



Skater's Code of Conduct

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

General Guidelines:

The Chaska Figure Skating Club 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 provisions 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/guardians of skaters, U.S. Figure Skating officials and guests.
2. The Chaska Figure Skating 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.

In effort to keep our ice sessions safe for all, the following course(s) of action may be taken as necessary.

- Coaches and Rink Monitors have the authority to enforce conduct during club sessions.
- First offense: The skater will receive one verbal warning.
- Second offense: The skater will be asked to leave the ice for the remainder of the session.
- If a skater is asked to leave the ice more than three times, the skater, one or both parents, the skater's coach or Pro Liaison and a Board Member will meet in a conference to determine how the situation will be handled.

Ice Etiquette and Safety:

1. Kicking the ice is never tolerated. The resulting holes not only pose a safety hazard, but damage may also occur to the cooling coils lying beneath the ice surface.
2. Food, chewing gum, and drinks (except for water) are not allowed on the ice.
3. Tissues must be disposed of properly. If left on the boards, they fall to the ice and become embedded in the ice surface and pose a safety hazard. Use the garbage containers provided within the rink.
4. Foul language including swearing, street language and rude remarks are not tolerated.
5. Avoid non-essential talking on the ice. Visiting should be done off ice.
6. Skaters wearing a yellow belt have the right of way.
7. Be aware when the harness is in use and stay clear of the area.
8. All spins should be practiced in the center of the ice.
9. Avoid lutz corners unless working on a program or moves.
10. If you are on the ice surface you must be in motion. This applies to skaters and coaches. If you stop for any reason (to rest, tie skates, or take instruction from a coach) you must be against the boards on the sides. Stay away from the curved sections of the boards as skaters use this area to set up for jumps. When you are ready to return to the ice, look both ways before moving out.
11. Sitting or lying on the ice is very dangerous to you and other skaters. If you fall get up quickly and resume skating, or leave the ice if you are hurt.
12. Skaters doing shoot the ducks, hydro-blades and other moves that are low to the ice should use extreme caution during busy sessions. Shoot the ducks should be practiced close to the dasher boards – running parallel to the wall.
13. Be courteous and considerate. Show respect toward every coach, rink monitor, and skater at all times.
14. Hockey boxes should not be used by spectators, parents, or friends during practices.
15. You must conduct yourself chemically free whenever participating in a club activity, skating session, competition, or exhibition.
16. Clear the ice when the door for the Zamboni opens.

17. Skaters may not use cell phones on the ice. They must be off the ice if they are calling, texting, recording a video, etc.
18. Use earbuds according to the current policy listed below.

Earbud Policy

In an effort to maintain safety on the ice, we are implementing the measures below. These may be adjusted as we evaluate the situation.

The following prerequisites pertain to use of earbuds outside of lessons:

- Skater must be at least 15 years old
- Skater must have passed at least Juvenile Free Skate, all Silver Pattern Dances, and/or Novice Solo Free Dance.
- Only ONE earbud may be worn at any time

Please note:

1. Skaters wearing earbuds DO NOT have right-of-way and must still follow standard program, lesson, and harness priority rules.
2. Earbuds cannot be worn for the whole session, but only for running through dances or free skate programs.
3. Skaters in a lesson may wear ONE earbud without meeting the above prerequisites, but must still abide by the standard right-of-way rules.

The above are the minimum requirements and rules. Individual coaches may have more restrictive policies for their skaters. Additionally, any coach may ask a skater to remove their earbud if safety concerns are noted, such as lack of attention, an extremely busy ice session, etc.