

ARCTIC EDGE ICE ARENA

SKATERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Skaters and parents of minor skaters are required to review, discuss, and accept the Skaters Code of Conduct and indicate that they have read and understand their responsibilities by signing the attached agreements before skating. Arctic 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. Members should not attempt to evaluate the credibility or validity of child physical or sexual abuse allegations as a condition for reporting to appropriate law enforcement authorities. Instead, it is the responsibility of each member to immediately report suspicions or allegations of child physical or sexual abuse to the appropriate people. In the event a coach, official, employee, parent or volunteer observes inappropriate behavior (i.e. Policy violations), suspected physical or sexual abuse or misconduct, it is the responsibility of each member to immediately report his or her observations to Arctic Figure Skating SafeSport Compliance Chair, Melissa Howell and take the appropriate action stated in the applicable U.S. Figure Skating Rules. Complaints and allegations will be addressed under U.S. Figure Skating disciplinary rules and procedures.

Arctic Figure Skating Club recognizes that the process for training and motivating athletes will vary with each coach and athlete, but it is nevertheless important for everyone involved in a sport to support the use of motivational and training methods that avoid misconduct.

This Skater Code of Conduct has been established to ensure safety of all members using our ice to ensure quality practice time for all home club, non-members and guests who purchase ice from the club and who participate in all club-related activities. *Failure to comply with the Agreement will result in disciplinary action and may jeopardize your skater's status as a "member in good standing". These actions can be initiated by the AFSC after a board case review or by the Arctic Edge Ice Arena Management.*

General Guidelines

- All skaters, regardless of whether they hold home club, non-member or guest status must follow and uphold the tenets 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, parent's of skaters, U.S. Skating officials and guests.
- Our club is committed to promoting a positive and friendly environment for all skaters. In other words, treat other people like you want to be treated, with respect.
- Skaters are expected to follow the direction of the Arctic Edge Ice Arena staff.

Ice Etiquette and Safety:

- While in a lesson or practice, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.
- Skaters must skate with the flow of other skaters and familiarize themselves with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins. For example, spins should generally be practiced in the center of the rink. Do not linger in the jumping lanes. Pay particular attention to the Lutz corners which are the Zamboni corner and the coaches' office corner for right jumping skaters
- 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 their path momentarily. This only takes a moment and you will enjoy the same courtesy while you are performing your program.
- Advanced skaters are expected to exhibit patience toward beginner members of the club.
- Look where you are going at all times. If you need to stop and talk to another skater, you must move next to the boards.

- Unsafe or discourteous behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Any act performed by a skater that an Arctic Edge Ice Arena staff member or a coach sees and deems unsafe or inappropriate may be brought to the Arctic Edge Ice Arena management's attention for any disciplinary action necessary.
- Persons appearing to be under the influence of alcohol or mood-altering drugs will not be allowed on the ice.
- Ice fees must be paid prior to stepping on ice. If a skater fails to do this, in addition to being a class 1 infraction, the skater will owe double the regular price to the arena.
- If a skater only pays for half a session, he/she must only skate half the session. If a skater fails to do this, in addition to being a class 1 infraction, the skater will owe double the regular price to the arena.

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SPECIFIC CLASSES OF INFRACTIONS**

CLASS 1

- Spitting, littering, tossing objects/snowballs.
- Intentionally leaving objects on the ice.
- Leaving objects on the boards after the end of a session.
- Chewing gum, eating, or drinking on the ice (exception for water/sports drink at the boards).
- Stepping on the ice before the Zamboni is off the ice surface.
- Non-payment of ice fees prior to skating.
- Discourteous behavior.

CLASS 2

- Abusive or obscene language, profanity, or any gesture of profanity.
- Insubordination toward any rink employee, official, parent, or coach.
- Displaying or promoting unsafe actions on the ice or elsewhere in the facility.
- Deliberately skating in a manner that interferes with another skater's safety.
- Any destruction or defacement of property including the ice surface.
- Laying on the ice.
- Kicking the ice.
- Disruptive behavior.
- Taking another skater's music.

CLASS 3

- Any intentional physical contact, bodily or by throwing objects, which would be considered aggressive in nature by a responsible, prudent person.
- Possession or use of any illegal substance on the premises.
- Theft.
- Any violation of the athlete protection policy including emotional, physical or sexual misconduct, bullying, harassment or hazing.

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CONSEQUENCES FOR INFRACTIONS**

CLASS 1

- 1st offense
 - Verbal warning.
- 2nd offense
 - Verbal warning of upgrade upon next offense.
- 3rd offense
 - Upgrade to Class 2 – 1st offense.

CLASS 2

- 1st offense
 - Immediate removal from the ice and loss of privileges for the following session.
 - Written apology to offended party.
 - Letter of reprimand with warning of upgrade upon next offense.
- 2nd offense
 - Upgrade to Class 3
 - Meeting of all parties concerned for disposition.

CLASS 3 – A Class 3 infraction will require a meeting of arena management, skater, coach, and parents if skater is a minor. Class 3 offenses will include the items below:

- 1st offense
 - Removal from ice and club activities for a length of time to be determined by the Board or permanent ban
 - Written letter of apology to offended party.
 - If the skater is a minor, upon return to ice, parent must accompany skater for a period of time to be determined by the board.
- 2nd offense
 - Permanent ban from the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.
 - If Arctic Figure Skating Club member, permanent club suspension.
 - Notification to United States Figure Skating headquarters of conduct violation and club suspension.