



SKATE WINNIPEG SKATER AND PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Skaters and parents/guardians agree to represent Skate Winnipeg Figure Skating Club in a respectful manner.
2. Skaters and parents/guardians agree to maintain cooperative relationships with skaters, parents/guardians and coaches for the purpose of ensuring a positive skating environment.
3. Skaters are expected to dress and behave in an appropriate and respectful manner during all sessions/programs, events and in the dressing rooms. Bullying, harassment, intimidation, impersonation, vandalism, theft, intentional contact, kicking the ice and inappropriate discussions, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol, sex and foul language are not permitted. These expectations extend to social media, particularly where there is reasonable likelihood that Skate Winnipeg members will be part of the social media community.
4. Any Skate Winnipeg Coach has the right to initiate the Skate Winnipeg disciplinary process for skaters and parents/guardians for inappropriate behavior. Allegations of breach of Skate Winnipeg rules or Skate Canada Code of Ethics by Skate Winnipeg coaches, board members, officials, or other members should be reported to the appropriate Skate Winnipeg Authority.
5. Skaters waiting for their session should not distract skaters who are on session.
6. Skaters should be respectful of start/end times of a session. Normally, skaters should consult with a coach if they need to leave the ice surface during a session.
7. Skaters agree to commit to an energized work ethic that enhances our training environment.
8. Parents are expected to respect the coaches and refrain from coaching or communicating with skaters during sessions because it may conflict with the coaches' plans and interrupting the focus of skaters maybe hazardous. Videotaping or photographing of your skater can be a great positive memory—if you have the consent of the skater and the coach.
9. All Skate Winnipeg members are expected to respect skaters and coaches, and refrain from “trash talk” with each other regarding skaters and coaches.
10. Inappropriate and/or disrespectful behavior by skaters or parents/guardians to coaches or Club Administration will be addressed through the disciplinary processes of Skate Winnipeg, Skate Canada Manitoba, or Skate Canada, as appropriate.
11. Skaters or parents/guardians are not to loiter in the players or music box. Parents/guardians should be 10 feet from these areas. Parents/guardians can communicate with the coaches after the session is over, not during session time.
12. Skaters are responsible for keeping the dressing rooms clean and tidy. They are responsible for putting away their own personal items and properly disposing of any garbage.
13. Casual ice skaters must have the pre-authorization to skate from the Head Coach, Assistant Head Coach (or delegate). They must pay their fees in full prior to skating or have made prior arrangements with the registrar for payment.

14. During the active registration period for skating sessions, the Head Coach has the right to place skaters on another session due to numbers on sessions, the skater's ability, work ethic and ice awareness and coaches' needs to fulfill lesson requests. The skater (or parent /guardian where the skater is a minor) and the skater's primary coach will be informed of any such changes to requested sessions at the earliest possible moment, recognizing decisions cannot be made before registration deadlines. Requests for skaters to skate up to a session in which the test requirement is not met must come from the skater's primary coach and be directed to the Head Coach. Appeals can be directed in writing to the Coaching Committee. The decision of the coaching committee is final.
15. Sessions cannot be traded for alternative choices except in extenuating circumstances and require prior approval of the Head Coach and/or delegated Board Member.
16. Non-Payment of Club or coach fees will result in suspension of skating privileges, where non-payment continues pursuant to confidential discussion and agreements between the parties involved.
17. Skate Winnipeg members (skaters, officials, coaches, employees, board members, volunteers) are expected to abide by the Skate Canada Conflict of Interest policy
18. Please direct any concerns to your Coach and the Head Coach, or to the appropriate Skate Winnipeg authority.

Session Rules & Etiquette:

- Skaters skating their program to music, skaters on the harness, and skaters in lessons have the right of way; but all skaters need to be aware of their surroundings and respect everyone on the ice.
- Skaters generally should practice jumps in the end sections of the ice surface. Once a jump is completed, skaters should skate out of the area immediately.
- Skaters generally should spin in the middle of the rink unless in practicing spin elements in program sections, during their program, or in a lesson.
- Skaters are to get up and out of the way immediately after a fall.
- Coaches are expected to ensure that their skater in a lesson is not impeding the flow of a session.
- When skating away from the boards, pay attention to oncoming skaters
- No socializing on the ice or loitering near boards or water bottles.
- Coaches should be aware of their surroundings and the flow of a session while working with their skaters.
- Parents/guardians are not permitted in players benches or penalty boxes
- Skaters should not normally leave the ice without the consent of the coach.
- Skaters may not enter the ice surface without a coach or Skate Winnipeg Board member present, unless otherwise instructed. They must also leave the ice immediately when the Zamboni enters.

SKATE WINNIPEG CLUB SKATER/PARENT (OR GUARDIAN) AGREEMENT FORM

THIS PORTION MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR (i.e. WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE SKATE CANADA REGISTRATION SEASON), OR THE FIRST DAY OF TRAINING AT SKATE WINNIPEG FOR THE SEASON.

SKATE WINNIPEG SKATERS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE ICE UNTIL A SIGNED COPY OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT IS ON FILE WITH THE CLUB. SKATERS AND PARENTS/GUARDIAN SHOULD RETAIN ONE COPY OF THE FORM AND REVIEW IT PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

VISITING SKATERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A SIGNED CODE OF CONDUCT BUT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADHERING TO THE SKATE WINNIPEG CODE OF CONDUCT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN SKATE WINNIPEG PROGRAMS.

DISCLAIMER

The Skate Winnipeg Club assumes no responsibility for accidents or injuries however caused and the applicant agrees to release the proprietors from all claims or damages arising as a result of such accidents or losses.

I have read, understand and hereby agree to abide by and support Skate Winnipeg Code of Conduct for Skaters and Parents/Guardian. I understand that non-compliance will result in warning and repeated misconduct may result in suspension, as per the appropriate disciplinary processes of Skate Winnipeg, Skate Manitoba, and/or Skate Canada.

Skater's Name: _____

Skater's Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Accepted by: _____
(Board Member)

(Date)

Submit signed copy to: codeofconduct@skatewinnipeg.ca