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## **By-Laws of Cortland Figure Skating Club**

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### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME; EXISTENCE; OFFICES**

Section 1.1 Name. The name of this organization is the Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc., (referred to in these bylaws as "Club").

Section 1.2 Incorporation. The Club is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the state of New York (the "State") and shall be governed by the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

Section 1.3 Membership in U.S. Figure Skating. The Club has been formed to be a member of The United States Figure Skating Association ("U.S. Figure Skating"), to exist for the purposes specified in Article II of these Bylaws. As such, the Club and its members shall be subject to and abide by the Bylaws and Official Rules of U.S. Figure Skating, as in existence and amended from time-to-time by U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 1.4 Offices. The Club will have its headquarters in the County of Cortland, New York, and its mailing address will be Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc., PO Box 5232, Cortland, New York 13045.

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSES**

Section 2.1 Principle Purpose. The principle purpose of the Club is to foster figure skating on ice. In order to do so, the Club has been organized to exist as a member club of U.S. Figure Skating and, therefore, seeks to assist in carrying out the objects and purposes of U.S. Figure Skating in accordance with the provisions of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws and Official Rules. The Club shall maintain its membership in U. S. Figure Skating and conduct its affairs in a manner consistent with the Bylaws, Official Rules, policies and procedures of U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 2.2 Purpose. A purpose of the Club is to encourage participation at the amateur level in the sport of figure skating by all persons and particularly:

Section 2.2.1 Non-Discrimination. To encourage the instruction, practice, and advancement of all members; within the test and competition structure provided by U.S. Figure Skating at the local regional, sectional, national and international levels in all skating disciplines; without discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, marital status, citizenship, military or U.S. Veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Section 2.2.2 Community. To encourage and cultivate a spirit of fraternal feeling and sense of community among figure skating athletes.

Section 2.2.3 Interest. To stimulate interest in the sport of figure skating by producing amateur ice shows and exhibitions.

Section 2.2.4 Other. To do and perform such other acts as may be necessary, advisable, proper or incidental in the realization of the objectives and purposes of this organization.

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERS**

Section 3.1 Members. The Club shall have members who are interested in the objects and purposes of the Club and who are registered with U.S. Figure Skating, with voting rights and other legal rights or privileges in connection with the governance of the Club, in accordance with such provisions and criteria pertaining to qualifications, classification, privileges, application and acceptance of members established from time-to-time by the Board of Directors. Members of the Club shall be required to abide by, and to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with, the Bylaws, Official Rules, policies, procedures, code of conduct, and code of ethics and principals of ethical behavior of U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 3.1.1 Adult Membership. Any individual 18 years or older who is interested in the sport of figure skating, is a figure skating athlete and is a member of USFSA. Adult members are entitled to all benefits of the Club including voting and holding office.

Section 3.1.2 Junior Membership. Any individual 5 to 17 years of age participating as a figure skating athlete is eligible for a Junior Membership. Although Junior Members may not vote or hold office, one parent or guardian per Junior Member is entitled to voting and holding office in their stead. Junior members must be members of USFSA.

Section 3.1.3 Familial Membership. At the discretion of the Board, a Familial Membership may be granted to an immediate adult relative of a Junior or Senior member of the Club. Familial Members are not granted individual voting privileges or the right to hold office.

Section 3.1.4 Associate Membership. At the discretion of the Board, an Associate Membership may be granted to a figure skating athlete who is a member of USFSA as an individual member or through another USFSA club. Associate Members are entitled to limited benefits of the Club, excluding voting and holding office.

Section 3.1.5 Honorary Membership. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, issue a limited number of honorary memberships by majority vote of the Board. An Honorary Membership will receive all Club privileges.

Section 3.1.6 Learn to Skate USA Membership. This membership recognizes the relationship between the Club and its Learn To Skate USA members. This category does not include skating privileges except during the LTS sessions, nor does it include the right to vote or hold office.

Section 3.1.7 Synchronized Affiliate Membership. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, issue a limited number of synchronized memberships by majority vote of the Board. A synchronized membership will receive all club privileges except the right to vote or hold office. Synchronized skating athletes must hold a USFSA membership.

Section 3.1.8 Synchronized Team Membership. Skaters on synchronized teams must, in addition to paying the associated team fees, be a member of the Club.

Section 3.1.9 Students living away from home. Former club members, presently attending schools outside of a 75 mile radius of Cortland, are granted skating privileges without charge on a space available basis at the discretion of the Board. They must be a member of USFSA.

Section 3.1.10 Visiting Skaters. Out of town skaters who are members in good standing of their home club and of the USFSA may be admitted to walk-on at the discretion of the Board, for a fee to be determined by the Board. Any other guest privileges will be at the discretion of the Board.

