



Skater Code of Conduct

Skater code of Conduct/Responsibilities:

As a member of the Mt. Pleasant Figure Skating Club and U.S. Figure Skating, I promise to conduct myself in an appropriate manner whenever and wherever I am representing my club and the sport of figure skating.

General Guidelines:

Skating is basically an individual sport and most practice sessions are pretty unstructured. **It is important to know that some basic rules must be observed for safety and to ensure that everyone can make effective use of their time.** Respect and courtesy must be shown at all time to coaches, ice monitors, parents, U.S. Figure Skating officials and guests, and fellow club members on or off the ice or at any other rink while representing the Mt. Pleasant Figure Skating Club. Maintain a positive attitude and outlook. Help others to see their strengths. Set a good example for other, less experienced skaters. Our 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.

Ice Etiquette and Safety:

1. While in lesson or practice, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.
2. Skaters must skate with the flow of other skaters and familiarize themselves with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins, i.e. "lutz corners"
3. The only time a skater has the **SOLE** right of way is when they are skating their program to music. When you hear another member's music, please extend that person the courtesy and move out of their path momentarily. This only takes a moment and you will enjoy the same courtesy while you are performing your program.
4. The skater, who is 'on program,' has the right-of-way. Other skaters are expected to give them free maneuvering room. Second in priority are the skaters who are currently in lessons with their coach or in the jump harness.
5. Advanced skaters are expected to exhibit patience toward beginner members of the club. Remember, you were an inexperienced skater once, and it takes time for our future generation to advance to the point where they are completely comfortable skating with all levels of skaters.

Music Programs

CD's/Music are placed 'in line' to be played. A coach may request the music of a skater in a lesson to be played next, bypassing (bumping) those not in a lesson.

Falls and Injuries:

If you fall, get up quickly. Remember other skaters have a much harder time seeing you when you are down on the ice. Don't stay there any longer than necessary. If you injure yourself, let someone on the ice know as soon as possible. If you see someone else fall and think they may be injured, don't touch him or her. The best thing to do is to have someone stand guard over them until a qualified adult can come help them.

Payments:

Payments for ice contracts are due as indicated on the contract itself. Payments can be handed in to the treasurer or placed in the drop-box in the locker room. Drop-in rates for MPFSC ice are to be paid prior to skating. Payments for Drop-in ice should be given to the ice monitor. ALL Skaters must check in with the ice monitor prior to entering the ice.

Ice Time:

You should be on the ice at all times during your session. Be punctual for lesson times, be prepared, and be properly dressed.

Food:

Absolutely NO eating or chewing of gum on the ice. Water bottles ARE permitted.

Visiting:

Ice is for skating, not for visiting. DO NOT stand around talking. This wastes expensive ice and is a hazard to other skaters.

I have read and fully understand the above "Skater Code of Conduct" and agree to abide by the guidelines listed.

Skater Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(not required if over 18)

