

PCFSC SKATERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Skating is a competitive sport requiring safe and respectful behaviour from all participants, both on and off the ice. Skaters need to be aware of one another to ensure the safety of everyone. Skating is both an individual and a team sport, so all skaters must act as a team and support one another while sharing the ice.

Each skater at the Port Carling Figure Skating Club (PCFSC) is responsible for being aware of and practicing the rules of etiquette and safety as noted in this document. This code of Conduct must be followed during all training sessions. All PCFSC skaters are expected to act in accordance with these rules while representing our Club at exhibitions, competitions and other events.

GENERAL CONDUCT:

1. Skaters and parents must be respectful at all times to everyone, including their fellow skaters and parents both on and off the ice in accordance with the Skate Canada Rules.
2. A Board Member or Coach has the authority to remove any skater from the ice for inappropriate conduct or non-payment of fees.
3. For insurance reasons, Parents/Guardians are not permitted on the ice surface. Parents, Guardians or designate should remain in the arena for the entire session.
4. Coaches are not to be disturbed during lessons including club time or private lessons. Discussions should take place either prior to or after the session time.
5. Skaters may go to another session for a private lesson with a coach. The skater is to remain on the ice only for the time of the lesson. Skaters may skate up or down one level only.
6. If you're looking to skate an additional session within your level, a guest fee applies of \$10. Guest fees must be paid before skating. Guest fees are payable to a Board Member. Please notify your coach of your intention to guest skate. Guest Skating is limited to 3 times per month; otherwise, full payment for the additional session fee applies.
7. Money and valuables should not be left unattended. PCFSC can bear no responsibility for lost or stolen items.
8. Skaters and Parents are encouraged to make an effort to support their fellow skaters during regular sessions and competitions/events.
9. Concerns/Complaints will be reviewed only if submitted in writing to the President or Vice President, and will be reviewed by the PCFSC officers of the Board. All concerns/complaints will be handled with the highest level of privacy.
10. It is the skater and parent responsibility to ensure that they are prepared and on time for their skating session, arriving, wherever possible, at least 10 minutes prior to the onset of the session.
11. Bullying, victimizing, harassing (sexual or otherwise), impersonating, vandalizing or theft will not be tolerated.

12. While recognizing social media as an exciting avenue to share opinions, interest and knowledge, observing the following guidelines will help PCFSC Skaters, Parents, Coaches, and Club Executive make informed decisions on the appropriate use of social media, which includes but is not limited to personal and professional websites, blogs, social networks such as Facebook and Twitter, video and photo sharing sites such as YouTube and Instagram, and email. PCFSC requires stakeholders to take full responsibility for their own words and actions. PCFSC will not tolerate unacceptable content, defined as anything that:

- Is being used to abuse, harass, stalk, or threaten others
- Is libelous, knowingly false, or misrepresents another person or organization
- Infringes on a copyright or trademark
- Violates an obligation of confidentiality
- Violates the privacy of others
- PCFSC will NOT tolerate negative comments about organizations, athletes, or officials.

ICE RULES:

Right of Way Rules

1. Skaters in a lesson or during their solo to their music have the right of way. Regardless of priority – safety must come first. Use common sense and regardless of who has the right of way, both skaters must stop before a collision.
2. When a dance is played, the skater with the coach who requested the dance music will skate first.
3. Solo or dance music will be played in the order of coach request.
4. Spin in the center. Jump at the corners. Do not linger in these areas.
5. It is important to always be aware, cautious and considerate of everyone on the ice. Within each session, there are a variety of skating levels sharing the same ice.

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1. Skaters may not enter the ice surface until the Zamboni doors have closed.
2. Food, drink and gum are not permitted on the ice. Water bottles must be left at the boards. No glassware is permitted.
3. Skaters are expected to be skating at all times when on the ice. Skaters must get up promptly after a fall in order to keep pathways clear for other skaters.
4. Attention must be paid to the position of other skaters and coaches while skating to ensure the safety of all.
5. Foul language, yelling, abusive or aggressive behaviour, including kicking or picking holes and the intentional making of “snow” is prohibited.

6. Pushing, tripping, horseplay, tag, racing or intentional interference with other skaters is not permitted.
7. Proper attire must be worn on all sessions (Girls: tights, dresses, skirt, leggings or athletic non-baggy pants. Boys: athletic non-baggy pants). Long hair should be tied back.
8. All Skaters who have not passed Stage 5 must wear a helmet. (CSA-approved helmet is strongly recommended)
9. Skaters must follow the session schedule i.e. free skate only during free skate time, dance only during dance time, etc. unless in a lesson with their coach.
10. All skaters, including guest skaters, must skate on the session for which they are qualified.
11. All skaters are to participate in group stroking sessions unless receiving a private lesson.
12. Skaters should not leave the ice surface during a session unless absolutely necessary. It is good practice to obtain a coach's permission before leaving the ice.
13. Skaters must clear the ice promptly at the end of the session.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

Disciplinary Action will commence when a written letter of complaint is forwarded to the President or Vice President. This letter will be reviewed by the officers of the board, who make up the Disciplinary Committee. Upon receiving a written letter of complaint outlining a violation of the Code of Conduct, the disciplinary committee will proceed with the following disciplinary action:

1st Offence: Verbal warning by the Skater's Coach or the PCFSC Board of Directors. The Skater's Parent/Guardian will be informed of the warning if the Skater is under the Age of Majority.

2nd Offence: Letter from the Disciplinary Committee will be addressed to the Skater and Parent/Guardian outlining the nature of the violation.

3rd Offence: Suspension from all Club programs without compensation for 1 week. This includes all competitions and test days. Written complaints relating to misconduct of spectators/Parents/Guardians may result in suspension from the arena.

4th Offence: Skater may be asked to leave the Club at the Board's discretion. In the case of a serious breach of conduct, the skater may be immediately suspended at the Board's discretion. In cases of suspension or expulsion, no refund of any kind will be granted.

More serious offences require a more immediate action. In rare circumstances, the Disciplinary Committee may bypass one or more steps in the procedure as circumstances warrant.

Please note that this Code of Conduct may be revised at the discretion of the PCFSC executive.

I have reviewed and understand this Code of Conduct and agree to uphold its principles:

Skater's Name (please print): _____

Signatures: Skater: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____