



# 2023 Sydney Figure Skating Club Code of Conduct

Our society expects high standards of behaviour from all people involved in sport, whatever the capacity in which they are involved - athletes, coaches, officials, parents, spectators, volunteers, officials and/or administrators.

It is vital these expectations are met and the integrity of sport maintained. Regardless of the nature of a person's involvement in sport, the essence of Australian Sport provides four guiding principles that lead to appropriate behaviour: Fairness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety. The following Codes of Behaviour reflect and uphold these principles and provide guidance as to the behaviour expected of SFSC members.

## General SFSC Member Code of Conduct – All Members

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost;
2. Legal Guardians, please ensure that you encourage your child to have fun, participate and give their best to this sport. It is not about winning at all costs.
4. Treat each person as an individual and how you would like to be treated.
5. Display control and courtesy to all involved with sport, ensuring that your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment for everyone.
6. Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
7. Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport. Legal guardians should model this behaviour for their skater;
8. Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years (a child), without explicit approval from a child's parental guardian;
9. Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions ensuring that you do not display or tolerate harmful, abusive, intimidatory or otherwise unacceptable behaviour that could be seen to bring yourself or SFSC into disrepute;
11. Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions;



12. Never engage in any action that can be deemed not to support the SFSC including, but not restricted to, using an open forum such as social media posts or attendance at any rinks that you/your child skate and/or any SFSC events that you/your child are in attendance at, to attack, ridicule or object to SFSC or SFSC rules or policies.

### **Extra Code of Conduct for Skaters:**

1. Give your best at all times;
2. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
3. Play by the rules;
4. Never argue with an official. If you disagree have your coach approach the official after the competition;
5. Control your temper. Verbal abuses of officials, sledging other skaters or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent or any other skater on ice or off ice at the rink are not acceptable or permitted behaviours.
6. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
7. Be a good sport. Applaud all good skating.
8. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully, intimidate or otherwise display unacceptable behaviour towards another competitor or skater.
9. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.. Without them, there would be no competition.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
11. Always follow the rules of the rink that you are training at and do not undertake any activity that does or could be seen to bring yourself and/or SFSC into disrepute.

### **SFSC COMMITTEE**

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