



U.S. Figure Skating and the Skating Club of CNY Parents Code of Conduct 2017-2018

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

By signing below I hereby agree that:

1. I will encourage my child to skate in a safe and healthy manner. I will read the ice etiquette and safety rules to/with my child, explain their meaning, and teach my child to obey these rules.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches and officials at every practice session, competition and test session. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or blame my child's teammates for placement in a competition.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the results of a competitive event. I will be a positive role model for my child and for other skaters.
4. I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes.
5. I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
6. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from coaching my child or other skaters during competitions and practices because it may conflict with the coach's plan or strategies.
7. I will encourage my child to treat other skaters, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability.
8. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand a figure skating environment for my child that is free of drug or alcohol abuse and agree that I will not use or provide to a third party any drug proscribed by applicable federal, state, or municipal law.

10. I will not assist or condone any competing athlete's use of a drug banned by the International Olympic Committee, International Skating Union, United States Olympic Committee, or U.S. Figure Skating, or, in case of athletes, to use such drugs or refuse to submit to properly conducted drug tests administered by one of these organizations.
11. I will not provide alcohol to, or condone the use of alcohol by minors, abuse alcohol in the presence of athlete members, or at U.S. Figure Skating activities or, in the case of athletes, consume alcoholic beverages while a minor.
12. I will respect the decisions of officials and their authority during competitions and test sessions and teach my child to do likewise. I will study the rules of the U.S. Figure Skating and teach my child accordingly so that we have an understanding and appreciation of the rules of competition and membership.
13. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials. I will treat all members of the Skating Club of Central New York and their families with respect.
14. I understand and agree that any e-mail messages or online postings that I send that involve the Skating Club of Central New York, including its skaters, parents, family members, coaches, judges, and guests shall be of a positive nature. I also understand and agree that any postings that do not meet these criteria shall be subject to sanction by the Skating Club of Central New York Board of Directors.
15. Any parent who is overheard speaking in a derogatory or negative tone about another member or parent will be subject to disciplinary action by the SC of CNY Board of Directors. This includes making statements about: a member/coach/official or guest's appearance, their skating ability, the person's friends or family. SC of CNY is committed to promoting a positive and friendly environment for all skaters. Please treat your fellow skaters as you would like to be treated: with kindness and respect.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read the terms above and agree to be bound by them.

Signature: _____
Printed Name/ Signature

Date: _____