

# ***Thoroughbred Figure Skating Club's Skaters Code of Conduct and Ice Etiquette***

As a member of our club, all skaters must adhere to this Code of Conduct at all times.

TFSC is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for members, physical, emotional and social development and ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct. The skater code of conduct has been established to ensure the safety of all members using our ice to ensure quality practice time for all home club members and guests who purchase ice from the club and who participate in all club related activities.

All skaters, regardless of whether they hold club membership, nonmember or guest must follow and uphold the tenets in this Skater Code of Conduct regarding behavior on and off the ice. All club members are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and be courteous toward their fellow skaters, coaches, and parents of skaters, US Figure Skating Officials and guest. The Skater Code of Conduct must be followed not only at our own rink, but also as guest of other clubs rinks and activities.

Our club is committed to promoting a positive and friendly environment for all skaters. Remember "The Golden Rule" – treat other people like you want to be treated – with respect.

## **Ice Etiquette and Safety**

1. All skaters and coaches will respect each other and be courteous to each other at all times.
2. All skaters and coaches will abide by the rules of the Lexington Ice Center (LIC) at all times.
3. Ice time is for training. During free skate sessions, skaters who are not skating must leave the ice:
  - a. Boots must always be retied off the ice.
  - b. Standing around and socializing on the ice and playing tag on the ice are prohibited.
4. Professionals and ice monitors are in positions of authority. Respect and act politely towards all professionals and ice monitors.
5. While in lesson or practice, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.
6. Skaters must skate with the flow of other skaters and familiarize themselves with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins.
7. Advanced skaters are expected to exhibit patience toward beginner members of the club. Remember, you were an inexperienced skater once, and it takes time for our future generation to advance to the point where they are completely comfortable skating with all levels of skaters.
8. Skaters must sign in and/or pay for the session at the front office before entering the ice.
9. Eating, drinking, and gum chewing by skaters on the ice is prohibited. Plastic water bottles only are permitted.
10. Personal headsets and headphones are prohibited on the ice.
11. Keep safety in mind for yourself and other skaters. LIC reserves the right to remove any person who is a danger to him or herself, or to other skaters.
12. Respect each other's property. Do not touch another skater's property without permission.
13. Skaters may not interrupt a coach who is giving a lesson to another student. All skaters should realize that practicing their programs is a critical part of their training. With that said, the following guidelines for programs shall be enforced during all free skate sessions
  - a. Skaters should line up their CDs by the wall next to the CD player at the beginning of a session. The order is first come, first serve.
  - b. After warming up, a skater will begin calling out the names of the skaters in the line on by one to see who wants to do their program. When a skater's name is called, he or she has the option of doing his or her program at that time. If the skater doesn't wish to do the program, his or her CD is moved to the back of the line and the next skater's name is called.
  - c. A professional may "cut in" and request to have a skater's music played during that skater's lesson time. Such a request will receive priority. Only one such request, however, may be made in a ten-minute period.
  - d. Other skaters and coaches should refrain from yelling out the program skater's name, i.e. "Watch out for Susie!!!"

14. Skaters doing their program with music – regardless of their level – have the right of way over all other skaters. Skaters in the harness have the right of way, with the exception of the skater who is doing his or her program with music. Skaters in a lesson have the right of way over all other skaters, with the exceptions of skaters doing a program to music and skaters who are in the harness.
15. Skaters must wear proper skating attire during all free skate sessions.
  - a. Skaters are to retrieve their clothing items, tissues, water bottles and other personal belongings prior to exiting the ice.
  - b. Skaters and coaches must exit the ice immediately when the session is over and/or when told to do so by the rink management.

Unsafe or Discourteous behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Any skater displaying such behavior may be asked to leave the skating session or activity. If such behavior continues, the skater may have other consequences such as dismissal from the club and all its activities.

As a member of the **Thoroughbred Figure Skating Club**, I agree to abide by the above listed **TFSC's Rules of Skating Etiquette**.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_