE MIDLAND FIGURE SKATING CLUB, INC.**  
**ARTICLE I. CLUB NAME**

The name of the Club shall be "Midland Figure Skating Club. Inc.". (MFSC) hereafter referred to as the Club.

**ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Club shall be to promote and advance the art and sport of figure skating, to foster the interest of the community therein, and to promote friendship and good fellowship among Club members.

**ARTICLE III. CHARACTER**

The Club shall be strictly a non-profit, amateur organization subject to all laws, rules and regulations of the United States Figure Skating Association.

**ARTICLE IV. PROPERTY**

The legal title to all property and assets of the Club shall vest in the Adult Members thereof as defined in the Bylaws. Termination of membership for any cause whatsoever shall terminate all rights of a Member to the property and assets of the Club. In the event of Club dissolution, all Club real properties shall be liquidated and all assets contributed to the United States Figure Skating Association Memorial Fund.

**ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Definition of Membership**

A member in good standing is defined as having designated MFSC as their home club and has paid all fees as required by USFSA and MFSC.

**Section 2. Residency**

A majority of the Club members shall be residents of the City of Midland, Michigan.

**Section 3. Classes of Membership**

The membership of the Club shall be divided into classes as defined in the Bylaws, and such additional classes of membership as may be created by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Dues & Fees**

Members shall pay dues and fees established by the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE VI. GOVERNMENT**

**Section 1. Directors**

The Club shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 8 members as defined herein.

**Section 2. Officers**

The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, at least one Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected by and from the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. Term Limitation**

Members of the Board of Directors shall not serve consecutive two-year terms. In no event shall a member of the Board of Directors serve more than three (3) consecutive years. The immediate past-President, if not a board member, may serve in an advisory capacity to the Board for one year.

**Section 4. Eligibility**

Members eligible to vote and in good standing may hold elective office in the Club with the following exceptions:

- A. More than one member of a family simultaneously,
- B. Club Professionals or members of their immediate family,
- C. A Member whose home club, as reported to the USFSA, is other than the MFSC,
- D. A Member who is a Director or Officer of another ice skating organization,
- E. A Member who has been convicted of a criminal offense other than a misdemeanor or any crime involving a person having the status of a minor.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Section 1. Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held during April of each year. Notice of the time and place of said meeting and an agenda of items requiring a vote shall be mailed to members at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting.

**Section 2. Special Meeting**

Special Club meetings may be held upon the call of the President or upon written request of ten (10) voting members. Notice of the time, place and purpose shall be mailed to the entire membership at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. The agenda shall be limited to the items for which the meeting was called.

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**ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS**

**Section 1. Nominations**

- A. On or before the first of March of each year, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee of two (2) current Board members and three (3) voting members. No later than March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Committee shall file its list of nominees for Directors of the Club with the Secretary. The committee shall specify the length of term for which each candidate is nominated. This list shall promptly be made available to the members.
- B. Other nominations for the Board of Directors may be made in writing signed by at least five (5) voting members and filed with the Secretary on or before March 20.
- C. The names of all nominees and their qualifications shall be mailed to the members at least ten (10) days prior to the election.
- D. If the above timetable is not met, a vote must be held at the annual meeting by which the time requirements may be waived by a majority vote.

**Section 2. Term of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall consist of eight (8) members. Four (4) Directors shall be elected each year at the annual meeting to fill expiring two year terms. Other Directors shall be elected each year as necessary to fill board vacancies.

**Section 3. Board Vacancy**

- A. When a Board position is vacated, the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee of 2 members from the Board and 3 members from the voting Membership, to select a nominee or nominees for the vacant position. The Board of Directors will appoint a person from those nominated to fill the vacant position until the next annual meeting.
- B. Any board position vacated with less than 1/4 year remaining until the annual meeting may be left vacant at the discretion of the Board.
- C. If more than a year remains in the term for the vacated position, the vacancy will be filled for the remaining year according to the regular nomination and election procedure.

**Section 4. Balloting**

- A. Directors shall be elected by secret ballot by a plurality of votes cast at the Annual Meeting.
- B. Members shall vote only once for any candidate.
- C. Votes shall be tabulated under the supervision of the Secretary and one voting member not on the ballot. Ballots shall be retained by the Secretary for thirty (30) days after the **election and then destroyed.**
- D. Proxy votes shall not be allowed.
- E. Voting members who cannot attend the meeting shall be entitled to vote by absentee ballot. Requests for absentee ballots shall be directed to the Secretary who shall comply promptly. Written, absentee ballots must be received by and verified by the Secretary prior to the close of balloting at the annual meeting.

**Section 5. Election of Officers**

Within 15 days of the election, the new Board of Directors shall meet and elect its officers. These officers shall serve for one year commencing at this board meeting.

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**ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES**

Committees, and the duties of such committees shall be established by the Board. The Board shall have the power to appoint any person to any of the committees.

**ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS**

- A. This Constitution may be altered, amended, repealed or suspended in whole or in part at any regular or special meeting of the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all ballots cast. Balloting shall follow the procedures set forth in Article V111, Section 4, Paragraphs C, D. and E of this document. That 2/3 majority shall represent at least 30% of the voting membership of the club.
- B. Any proposed alterations, amendments or repeal of the Constitution shall be set forth verbatim ~n the notice of the meeting. The notice shall be mailed at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting. In the case of suspension (in whole or in part), no notice is required. Voting procedures shall be as described in section A) above.