

# *Wind River “Ettes”*

## **Synchronized Skater Team Agreement**

October 1, 2013-April 1, 2014

The primary goal of the Wind River Skate Club’s Competitive Synchronized Skating Team is to train and prepare for competition. We will be participating in the Denver Invitational, March 13-16, and performing in our local ice shows in December and March.

Becoming a member of a competitive synchronized skating team requires that you make a personal commitment to your coach and teammates that you will dedicate yourself to providing the time, energy, and skill level required of a team skater. A team functions as a unit and just one person missing from a practice or performance can cause that unit to not function properly. Being a member of a team can be a very rewarding experience that includes travel, competition, team spirit, and new friends. There are, however, rules and procedures to follow to maintain a competitive team. Please read the following information and consider seriously your

willingness to comply with these requirements before making any commitment.

## 1. Eligability

- A. All team members must be eligible and registered USFS skaters. They must comply with USFS eligible Skater status rules.
- B. All team members must be members of the Wind River Skate Club.
- C. Skaters should have passed, or be working on, the specified level Moves in the Field test required for her team.
- D. The coach will make all team placements. Overall skating ability, stamina, strength, maturity and ability to learn quickly and adapt to last minute changes are factors taken into consideration in selecting team members.
- E. An “Alternate” is a team member who does not have an assigned place on the team “line” at any given time. Any skater can become an “alternate” at any time. No one “owns” a spot on the line. If an injury, illness, decrease in skill level, attendance or behavioral problem, or prolonged absence occurs for any reason, the coach may switch a skater to alternate status.

## 2. Practice

- A. All team members should arrive 10 minutes prior to all practices. This will allow for announcements to be made and skates to be tied properly.
- B. Good team spirit grows from respect for each other. Constructive suggestions after practice or when requested are always welcome. No socializing on the ice. No gum. Derogatory statements about another team member, the routine, coach, or adult helpers is prohibited. Should a problem arise that cannot be handled by the coach or manager, the matter will be taken to the WRSC Board of Directors.
- C. Four missed practices per season can reduce the skater to alternate status. Two “no shows” can result in dismissal from the team. The two weeks immediately prior to an event are not to be missed or the coach may remove the skater from that event.
- D. Skaters should be dressed in skating pants or tights, tight fitting jackets and thin gloves. Hair should be pulled back with an elastic band. No bobby pins.

When you sign up for synchronized skating you are agreeing to travel to competition, participate in fund

raising, and purchase tights and warm up outfits if asked to do so.

I have read the rules stated in this agreement for this year. I understand and will abide by these rules.

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Skaters signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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