Section 3.2 Dues. The Board of Directors may establish, as it shall deem necessary and appropriate, such periodic membership dues, other assessments and procedures for the manner of payment and collection thereof.

Section 3.2.1 Membership Dues. The assessment for all members will be determined by the Board before each skating season. The dues schedule will be announced no later than the Annual Fall Meeting each year.

Section 3.2.2 Ice Fees. The assessment for Ice Fees for all skating members will be determined by the Board before each skating season. The ice fee schedule will be announced no later than the Annual Fall Meeting each year.

Section 3.2.3 Arrears for Dues and/or Ice Fees. Any member in arrears for dues, ice fees, or other indebtedness to the Club will be notified by mail by the Membership Chair or President at his/her last known address. If the amount owed is not paid in full within thirty days thereafter, the name of the delinquent will be reported by the Membership Chair to the Board at its next meeting. The Board may drop from the roll any such delinquent member. Any member dropped from the roll for nonpayment of dues, fees, or other indebtedness may, upon full payment and at the discretion of the Board, be reinstated to full membership.

Section 3.2.4 Consequences - Arrears of Dues and Ice Fees. No member in arrears for dues, fees, or other indebtedness, will be eligible to hold office, or entitled to vote, or to enter any USFSA sanctioned competition, USFSA test session, or to skate during Club sessions.

Section 3.2.5 Resignation. Any member not in arrears for dues, ice fees, or other indebtedness, may tender a written resignation of his/her membership to the Membership Chair, who will report the same to the Board at its next meeting.

Section 3.2.6 Non-Refund Clause. Club Dues, Ice Fees, USFSA dues, and other amounts deposited will not be refunded except under extenuating circumstances. Written application for refunds must be made to the Board. Requests for refunds will be considered and acted upon by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.2.7 Application for Membership. Applications for voting membership must be subscribed by the candidate, must state his/her name and address, and include agreement to comply with the by-laws. Applications from junior members must be signed by the candidate and a parent or guardian. All applications must be sent to the Membership Chairman, and include applicable payments.

Section 3.2.8 Board Approval for Competition, Testing, and Exhibitions. No member of the Club will make entry in the name of the Club in competition, exhibition, or test session except with the approval of the Test Chair or a Club Officer.

Section 3.3 Annual Meeting. The Club shall hold an annual meeting of its members for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting at a time, date and place stated in or fixed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors. If no place is stated, the meeting shall be held at the Club's principal office. Failure to hold an annual meeting shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Club or invalidate any action taken by the Board of Directors or Officers of the Club.

Section 3.4 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, the President or by written demand of the members stating the purpose or purposes for calling the meeting signed and dated by members holding at least ten percent (10%) of all votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the meeting. The record date for determining the members entitled to demand a special meeting is the date of the earliest of any of the demands pursuant to which the meeting is called or the date that is sixty (60) days before the date the first of such demands is received by the Club, whichever is later. If notice is not given within thirty (30) days after the date of the written demand or demands are delivered to a Club

Officer, a person signing the demand may set the time and place of the meeting and give notice as provided in these Bylaws. Special meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the authority calling such meeting. If no place is stated, special meetings shall be held at the Club's principal office. The purpose of any special meeting of the members shall be stated in such notice. Only business within the purpose described in the notice may be conducted at a special meeting of members.

Section 3.5 Notice of Meetings. Notice shall be given to each member entitled to vote at a meeting in a fair and reasonable manner. Notice may be given as set forth below or by other means when all the circumstances are considered. Written notice by first class or registered mail of any annual, regular or special meeting stating the place, date and hour of the meeting shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting. If notice is mailed by other than first class or registered mail, no less than thirty (30) days notice must be provided. Notice of a special meeting shall include a description of the purpose or purposes of the meeting. Notice of an annual meeting need not include a description of the purpose or purposes except the purpose or purposes shall be stated with respect to (A) an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Club; (B) a merger; (C) a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition other than in the usual and regular course of business, of all or substantially all of the property of the Club; or (D) the dissolution and liquidation of the Club. When giving notice of an annual, regular or special meeting of members, the Club shall give notice of a matter a member intends to raise at the meeting if a person entitled to call a special meeting submits a request, in writing, and it is received by the Secretary or President at least ten (10) days before the Club gives notice of the meeting.

Section 3.6 Methods of Notice. Notice shall be given personally or by mail, facsimile or other form of wire or wireless communication by or at the direction of the President, the Secretary or the persons calling the meeting, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. Such notice shall be deemed to be given and effective at the earliest of: (A) the date received; (B) five (5) days after deposit in the United States mail, properly addressed to the member at the member's address as it appears in the Club's current record of members, with first class postage prepaid; (C) the date shown on the return receipt, if mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the addressee; or (D) thirty (30) days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed correctly addressed and with other than first class, registered or certified postage affixed. A written notice or report delivered as part of a newsletter, magazine, or other publication regularly sent to members shall constitute a written notice or report if addressed or delivered to the member's address shown in the Club's current list of members, or in the case of members who are residents of the same household and who have the same address in the current list of members, if addressed or delivered to one of such members, at the address appearing on the current list of members.

