



SCPSC SKATERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Skating is a competitive sport requiring safe and courteous behaviour from all participants, both on and off the ice. Skaters need to be aware of one another to ensure safety for everyone. Although skating is primarily an "individual" sport, all skaters must act as a team and exhibit team mentality while sharing the ice.

Each skater at the Pickering Skating Club 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 in all training sessions. Also, all Pickering skaters are expected to act in accordance with these rules while representing our Club at exhibitions, competitions and other events.

ON ICE CONDUCT

1. Food, drink and gum are not permitted on the ice. Water bottles are acceptable but must be left at the boards. Glass bottles are prohibited.
2. Skaters are expected to be skating at all times when on the ice. They are expected to get up promptly after a fall, if uninjured, in order to keep pathways clear for other skaters.
3. Skaters must look in the direction of travel when skating backwards.
4. Pay attention to the position of other skaters and coaches at all times. Be especially alert for reverse jumpers, or coaches teaching with their back to you, as they may not be able to see you.
5. When practicing routines, skaters must learn to manoeuvre around each other and coaches, and still complete jumps, spins and footwork successfully. (See On Ice Right of Way Rules)
6. The ice surface should be used for practice and not chatting. Working in small groups with coach approval is acceptable.
7. Foul language, yelling, abusive or aggressive behaviour, including kicking or picking holes in the ice and intentional making of "snow" is prohibited.
8. Pushing, tripping, horseplay, tag, racing or intentional interference with other skaters is not permitted on the ice or elsewhere in the arena. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated from skaters or parents and could result in immediate suspension.
9. Parents of skaters are responsible for the behaviour of their child during all sessions.
10. When standing near the boards (e.g. while taking direction from a coach), do not enter the flow of skaters without checking to make sure you're not going to cut someone off.
11. Proper attire must be worn on all sessions (Girls: tights, skirt or leggings. Boys: athletic non-baggy pants). Long hair should always be tied back.
12. For safety, if you must leave a session before its completion, please tell a coach
13. Skaters must clear the ice promptly at the end of the session.
14. Parents and board members should not interrupt a coach in a lesson unless it's with their own child.
15. Skaters and parents must respect all coaches at all times. Coaches have absolute control during skating sessions.
16. The use of all electronic devices including cell phones by skaters is prohibited while on the ice. The taking of a video by a skater could be done from the penalty box.
17. The taking of pictures or videos is prohibited in the change rooms.
18. Permission must be given by the skater and parent to post pictures or videos on social media by other skaters or parents. (By registering, parents have already agreed to have their child's photograph posted on social media by the Skate Canada Pickering Skating Club publications, etc.)
19. The gates in the rink boards must be kept closed while a session is in progress, to ensure the safety of skaters on the ice. Sitting on the boards is not permitted.
20. Skaters must have equal opportunity to have their music played. Coaches may only ask for one solo at a time. Parents may not request a solo to be played.
21. A coach has the right to ask a skater to leave the ice due to improper conduct, and communication will follow to the parent.
22. Members will not cause damage to any arena, persons, or property of the Skate Canada Pickering Skating Club.
23. Only members in good standing with the club will be allowed to skate, take tests and participate in competitions. Members not in good standing may be suspended at the board's discretion.

ON ICE RIGHT OF WAY RULES

1. Ice etiquette must be obeyed – Skaters in a lesson have the first right of way; skaters having their solo/music played have the second right of way. (Regardless of priority, safety must always 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.
2. Solo or dance music will be played in the order of coach request, followed by a skater request.
3. Spin in the centre. This allows room at the ends of the rink for preparations for jumps and for other skaters to manoeuvre around the spinning skater.

GENERAL RINK BEHAVIOUR

1. Be on time and ready to skate!
2. For insurance reasons, only registered Skate Canada members are permitted on the ice, except in a medical emergency or during certain pre-arranged Club Events (e.g. Family Skate Day)
3. Spectators may watch from the stands and are requested not to stand by the boards. They must refrain from conversing with or offering direction to skaters on the ice. If a skater needs more direction, the coach should be consulted after the session and a plan developed to help the skater become more independent.
4. Young skaters and other children may not be left unattended while at the arena. Parents/guardians of Preschoolers, CanSkaters and STARSkaters under the age of 12 must remain in attendance during the entire session.
5. Money and valuables should not be left unattended. The Pickering Skating Club can bear no responsibility for lost or stolen items.
6. At team events and competitions, skaters are encouraged to make an effort to support their fellow skaters during their performance.
7. Skaters are allowed to skate only on the sessions they are qualified and registered for – or have board approval. If a skater wishes to skate on an extra session, a ticket should be purchased beforehand and given to a coach at the start of the session.
8. Drugs and/or alcohol use will not be tolerated at the club or at a competition by either skater or parent. This could result in immediate suspension of the skater.
9. Your office is manned by volunteers so please be respectful.
10. Skaters are to clean up after themselves in the change rooms.
11. Parents are not to talk to Program Assistants but are free to consult coaches when they are off the ice.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If a skater violates the Code of Conduct, disciplinary action will be:

1st offence: Verbal warning by the skater's coach or the Pickering Skating Club 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 Pickering Skating Club President to the skater or the skater's parent/guardian and coach if the skater is under the age of majority. The parent may request a meeting between the skater, their coach and at least 2 board members.

3rd offence: Suspension from all Club programs without compensation for a week. This includes all competitions and test days.

4th offence: Skater will be asked to leave the Club with no refund.

If the behaviour of a skater is considered to be in serious breach of conduct, said skater may be immediately suspended at the Board's discretion. In cases of suspension or expulsion, no refund of any kind will be granted.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by the SCPSC skaters code of conduct.

Print Name (Skater) _____

Signature (Skater) _____ Date: _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian) _____ Date: _____