



Dundas Figure Skating Club

Code of Conduct for STARSkaters & Families

Overview

The Dundas Figure Skating Club (DFSC) strives to create a safe, enjoyable and inclusive environment for all skaters, coaches, volunteers and family members. While engaged in Club activities, all skaters (regardless of whether they hold home club or guest status) and family members are expected to adhere to proper skating etiquette and abide by this Code of Conduct. Coaches and board members have the right and responsibility to enforce the code of conduct rules.

Action for Non-compliance

Any coach may advise any skater or parent of non-compliance to the Code of Conduct. Please note that all complaints shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors.

A. General

1. The Club has a zero tolerance for bullying.
2. All skaters, their families, coaches, and Club volunteers must treat one another with kindness and respect.
3. Foul language is not allowed. All skaters and families must refrain from making negative or disrespectful comments at the arena. This applies to all places within the arena, both off-ice and on-ice.
4. Change room conversations should be mindful, respectful and inclusive. Conversations should be appropriate for skaters of all ages and stages.
5. When a skater attends a competition or special skating event, the skater is representing the Club. The Club expects the skaters to treat skaters, coaches and volunteers from other Clubs with respect.

B. Off-Ice

1. When participating in off-ice classes, skaters should wear proper athletic footwear; no boots, sandals, clogs, Crocs or bare feet.



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2. Skaters should use the assigned change room to put on their skates. Gender and age inclusive change rooms are considered public spaces and as such skaters shall remain fully clothed in them, except in the washroom stalls.
3. Skaters should not leave money and valuables in the change room areas. The Club is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

C. On-Ice

Priority

1. All skaters on a session share the ice surface, and must remain alert to their surroundings. Skaters have the right-of-way in the following order:
 - a. *Skaters skating to their program or dance music have the first priority, and must wear the belt on the waist properly.*
 - b. *Skater who is using the jump harness with a coach;*
 - c. *Skaters in a lesson with a coach; in the programs where multiple coaches are delivering lessons to a group of skaters concurrently, all skaters are asked to remain alert to their surroundings and follow the lead of their coach.*
 - d. *All other skaters should work around others with priority and share the ice to the best of their ability.*

Music Playing

2. Skaters in a lesson with a coach have priority to have their music played.
3. No skaters should have their music played more than once until all skaters who wish to play their music have a turn.
4. Solo or dance music is not played during the club lesson.

Lessons

5. All skaters must participate in the club lesson unless they are in a separate lesson with a coach. Coaches are limited to 3 skaters per lesson during club lesson time. There will be a designated area for the private lessons.
6. Coaches and skaters shall verbally express intent and consent for physical adjustments during lessons. It is always a skater's choice to allow a physical adjustment or to decline and ask the coach to explain the positioning verbally.
7. Skaters should avoid standing and talking on the ice during the sessions. Skaters who need to have a conversation should step off the ice.



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8. Experienced skaters must be mindful of and patient with less experienced skaters who may not have the knowledge or skill to know when and how to get out of the way of a fellow skater. Less experienced skaters must also be mindful of not skating into the path of a more experienced skater.
9. If skaters need to leave the lesson earlier, or briefly leave the ice, they must tell the coach first.
10. When the session is over, skaters must leave the ice as quickly as possible.

Attire and Devices

11. Skaters should wear proper skating attire at all sessions and have long hair tied back. Jeans are too restrictive for skating.
12. The Club does not recommend hoodies and hats because they might block the skater's vision while the skaters are in motion.
13. Headphones or earbuds are prohibited on ice as they pose a safety hazard.

General

14. Skaters need to pay close attention to the movement on the ice as they step out from the board to avoid any possible collisions.
15. All skaters should be aware of the dangers when practicing elements like camel spins and back spirals. The skater should ensure adequate space and others sharing the ice should ensure that they provide a safe space. When skating backwards skaters should be watching behind them to avoid collision.
16. The Club does not permit any breakable containers (e.g., glass or ceramic), food or gum on the ice or the boards. Skaters may keep water and other sports drinks on the boards. At the end of the session, skaters must remember to remove all items from the boards.
17. No one but skaters, coaches and program assistants are allowed on the ice. Street shoes and boots are not permitted on the ice.
18. Families can watch from the seating area, but not from the opposite side of the ice where hockey player benches are located.
19. Families should refrain from coaching from the stands or the boards. Coaches are responsible for the coaching on the ice.



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20. All doors to the ice should remain closed during the sessions.
21. To avoid any possible collisions, skaters who fall on the ice must get up as quickly as possible. If you see someone has fallen and is injured, get a coach to come help.
22. Skaters should not kick, stomp, toe-pick or make intentional snow on the ice.
23. Skaters should not intentionally interfere with other skaters (e.g., pushing or tripping).