Section 3.7 Waiver of Notice. A member may waive notice of a meeting before or after the time and date of the meeting by a writing signed by such member. Such waiver shall be delivered to the Club for filing with the Club records, but this delivery and filing shall not be conditions to the effectiveness of the waiver. Further, by attending a meeting either in person or by proxy, a member waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting unless the member objects at the beginning of the meeting to the holding of the meeting or the transaction of business at the meeting because of lack of notice or defective notice. By attending the meeting, the member also waives any objection to consideration at the meeting of a particular matter not within the purposes described in the meeting notice unless the member objects to considering the matter when it is presented.

Section 3.8 Voting List. After a record date is fixed for a membership meeting or for determining the members entitled to vote by written ballot, the Secretary shall make, at the earlier of ten (10) days before such meeting or two (2) business days after notice of the meeting has been given, a complete list of the members entitled to be given notice of such meeting or any adjournment thereof. The list shall be arranged in alphabetical order and shall show the name, address of each member and number of votes to which each member is entitled. For the period beginning the earlier of ten (10) days prior to the meeting or two (2) business days after notice of the meeting is given and continuing through the meeting and any adjournment thereof, this list shall be kept on file at the principal office of the Club, or at a place (which shall be identified in the notice) in the city where the meeting will be held. Such list shall be available for inspection on written demand by any member or the member's agent or attorney during regular business hours and during the period available for inspection.

Section 3.9 Proxies. At all meetings of members, a member may vote by proxy by signing an appointment form or similar writing, either personally or by the member's duly authorized attorney-in-fact. A member may also appoint a proxy by transmitting or authorizing the transmission of an electronic transmission providing a written statement of the appointment to the proxy or other person duly authorized by the proxy to receive appointments as agent for the proxy or to the Club. The transmitted appointment shall set forth or be transmitted with written evidence from which it can be determined that the member transmitted or authorized the transmission of the appointment. The proxy appointment form or similar writing shall be filed with the Secretary of the Club before or at the time of the meeting. The appointment of a proxy is effective when receiving by the Club and is valid for eleven (11) months unless a different period is expressly provided in the appointment form or similar writing.

Section 3.10 Club's Acceptance of Votes. If the name signed on a vote, consent, waiver, proxy appointment or proxy appointment revocation corresponds to the name of a member, the Club, if acting in good faith, is entitled to accept the vote, consent, waiver, proxy appointment or proxy appointment revocation and give it effect as the act of the member. If the name signed on a vote, consent, waiver proxy appointment of proxy appointment revocation does not correspond to the name of the member, the Club, if acting in good faith, is nevertheless entitled to accept the vote, consent, waiver, proxy appointment or proxy appointment revocation if to do so is proper under rules established by the corporation that are not inconsistent with this Section. No member under the age of 18 shall be entitled to vote.

Section 3.11 Adjournment of Meeting. When a meeting is adjourned to another date, time or place, notice need not be given of the new date, time or place if the new date, time or place of such meeting is announced before adjournment of the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. At the adjourned meeting the Club may transact any business which may have been transacted at the original meeting. If a new records date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a new notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each member of record entitled to vote at the meeting as of the new record date.

Section 3.12 Quorum and Manner of Voting. One more than fifty percent (50 % +1) of the votes entitled to be cast by the members on a matter shall constitute a quorum for action on the matter. If a quorum exists, action on a matter by the members is approved if the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action, unless the vote of a greater number of votes is required by law or the Club's Articles of Incorporation.

Section 3.13 Meetings by Telecommunications. Any or all of the members may participate in an annual or special membership meeting by, or the meeting may be conducted through the use

of any means of communication by which all members participating in the meeting can hear each other during the meeting. A member participating in a meeting in this manner is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Section 3.14 Action Without a Meeting.

Section 3.14.1 By Unanimous Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing (or counterparts thereof) that sets forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof and received by the Club. Such consent (which may be signed in counterparts) shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the members. Action taken under this Section is effective as of the date the last writing necessary to effect the action is received by the Club, unless all of the writings specify a different effective date, in which case such specified date shall be the effective date for such action. The record date for determining members entitled to take action without a meeting is the date the Club first receives a writing upon which the action is taken. Any member who has signed a writing describing and consenting to action taken pursuant to this Section may revoke such consent by a writing signed by the member describing the action and stating the member's prior consent is revoked, if such writing is received by the Club before the effectiveness of the action. All signed written instruments necessary under this provision shall be filed with the minutes of the membership meetings.

