

## Skater Code of Conduct

Parents, please review this with your child.

As Fort Collins Figure Skating Club members, all skaters must adhere to this Code of Conduct. A Code of conduct is a set of standards describing the behavior we expect of our members.

### **General Guidelines:**

Fort Collins Figure Skating Club is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for our members' physical, emotional, and social development and promoting an environment free of misconduct. This Skater Code of Conduct has been established to ensure the safety of all members using our ice and to ensure quality practice time for all home club members, associates, non-members, and guests who purchase ice from the club and 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 promotes a positive and friendly environment for all skaters. Remember "The Golden Rule": treat others as you want to be treated—respectfully.
3. All skaters who skate on Contract Ice must attend the "Nice on the Ice" class offered by the Fort Collins Recreation Department.
4. Vaping, smoking, drinking alcohol, or drug use is strictly prohibited on all city owned or operated facilities and their grounds, including EPIC and its parking lot. Violating this rule will result in immediate disciplinary action following the club's procedures for violating codes of conduct.
5. All skaters will refrain from swearing or yelling at other skaters or coaches within earshot of younger skaters, spreading slanderous gossip, intimidation either in person or on social media, or other inappropriate speech or conversations.

### **Ice Etiquette and Safety:**

1. While in lesson or practice, the skater is always responsible for being conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.
2. Skaters must follow the flow of other skaters and familiarize themselves with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins.

3. Skaters only have the SOLE right of way when skating their program to music. When you hear another member's music, please extend that person the courtesy and momentarily move out of their path. This only takes a moment, and you will enjoy the same courtesy while performing your program.

4. Advanced skaters are expected to exhibit patience toward beginner club members. Remember, you were an inexperienced skater once, and it takes time for our future generation to advance to the point where they are entirely comfortable skating with all levels of skaters.

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

### **U.S. Figure Skating Member Code of Conduct**

#### **GR 1.02 Code of Conduct**

The following code of conduct applies to all participants in activities hosted, supported, sponsored, or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions, and training camps:

I recognize that my participation in all activities hosted, supported, sponsored, or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions, and training camps, is an honor and privilege that carries specific responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents. As a precondition to participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored, or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I will adhere to the following tenets in good faith:

A. I will exhibit the highest standards of fairness, ethical behavior, and genuine good sportsmanship in my relations with others.

B. I will not damage public or private property. I understand that I may be held financially responsible for damage deemed wantonly or willfully executed on my part and may be subject to disciplinary action by U.S. Figure Skating.

C. I will not use or possess illegal drugs, and I will not engage in criminal activity. I understand that if I am found to use or possess illegal drugs or if I am found to engage in any criminal activity during any activity hosted, supported, sponsored, or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I may be subject to criminal penalties as well as penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating.

D. I will adhere to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating and the host organization at all activities hosted, supported, sponsored, or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.

E. I will comply with all applicable anti-doping rules, including, but not limited to, ISU and USADA anti-doping rules.

F. I will conduct myself in a manner not detrimental to the welfare of figure skating. I understand that my actions reflect on both U.S. Figure Skating and the sport of figure skating positively and negatively. I understand that if my acts, statements, or conduct are considered detrimental to the welfare of figure skating by the appropriate authority, I may be subject to penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating under GR 1.04.

G. I understand that the penalties that may be imposed may include, but are not limited to, loss of future international selections, loss of financial support from U.S. Figure Skating and its Memorial Fund, and loss of participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S Figure Skating.

H. I understand that all disciplinary proceedings will be conducted under Article XXV, Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and that my rights and remedies are derived therefrom.

**Violations and how they will be dealt with:**

Violations of any tenets will be addressed when 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 members 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 the member's parent or legal guardian may be in order.

**Repeated offenses:**

If a member continually violates any tenet of the code of conduct, the club board of directors will take repeat offenses very seriously. Discipline may include, but is not limited to, losing club privileges, being prevented from testing or competing, or being suspended from the club.

**Parents, please also sign that you have reviewed the Skater Code Of Conduct with your skater.**

**Signature of participant/parent:** You are signing this Agreement electronically by typing in your name. You agree your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Agreement. You consent to be legally bound by the terms and conditions of this

agreement. You also agree that no certification authority or other third-party verification is necessary to validate your E-Signature and that the lack of such certification or third-party verification will not in any way affect the enforceability of your E-Signature. You also represent that you are authorized to enter into this Agreement for all members of this club and that the terms of this Agreement will bind such persons.