



MINDEN SKATING CLUB

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Minden Skating Club- Skater Code of Conduct

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Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to clearly define the expectations of the Minden Skating Club in fostering a safe and supportive sport environment. The club is committed to ensuring that all individuals are treated with respect and dignity, while embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

All participants are expected to understand and uphold these standards, as the Minden Skating Club maintains a zero-tolerance approach to inappropriate behaviour, in alignment with its Vision, Mission, and Values.

Application

This Code of Conduct applies to all skaters registered with the Minden Skating Club (referred to as "Participants").

It is in effect during all club-related activities, including practices, competitions, training sessions, events, and travel associated with the Minden Skating Club.

This Code may also apply to behaviour outside of official club activities if it is determined that such conduct could negatively affect the reputation of the club or its members.

This Code of Conduct is intended to complement the Social Media Policy, and both documents must be applied in the appropriate context.

Responsibilities

Skating is an individualized sport that requires safe and courteous behaviour from all participants, on and off the ice. Each skater is responsible for being aware of and practicing the rules of etiquette and safety noted below. Skaters need to follow these rules to make sure their time on and off the ice is an enjoyable and fun experience for all.

- Due to insurance requirements, only registered Skate Canada members are permitted on the ice, except in a medical emergency.
- Safety is our first priority- keep your head up and watch for other skaters
- Observe Right of Way guidelines for lessons:
 - *First priority* goes to the skater who is in a lesson and having their music played
 - *Second priority* goes to skaters in private lessons. As there will be several skaters in a lesson at the same time, be alert and prepare to yield the right of way. If the harness is in use, be aware and avoid that area.

- Courtesy and good sportsmanship to coaches and fellow skaters is expected at all times. If you get in a skater's way, please be polite and apologize. The skater who has the right of way may respectfully remind others of their presence, i.e. "excuse me" or "coming through".
- If you fall, get up right away - it is dangerous to sit on the ice. If you do fall, try to land on your bottom and away from the boards to prevent injury
- Dress properly (skating dress or tights, sweater, gloves are a must) - no jeans or hats - hair must be pulled back from the face (ponytail, braid or bun)
- Skaters are expected to be on time and to skate the duration of their session.
- For safety, if you must leave a session before its completion, please tell a coach.
- Before coming on the ice, use the bathroom and have everything you need (water, sweater, gloves)
- If you need to rest, sit down in the box for a few minutes
- Refrain from standing at the boards for long periods of time
- Food, drink, and gum are not permitted on the ice; plastic water bottles are acceptable, but must be left at the boards, Glass bottles are prohibited.
- No cell phones on the ice. Coaches may record a skater from the boards for video playback using a device.
- Spectators, including parents of skaters, may watch quietly from the stands or seating area -not by the boards- and must refrain from conversing with or offering directions skaters on the ice.
- Skaters and parents should be respectful of all coaches.
- Make the most of your ice time by trying new things, testing your programs or working on skills (as recommended by coaches). If skaters wish to work on programs that are not coach directed please consult with coaches to determine appropriate time for such practice.
- Parents and/or skaters must notify the coach of any lessons to be missed. Coaches have the prerogative to charge for missed lessons not cancelled the day before
- Remember to say thank you to your coaches and others who support you (your parents too!)
- In the dressing room, and on the ice, use appropriate language and conversations. Be aware of your audience and who is listening. Act professionally.

Any skater found to in violation of the Code of Conduct may be asked to leave the ice at the discretion of the coaches.

Disciplinary Actions

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions as described in the Dispute Resolution policy and/or Safe Sports policies.

Reporting and Resolution

Anyone who witnesses or experiences behaviour that does not align with this Code of Conduct is encouraged to bring it forward to a member of the Minden Skating Club Board of Directors in writing to email mindensk8ingclub@gmail.com as per the Minden Skating Club-Dispute Resolution Policy. All concerns will be addressed seriously, in a timely manner, and with respect for confidentiality. Retaliation against individuals who report violations in good faith is strictly prohibited.

Skaters Bill of Rights and Duties

Any skater who is overheard speaking in a derogatory or negative tone about another member will be subject to disciplinary action by the MSC Board of Directors. This includes making statements about: a member, coach, official or guest's appearance, their skating ability, the person's friends or family.

The MSC is committed to promoting a positive and friendly environment for all skaters. Please treat your fellow club members as you would like to be treated: with respect!

1. I have the right to be happy, to have fun and to be treated with respect; it is my duty to encourage others to be happy, to have fun and to treat everyone with respect.
2. I have the right to expect that I will not be teased, criticized or deliberately offended; it is my duty to be supportive and encouraging, and to make sure that my behaviour is not offensive to other skaters, coaches, parents, rink staff and guests of our club.
It is my duty to find a way to express myself without hurting or offending others.
3. I have the right NOT to hear bad language and name calling; it is my duty to speak appropriately, with proper language and encourage others to do so
4. I have the right NOT to be made to feel left out. It is my duty to include others in my fun, whenever I can.
5. I have the right to learn, at my own level and at my own pace. It is my duty to cooperate with my coaches and team member I respect the time my coach gives to me by being on time for will the and being attentive. I have the right to my lessons, being prepared, being courteous and on time with my coach; I will not interrupt or distract other skaters when they are in lessons.
6. I have the right to expect privacy and respect for my feelings and my belongings; it is my duty to respect the feelings of others and not to touch anything that does not belong to me.