Section 3.14.2 By Written Ballot. Any action that may be taken at any annual, regular or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if the Club delivers a written ballot to every member entitled to vote on the matter. The written ballot shall: (A) set forth each proposed action; and (B) provide an opportunity to vote for or against the proposed action. Approval by written ballot shall only be valid when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall: (A) indicate the number of responses necessary to meet the quorum requirements; (B) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; (C) specify the time by which the ballot must be received by the Club in order to be counted; and (D) be accompanied by written information sufficient to permit each person voting to reach an informed decision. Written ballots may not be revoked.

Section 3.15 Termination, Expulsion or Suspension. No member may be expelled or suspended from the Club, and no membership may be terminated or suspended, except as follows. The member shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior written notice of the expulsion, suspension or termination and the reasons therefore. The member shall have an opportunity to be heard, orally or in writing, by the Board of Directors, not less than seven (7) days before the effective date of the expulsion, suspension or termination by the Board of Directors. Written notice must be given by first-class or certified mail sent to the last address of the member shown on the Club's records. Any member expelled or suspended shall be liable to the Club for dues, assessments or fees incurred or commitments made prior to expulsion. The provisions of this Section 3.15 apply to a member's membership in the Club and not to membership in U.S. Figure Skating, the latter of which is subject to applicable provisions of the Bylaws and Official Rules of U.S. Figure Skating pertaining to expulsion or suspension of membership privileges in U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 3.16 Delegates to the U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council. Delegates to the U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council must be registered members of the Club and must meet the qualifications as set forth in Article VII, Section 1 of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws. The Club's

Board of Directors shall appoint from among the Club's registered members the requisite number of delegates to the Governing Council as determined in accordance with Article VII, -6- Section 2 of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws. The Club's delegates shall be representatives of the Club at the Governing Council meeting for which they are appointed as delegates and shall attend said meeting, either in person or represented by proxy. The Club will file a certificate of appointment of its delegates with the Secretary of U.S. Figure Skating, duly signed by an authorized Officer of the Club.

## **ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### Section 4.1 General Powers and Qualifications.

Section 4.1.1 Powers. The policies, affairs, and responsibilities of the corporation will be directed by the Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, the Club's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Section 4.1.2 Qualifications. Directors must be (a) at least eighteen (18) years old, (b) registered with U.S. Figure Skating and (c) home club members of the Club in accordance with provisions of applicable rules of U.S. Figure Skating and (d) voting members of the Club. In addition, Directors of the Club must be eligible persons, as defined in the eligibility rules of the U.S. Figure Skating; provided, however that one restricted person, one ineligible person and coaches with eligible status may serve as Directors of the Club so long as they do not collectively constitute a majority of the total number of Directors of the Club (*see*, U.S. Figure Skating Membership Rule 4.00, as may be amended from time-to-time).

### Section 4.2 Number, Term and Election of Directors.

Section 4.2.1 Number. The number of directors of the Club shall be as determined by the Board of Directors from time-to-time.

Section 4.2.2 Change in Number of Directors. Any action of the Board of Directors to increase or decrease the number of directors, whether expressly by resolution or by implication through the election of additional directors, shall constitute an amendment of these Bylaws effecting such increase or decrease, and, therefore, shall require approval of the members as referred to in Section 10.8 of these Bylaws.

Section 4.2.3 Term of Directors. Directors shall serve a term of office of two (2) years, with at least half seats being filled one year and the remaining half in the alternate year. At the discretion of the Board of Directors; in an effort to maintain alternating two year terms for half of the Board; an exception will exist in the first year following a year when not all seats are filled (i.e., any year where there are fewer directors returning to the Board for the second year of their term than there were seats to fill in the year they began their term); first, the two year terms will be seated and then any remaining seats to be one year terms; number of votes each candidate receives determining length of term.

Section 4.2.4 Nomination and Election of Directors. At a time reasonably in advance of each annual meeting of the Club, the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of no less than two (2) of the Director's whose terms are not scheduled to expire at the upcoming

annual meeting. The nominating committee shall determine and present to the members, at a time reasonably in advance of the annual meeting, a list of nominees to stand for election as Directors to fill the positions of those Directors whose terms shall expire at the annual meeting. Additional nominations for Directors to be elected may be made by any voting member at the time of the annual meeting. Notwithstanding anything hereinabove to the contrary, any nominee for election as a Director must evidence in writing in advance of or at the annual meeting, or in person at the annual meeting, such person's willingness to serve if elected. The members shall, by the affirmative vote as required by the provisions of Section 3.12 of these Bylaws, elect the requisite number of Directors from among the list of nominees.

