



## Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

*Recreational and athletic training and competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. This Code applies to all parent/guardians with skaters involved in the White Rock South Surrey Skating Club. I understand that I must act in accordance with the following:*

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches and officials at every practice session, competition and test session.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will encourage my child to skate in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the results of a competitive event.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or blame my child's teammates for placement in a competition.
- I will do my best to make skating fun and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction, not my own.
- I will treat other skaters, coaches, volunteers, spectators and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability.
- I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes.
- I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will be a positive role model for my child and other skaters.
- I will demand a skating environment for my child that is free of drug or alcohol abuse and agree that I will not use or provide to a third party any drug prescribed by applicable provincial, federal, or municipal law.
- I will encourage my child's coach to continue their education and training through programs offered by Skate Canada and other accredited organizations.
- I will respect my child's coach and refrain from coaching my child or other skaters during practices and competitions because it may conflict with the coach's plan or strategies.
- I will respect the decisions of officials and their authority during competitions and test sessions and teach my child to do likewise.
- I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials.
- I will support all the participants in my child's competition and respect the rights of all skaters to participate.