



# Smithfield Figure Skating Club

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## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Coaches should teach their students proper on-ice ethics, such as:
  - a. Watching out for the skater with the vest.
  - b. Looking both ways before skating away from the boards.
  - c. Politeness to other skaters, coaches and volunteers.
  - d. Courtesy to any skater who is in preparation for a jump or in a spin.
  - e. Courtesy to any skater who is in the middle of a jump element or spin.
  - f. Not trying to overtake a fellow skater for a spot to do a jump or spin.
2. Coaches should extend common courtesy to their fellow coaches on and off the ice.
3. Coaches should refrain from any critical comments they may have about another coach or skater while on rink grounds, denigrating/talking down club programs, or engaging in any form of solicitation, such as:
  - a. Promoting themselves or having one of their skater/parents approach another skater/parent about lessons.
  - b. Soliciting members to go and join other skating clubs.
4. When videoing skaters, coaches should stand in one place against the boards or off ice so as not to impede the general flow of skating traffic.
5. When a coach is using the harness, they should give the right-of-way to all other skaters around them. The coach and student using the harness should not have the right-of-way. Do not head away from the board until it is clear.
6. Coaches should be constantly aware of their surroundings and should not stand in one place at the middle of the ice.
7. All coaches should know and follow all of our rules pertaining to Freestyle, Moves in the Field and Ice Dancing. If a coach is in violation of the rules on multiple occasions, then he or she will be brought before the Board of Governors to discuss the matter. If the rules are continuously broken, then the coach will be disciplined up to and including suspension of coaching privileges.

Signature of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_