Section 4.3 Resignation. A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the Club. The resignation is effective when the notice is received by the Club unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

Section 4.4 Removal. Directors elected by voting members or directors may be moved as follows: (i) The voting members may remove one or more directors elected by them with or without cause unless the Bylaws provide that directors may be removed only for cause; (ii) If a director is elected by a voting group, only that voting group may participate in the vote to remove that director; (iii) A director may be removed only if the number of votes cast to remove the director would be sufficient to elect the director at a meeting to elect directors; (iv) A director may be removed only at a meeting called for the purpose of removing that director, and the meeting notice shall state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of the director; (v) An entire Board of Directors may be removed under paragraphs (i) to (iv) above; and (vi) A director elected by the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause by the vote of a majority of the directors then in office or such greater number as is set forth in the Bylaws; except that a director elected by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy of a director elected by the voting members may be removed without cause by the voting members, but not the Board of Directors.

Section 4.5 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring among the Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors, though less than a quorum. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the un-expired term of such Director's predecessor in office. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the members, and a Director so chosen shall hold office until the next election of the class for which such Director was chosen and thereafter until such -8- Director's successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until such Director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

Section 4.6 Regular Meetings. A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during the month of at a time and place determined by the Board, for the purpose of electing Officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The Directors may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings.

Section 4.7 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two (2) directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix any place as the place for holding any special meeting of the board called by them. Notice stating the place, day and hour of every special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each director by mailing such notice at least two (2) days before the date fixed for the meeting. The notice of a special meeting need not specify the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4.8 Quorum and Voting. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, and the vote of a majority of

the Directors present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice other than an announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. No Director may vote or act by proxy at any meeting of Directors.

Section 4.9 Meetings by Telephone. Members of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 4.10 Presumption of Assent. A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors is deemed to have assented to all action taken unless: (i) the Director objects at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon arrival, to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to any action taken; (ii) the Director contemporaneously requests that the Director's dissent or abstention as to any specific action taken be entered in the minutes; or (iii) the Director causes written notice of the Director's dissent or abstention as to any specific action to be received by the presiding officer of the meeting before adjournment or by the Club promptly after adjournment. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a Director who votes in favor of the action taken.

Section 4.11 Action Without a Meeting. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors or any other action which may be taken at a meeting of Directors may be taken without a meeting if every member of the Board in writing either: (i) votes for such action or (ii) votes against such action or abstains from voting and waives the right to demand that action not be taken without a meeting. Action is taken only if the affirmative votes for such action equals or exceeds the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the Directors then in office were present and voted. The action shall only be effective if there are writings, which describe the action, signed by all Directors, received by the Club and filed with the minutes. Any such writings may be received by electronically transmitted facsimile or other form of wire or wireless communication providing the Club with a complete copy of the document including a copy of the signature. A Director's right to demand that action not be taken without a meeting shall be deemed to have been waived if the Club receives a writing satisfying the requirements hereof that has been signed by the Director and not revoked as provided below. Actions taken shall be effective when the writings set forth a different date. Any Director who has signed a writing may revoke it by a writing signed, dated and stating the prior vote is revoked. However, such writing must be received by the Club before the last writing necessary to effect the action is received. All such actions shall have the same effect as action taken at a meeting.

Section 4.12 Compensation. Directors shall not receive compensation for their services as such, although the reasonable expenses of Directors of attendance at board meetings may be paid or reimbursed by the Club. Directors shall not be disqualified to receive reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the benefit of the Club in any other capacity.

Section 4.13 Executive and Other Committees. By one or more resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors, the Board may designate from among it's the Directors an executive committee of the Board, as well as one or more other committees of the Club, each of which, to the extent provided in the resolution establishing such committee, shall have and may exercise the authority delegated by the Board of Directors, except as prohibited by the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. Rules governing meetings of any committee shall be as established by the Board of Directors, or in the absence thereof, by the committee itself.

## ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 5.1 Number and Qualifications. The elected officers of the Club shall be a President (who shall also serve as the Chairman of the Board), one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors may also appoint such other officers, assistant officers and agents as it may consider necessary. One person may hold more than one office at a time, except that no person may simultaneously hold the offices of President and Secretary. Officers must be Directors of the Club and, therefore, must meet the qualifications of Directors as set forth in Section 4.1(b) of these Bylaws.

Section 5.2 Election and Term of Office. The elected Officers of the Club shall be elected by the Board of Directors at each regular annual meeting of the Club. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon as convenient thereafter. Each Officer shall hold office until the Officer's successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified, or until the Officer's earlier death, resignation or removal.

Section 5.3 Compensation. Officers shall not receive compensation for their services as such, although the reasonable expenses of Officers may be paid or reimbursed by the Club. Officers shall not be disqualified to receive reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the benefit of the Club in any other capacity.

