



Skater Code Of Conduct

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

General Guidelines:

Fergus Falls Skating Club (FFSC) 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. This 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, associate, non-members and guests who purchase ice from the club and who participate in all club-related activities.

1. All skaters, regardless of whether they hold home club, associate, non-member or guest status 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, parents of skaters, U.S. Figure Skating officials and guests.
2. 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. While in lesson or practice, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.
2. Skaters must skate with the flow of other skaters and familiarize themselves with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins.
3. The only time a skater has the SOLE right of way is when they are skating their program to music. When you hear another member's music, please extend that person the courtesy and move out of their path momentarily. This only takes a moment and you will enjoy the same courtesy while you are performing your program.
4. 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.

Unsafe or Discourteous Behavior:

Unsafe or discourteous behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

For more information on Etiquette guidelines go to <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe>

A code of conduct is a set of standards describing the behavior we expect of our own members especially when serving in different capacities within the organization – skater, parent, coach, official, or board member. It is meant to clarify our mission, values and principles, and linking them with standards of conduct we expect from our members.

U.S. Figure Skating encourages all member clubs and programs to develop and implement codes of conduct for its members. Below are examples for clubs and programs to use in creating, implementing and enforcing their own codes of conduct for skaters, parents, coaches, and board members.



The following are suggested approaches to addressing offenses to the codes of conduct – depending upon the seriousness of the offense. Adhere to the conflict resolution process should be outlined in the club's bylaws.

Violations and the manner in which they will be dealt with:

Violations of any tenets will be addressed at the time they occur depending upon the seriousness of the offense by a member of the club board of directors following the procedures outlined in the conflict resolution or grievance process.

First offense:

Club member will be addressed verbally (in private) regarding the violation.

Second offense:

If there is a second violation, the member will be removed from the activity and given a written warning. A face-to-face meeting with the member and/or member's parent or legal guardian may be in order.

Repeated offenses:

If the member continually violates any tenet of the code of conduct, repeat offenses will be taken very seriously by the club board of directors. Discipline may include loss of club privileges for extended periods, and/or revocation of club membership.

Must be signed and dated.

Fergus Fall Skating Club Code of Conduct Agreement Form

I, _____[member's name printed], have read the Code of Conduct and agree to uphold all guidelines and tenets of this document.

Skater's signature if 18 years or older

Date

Parent's or Legal Guardian's signature if under 18 years of age

Date