



SKATING CLUB OF WESTERN NEW YORK 2010-2011 CODE OF CONDUCT

I. INTRODUCTION:

The Board of Directors of the Skating Club of Western New York strives to create an environment that facilitates the optimum development of each child as a skater and as a person. Such environment will support coaches in this effort as well as define lines of accountability for coaches, skaters and families. In order to create this environment, the following behaviors are expected of all within the Skating Club of Western New York.

TRUSTWORTHINESS. All members of SCWNY shall:

- Be honest and never deceive, cheat or steal;
- Have the courage to do the right thing;
- Work to build a good reputation;
- Demonstrate loyalty to family, friends, and club members.

RESPECT: Each member of SCWNY shall:

- Treat others with respect and be considerate of the feelings of others;
- Demonstrate a tolerance toward differences;
- Use good manners and avoid offensive language and taunting;
- Never slander, degrade, threaten, or hurt anyone;
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

RESPONSIBILITY: All members of SCWNY shall:

- Use self-control and self-discipline;
- Be accountable for all choices and actions;
- Demonstrate reliability;
- Exhibit supportive behavior and a positive attitude.

FAIRNESS: All members of SCWNY shall:

- Adhere to all laws, rules, policies and guidelines;
- Be open-minded and demonstrate the ability to listen to others;
- Not pass blame carelessly;

- Never take advantage of others.

TEAMWORK: All members of SCWNY shall:

- Demonstrate compassion, kindness and forgiveness;
- Support each other through words and actions;
- Provide assistance to others in need when appropriate.

SPORTSMANSHIP: All members of SCWNY shall:

- demonstrate good sportsmanship during all practices, competitions and club activities.

II. SKATING CLUB OF WNY ATHLETES' CODE OF CONDUCT:

All Athletes shall recognize that being a member of the Skating Club of Western New York carries with it responsibilities and rewards and they shall not only embrace those responsibilities, but also conduct themselves both on and off the ice in a way that exhibits respect for others and themselves.

All Athletes shall resolve themselves to conduct themselves with dignity as an athlete and as a member of the Skating Club of Western New York, recognizing and accepting that they shall:

- Accept accountability for all behavior and its outcomes;
- Honor obligations and promises;
- Exercise self-control;
- Be willing to be fair with others in dealings on and off the ice;
- Take pride in themselves and their accomplishments, but never at the expense of demeaning another person or group;
- Respect the efforts of others;
- Respect authority;

III. SKATING CLUB OF WNY PARENTS' GUARDIANS' CODE OF CONDUCT:

All parents' and guardians' shall pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for their child participating in the activities of the Skating Club of Western New York by following this Code of Conduct:

All parents' and guardians' shall therefore resolve to conduct themselves with dignity as a member of the Skating Club of Western New York, recognizing and accepting that they shall:

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches and fellow parents at practices and club events;
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of their child and the other athletes ahead of any personal desires they may have for their child;
- Support efforts to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment;
- Support coaches and officials working with their child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all;

- Do their very best to make the sport of figure skating fun and to remember that is a sport;
- Encourage their child to treat other skaters, coaches, officials and others with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability

IV. SKATING CLUB OF WNY COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT:

The primary function of a coach is to educate athletes through participation and competition. Each athlete's welfare shall be considered uppermost at all times. All coaches shall be aware that they have a tremendous influence on the well being of the athletes and thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

All coaches shall therefore, resolve to conduct themselves with dignity as a member of the Skating Club of Western New York, recognizing and accepting that they shall:

- Uphold the honor and dignity of the profession;
- Set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct in all personal contact with athletes, officials, and parents/guardians;
- Take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse;
- Avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with athletes;
- Master the rules of the sport and teach them to his or her athletes;
- Respect and support the decision of the officials.

V. ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT:

The responsibility for enforcement of this Code of Conduct shall reside with the Board of Directors of the Skating Club of Western New York

Enforcement Action. The Board of Directors of the Skating Club of Western New York shall take whatever measures are necessary to enforce this Code of Conduct, up to and including any of the following actions:

- Removal of an athlete from the Skating Club of Western New York due to his or her failure to comply with this Code of Conduct;
- Removal of an athlete from the Skating Club of Western New York due to the failure of his or her Parent/Guardian to comply with this Code of Conduct; or
- Dismissal of a Coach from the program due to his or her failure to comply with this Code of Conduct.

I, _____, have read the Skating Club of Western New York's Code of Conduct and will abide by the said code. I understand that failure to comply will result in a review and possible removal by the Board of Directors.

Signature of Athlete

Date

I, _____, have read the Skating Club of Western New York's Code of Conduct and will abide by the said code. I understand that failure to comply will result in a review and possible removal by the Board of Directors.

Signature of Parent

Date

I, _____, have read the Skating Club of Western New York's Code of Conduct and will abide by the said code. I understand that failure to comply will result in a review and possible removal by the Board of Directors.

Signature of Coach

Date