Section 5.4 Resignation. An Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the Club. The resignation is effective when the notice is received by the Club unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

Section 5.5 Removal. Any Officer may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Club will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Election or appointment of an Officer shall not in itself create contract rights.

Section 5.6 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office, however occurring, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5.7 Authority and Duties of Officers. The Officers of the Club shall have the authority and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties specified below and as may be additionally specified by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws, except that in any event each officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be required by law.

Section 5.7.1 President. The President shall be the Chairperson of the Board, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of the president and chairperson. The president must have served at least one year as a member of the Board.

Section 5.7.2 Vice-Presidents. The Vice-President or Vice-Presidents shall assist the President and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors of the President. The Vice-President (or if there is more than one, then the Vice President designated by the Board of Directors, or if there be no such designation, then the Vice Presidents in order of their election) shall, at the request of the President, or in the President's absence or inability or refusal to act, perform the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions on the President.

Section 5.7.3 Secretary. The Secretary shall (i) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors; (ii) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these

bylaws or as required by law; (iii) be custodian of the Club records; and (iv) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.7.4 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall (i) be the principal financial officer of the Club and have the care and custody of all its funds, securities, evidences of indebtedness and other personal property and deposit the same in accordance with the instructions of the Board of Directors; (ii) receive and give receipts and acquittances for moneys paid in on account of the Club, and pay out of the funds on hand all bills, payrolls and other just debts of the Club of whatever nature upon maturity; (iii) be the principal accounting officer of the Club and as such prescribe and maintain the methods and systems of accounting to be followed, keep complete books and records of account, prepare and file all local, state and federal tax returns and related documents, prescribe and maintain an adequate system of internal audit, and prepare and furnish to the President and the Board of Directors statements of account showing the financial position of the Club and the results of its operations; (iv) upon request of the Board, make such reports to it as may be required at any time; and (v) perform all other duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 5.8 Appointments. By resolution, the Board of Directors may also appoint such other officers, assistant officers and agents as it may consider necessary.

Section 5.9 Surety Bonds. The Board of Directors may require any officer or agent of the Club to execute to the Club a bond in such sums and with such sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board, conditioned upon the faithful performance of such person's duties and for the restoration to the Club of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in such person's possession or under such person's control belonging to the Club.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **STANDARD OF CONDUCT FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

Section 6.1 General. Each Director and Officer shall perform their duties as a director or officer, including without limitation their duties as a member of any committee of the Board, (i) in good faith, (ii) in a manner the Director or Officer reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the Club and (iii) with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances. A Director or Officer, regardless of title, shall not be deemed to be a trustee with respect to the Club or with respect to any property held or administered by the Club including, without limitation, property that may be subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or transferor of such property.

Section 6.2 Reliance on Certain Information and Other Matters. In the performance of their duties, a Director or Officer shall be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by the persons designated below. However, a Director or Officer shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if the Director or Officer has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted. The designated persons on whom a Director or Officer are entitled to rely are: (i) one or more officers or employees of the Club whom the Director or Officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (ii) legal counsel, a public accountant, or other person as to matters which the Director or Officer reasonably believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence; (iii) a committee of the Board of Directors

on which the Director or Officer does not serve if the Director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

Section 6.3 Limitation on Liability. A Director or Officer shall not be liable to the Club or its members for any action the Director or Officer takes or omits to take as a director or officer if, in connection with such action or omission, the Director or Officer performs their duties in compliance with this Section.

## **ARTICLE VII CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Section 7 Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Disclosure of Certain Interests. This conflict of interest policy is designed to help directors, officers and employees of the Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. identify situations that present potential conflicts of interest and to provide Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. with a procedure which, if observed, will allow a transaction to be treated as valid and binding even though a director, officer of employee has or may have a conflict of interest with respect to the transaction. The policy is intended to comply with the procedure prescribed in (New York Statutes, Section 1197), governing conflicts of interest for directors of non-profit corporations. In the event there is an inconsistency between the requirements and procedures prescribed herein and those in section 1197, the statute shall control. All capitalized terms are defined in Section 7.2 of this article.

Section 7.1 Conflict of Interest Defined. For purposes of this policy, the following circumstances shall be deemed to create Conflicts of Interest:

Section 7.1.1 Outside Interests. (a) A Contract or Transaction between Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. and a Responsible Person or Family Member. (b) A Contract or Transaction between Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. and an entity in which a Responsible Person or Family Member has a Material Financial Interest or of which such person is a director, officer, agent, partner, associate, trustee, personal representative, receiver, guardian, custodian, conservator or other legal representative.

Section 7.1.2 Outside Activities. (a) A Responsible person competing with Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. in the rendering of services or in any other Contract or Transaction with a third party. (b) Responsible Person's having a Material Financial Interest in; or serving as a director, officer, employee, agent, partner, associate, trustee, personal representative, receiver, guardian, custodian, conservator or other legal representative of, or consultant to; an entity or individual that competes with Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. in the provision of services or in any other Contract or Transaction with a third party.

