



Volunteering Facts

While many changes have taken place in U.S. Figure Skating over the years, one constant has been the volunteers who are the driving force behind every skating organization. Charter Oak has no paid positions; all activities are made possible by the volunteer efforts of our members. Also, all judges in the United States are volunteers and donate many, many hours for the sole benefit of our skaters (make it a point to thank them whenever you see them!).

Each year COFSC hosts a variety of events (test sessions, competitions, etc). Keep an eye out for the volunteer sign-up sheets which will be posted at the rink leading up to these activities.

With ever-rising costs of energy, products, and services incurred by the club, fund-raising efforts are more important than ever before. Your assistance will help all Charter Oak members greatly!

The following page describes the common volunteer opportunities. Mentoring/training is available, so prior experience, while useful, is not required. Some tasks can be performed at home, with flexible timeframes. All are vital to the health of the club and its ability to support our skaters.

We wish our skaters and their families the very best in their skating endeavors this season!

COFSC Volunteer Opportunities

Events

Pre-Event Help

Prepare skater give-away bags, decorations, badges, etc.

Hospitality

Plan simple menus, pick up groceries. Set up and maintain food table for judges/officials before/during an event. Clean up following an event. Maintain kitchen supplies.

Food (home-cooked)

Provide “specialty” food items cooked or baked at home.

Accounting Assistant

Check that all results have been collected for each event, assist with counting, etc.

Registration/Check-in

Greet and log in skaters, judges, coaches, and volunteers. Collect music tapes and CDs, distribute info packets, direct people to locker rooms, etc. Maintain notice board.

Awards

Assist in the presentation of medals and other performance awards.

Announcing

Introduce skaters and events over the rink public address system.

Music

Play skaters’ cassette tapes and CDs as well as standard dance CDs.

Runners

Deliver competition results from the referee to the accounting office. Deliver music from Registration to/from the sound booth.

Practice Ice Monitors

Check names and fees paid.

Ice Monitors

Supervise skaters rink-side during competitions. Coordinate real-time activities with the competition chair, referee, announcer, and coaches.

Security

Check credentials (badges) at key locations (e.g. entrance to locker room area).

Cashiers and Sales Assistants

Sell items and collect funds at Skate Swaps or other fundraising events.

General

Club Information at ISCC

Maintain bulletin board, display case, and information bins with current information and forms.

Mailings

Print copies, label/stuff envelopes for mass distributions (e.g. quarterly newsletter).

Education/Seminars

Share knowledge by presenting to club members. There are many topics of interest to our skaters, parents, and coaches.

Fundraising

Organize activities to generate funds for events and/or skater support.

Reporters/Photographers

Write articles, cover events, take photographs for website & newsletter.

Marketing

Publicize club activities. Solicit local merchants for value-card program.

Research

Assist in data gathering and compiling of test and competition results, used for “Good Wishes” and “Congratulations” messages to our skating members.