Section 7.1.3 Gifts, Gratuities and Entertainment. A Responsible Person accepting gifts, entertainment or other favors from any individual or entity that: (a) does or is seeking to do business with, or is a competitor of Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc.; or (b) has received, is receiving or is seeking to receive a loan or grant, or to secure other financial commitments from Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc.; (c) is a charitable organization operating in (New York); (d) under circumstances where it might be inferred that such action was intended to influence or possibly would influence the Responsible Person in the performance of his or her duties. This does not preclude the acceptance of items of nominal or insignificant value or entertainment of nominal or insignificant value which are not related to any particular transaction or activity of Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc..

Section 7.2 Other Definitions. (a) A “Conflict of Interest” is any circumstance described in Section 7.1 of this policy. (b) A “Responsible Person” is any person serving as an officer, employee or member of the Board of Directors of Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. (c) A “Family Member” is a spouse, domestic partner, parent, child or spouse of a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister, of a Responsible Person. (d) A “Material Financial Interest” in an entity is a financial interest of any kind, which, in view of all the circumstances, is substantial enough that it would, or reasonably could, affect a Responsible person’s or Family Member’s judgment with respect to transactions to which the entity is a party. This includes all forms of compensation. (e) A “Contract or Transaction” is any agreement or relationship involving the sale or purchase of goods, services, or rights of any kind, the providing or receipt of a loan or grant, the establishment of any other type of pecuniary relationship, or review of a charitable organization by Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc.. The making of a gift to Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. is not a Contract or Transaction.

Section 7.3 Procedures. (a) Prior to board or committee action on a Contract or Transaction involving a Conflict of Interest, a director or committee member having a Conflict of Interest and who is in attendance at the meeting shall disclose all facts material to the Conflict of Interest. Such disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. (b) A director or committee member who plans not to attend a meeting at which he or she has reason to believe that the board or committee will act on a matter in which the person has a Conflict of Interest shall disclose to the chair of the meeting all facts material to the Conflict of Interest. The chair shall report the disclosure at the meeting and the disclosure shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. (c) A person who has a Conflict of Interest shall not participate in or be permitted to hear the boards’ or committee’s discussion of the matter except to disclose material facts and to respond to questions. Such person shall not attempt to exert his or her personal influence with respect to the matter, either at or outside the meeting. (d) A person who has a Conflict of Interest with respect to a Contract or Transaction that will be voted on at a meeting shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum for purposes of the vote. The person having a conflict of interest may not vote on the Contract or Transaction and shall not be present in the meeting room when the vote is taken, unless the vote is by secret ballot. Such person’s ineligibility to vote shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. For purposes of this paragraph, a member of the Board of Directors of Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. has a Conflict of Interest when he or she stands for election as an officer or for re-election as a member of the Board of Directors. (e) Responsible Persons who are not members of the Board of Directors of Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc., or who have a Conflict of Interest with respect to a Contract or Transaction that is not the subject of Board or committee actions, shall disclose to the Chair or the Chair’s designee any Conflict of Interest that such Responsible Person has with respect to a Contract or Transaction. Such disclosure shall be made as soon as the Conflict of Interest is known to the Responsible Person. The Responsible Person shall refrain from any action that may affect Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc.’s participation in such Contract or Transaction. In the event it is not entirely clear that a Conflict of Interest exists, the individual with the potential conflict shall disclose the circumstances to the Chair or the Chair’s designee, who shall determine whether there exists a Conflict of Interest that is subject to this policy.

Section 7.4 Confidentiality. Each Responsible Person shall exercise care not to disclose confidential information acquired in connection with such status or information the disclosure of which might be adverse to the interests of Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc.. Furthermore, a Responsible Person shall not disclose or use information relating to the business of Cortland Figure

Skating Club, Inc. for the personal profit or advantage of the Responsible Person or a Family Member.

Section 7.5 Review of policy. (a) Each new Responsible Person shall be required to review a copy of this policy and to acknowledge in writing that he or she has done so. (b) Each Responsible Person shall annually complete a disclosure form identifying any relationships, positions or circumstances in which the Responsible Person is involved that he or she believes could contribute to a Conflict of Interest arising. Such relationships, positions or circumstances might include service as a director of or consultant to a nonprofit organization, or ownership of a business that might provide goods or services to Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc. Any such information regarding business interests of a Responsible Person or a Family Member shall be treated as confidential and shall generally be made available only to the Chair, the Executive Director, and any committee appointed to address Conflicts of Interest, except to the extent additional disclosure is necessary in connection with the implementation of this Policy. (c) Each member of the Board of Directors shall review this policy annually and provide a signed Conflict of Interest Form each year. Any changes to the policy shall be communicated immediately to all Responsible Persons.

## **ARTICLE VIII CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

If any member of the Club has a complaint against another member of the Club for an infraction of any Bylaw, rule, policy or procedure of the Club, other than skating rules, they may file a complaint in writing to the Board of Directors of the Club. Such complaints will be investigated and resolved according to the Club's conflict resolution policy that the Club is required to adopt and have in effect in accordance with the Bylaws of U.S. Figure Skating.

## **ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION**

The Club shall indemnify any Director, Officer or agent of the Club to the fullest extent permitted by the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law and any other applicable laws of the State if (i) such person conducted himself or herself in good faith, (ii) such person reasonably believed (A) in the case of a director acting in his or her official capacity, that his or her conduct was in the Club's best interests, or (B) in all other cases, that such person's conduct was at least not opposed to the Club's best interests, and (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, such party had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. However, the Club may not indemnify a person either (i) in connection with a proceeding by the Club in which the person is or has been adjudged liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of the person's duty to the Club or (ii) in connection with any proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the person, whether or not involving action in the person's official capacity, in which the person was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by the person (even if the Club was not thereby damaged). Any indemnification under this Article (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Club only if authorized in the specific case after a determination has been made that the person is eligible for indemnification in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in this Article and after an evaluation has been made as to the reasonableness of the expenses. Any such determination, evaluation and authorization shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board, which quorum

shall consist of directors not parties to the subject proceeding, or by such other person or body as permitted by law.

## **ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 10.1 Records. The Club shall keep as permanent records minutes of all meetings of its members and Board of Directors, a record of all actions taken by the members or Board of Directors without a meeting and of actions taken by a committee in place of the Board of Directors, and a record of all waivers of notices of meetings of members, the Board of Directors or any committee. The Club shall also maintain the following records: (A) appropriate accounting records; (B) its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; (C) Board resolutions relating to the characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations and obligations of members or any class or category of members, if any (D) a list of the names and business or home addresses of its current Directors and Officers; (E) a copy of its most recent corporate report delivered to the State; (F) a record of its members which permits preparation of a list of the name and address of all members in alphabetical order and, if applicable, by class which shows the number of votes each member is entitled to cast; (G) all written communications within the past three (3) years to members; and (H) all financial statements prepared for periods during the last three (3) years that a member of the Club could have requested under the State law.

Section 10.2 Inspection and Copying of Club Records. Upon written demand delivered at least five (5) business days before the date on which a member wishes to inspect and copy any of the Club records identified in Section 10.1 of this Article, a member, their agent or attorney is entitled to inspect and copy such records during regular business hours at the Club's principal office. The Club may impose a reasonable charge, covering the costs of labor and material, for copies of the documents provided. The charge may not exceed the estimated cost of production and reproduction of the records. A member may also inspect any other records at a reasonable location specified by the Club upon the same terms and conditions. Members entitled to inspect these other records must also meet the following requirements: (i) the member must have been a member at least three (3) months immediately preceding the demand; (ii) the demand must be made in good faith and for a proper purpose; (iii) the member must describe with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records the member desires to inspect; and (iv) the records must be directly connected with the described purpose. The rights set forth herein may not be abolished or limited by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Section 10.3 Limitations on Use of Membership List. Unless the Board of Directors gives its consent, the Club's membership list or any part thereof may not be: (i) obtained or used by any person for any purpose unrelated to a member's interest as a member; (ii) used to solicit money or property unless such money or property will be used solely to solicit the votes of the members in an election by the corporation; (iii) used for any commercial purpose; or (iv) sold to or purchased by any person.

Section 10.4 Financial Statements. Upon the written request of any member, the Club shall mail to such member its most recent annual financial statements, if any, and its most recently published financial statements, if any, showing in reasonable detail its assets and liabilities and results of its operations.

Section 10.5 Conveyances and Encumbrances. Property of the Club may be assigned, conveyed or encumbered by such Officers of the Club as may be authorized to do so by the Board of Directors, and such authorized persons shall have power to execute and deliver any and all

instruments of assignment, conveyance and encumbrance; however, the sale, exchange, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Club shall be authorized only in the manner prescribed by applicable statute.

Section 10.6 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year will begin on September 1st of each year and end on August 31st of the following year.

Section 10.7 Severability. The invalidity of any provision of these Bylaws shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and in such event these Bylaws shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid provision were omitted.

Section 10.8 Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any meeting of the members at which a quorum is present, and not otherwise.

### **BYLAWS CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned certifies that he/she is the Secretary of Cortland Figure Skating Club, Inc., and that he/she is authorized to execute this certificate on behalf of said Club and the foregoing is a complete and correct copy of the presently effective Bylaws of the Club.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_