



Code of Conduct Policies

Code of Conduct – Ice Skaters

Code of conduct for children and young people

The Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club, should at all times show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with :-

David Johns (Lead Club Welfare Officer) email: safe.wisc@gmail.com

Or

Sue Miller (Supporting Club Welfare Officer) email: safe2.wisc@gmail.com

Sports clubs should offer a positive experience for children and young people and where they can, learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a member of The Club you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

Children and young people are expected to:

- Be loyal and give their friends a second chance
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer comfort when required
- Keep yourself safe
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members
- Be fair and be trustworthy
- Respect coaches, judges and accept decisions
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
- Respect opponents
- Not cheat or be violent and aggressive
- Make your club a fun place to be
- Keep within the defined boundary of the coaching area
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach
- Show respect to other children and young people and show team spirit
- Take care of equipment owned by the club
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using social media or texting
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do

- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach if they are going to be late
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear
- Pay any fees for training or events promptly
- Not smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions
- Not consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club

Children / Young People have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity
- Be listened to
- Be respected and treated fairly
- Privacy
- Enjoy your sport in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help
- Have any concerns taken seriously and acted upon

Any minor misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the coach and reported verbally to the designated person. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in disciplinary action and potentially dismissal from the club/sport. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Disciplinary action can be appealed to the coach, with final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to BIS, depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.

Code of Conduct - Parents and Carers



Good practice for parents

Parents are encouraged to accompany their children to all activities, but they will not be included in supervision calculations unless they are present in an official volunteering role. BIS Parents' Code of Ethics give everyone a guide to what is expected of parents if they are part of an organisation, participating in a sport, or are spectators at their child's events. Ethics in sport are embodied in the following principles: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness and good citizenship.

The BIS Parents Code of Ethics asks the parents to respect the following guidelines:

1. Encourage your child to skate in a safe and healthy environment
2. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches, volunteers and officials and do not question the judgement of event officials
3. Emphasise that doing one's best is more important than winning. Teach that effort and participation are important as victory
4. Do your best to make skating fun and remember that the child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment – not yours. Do not force them to participate unwillingly
5. Advise your child to treat other skaters, coaches and officials with respect
6. Advise your child to treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of their age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or political affiliation
7. Inform your child's coach of any physical disability that may affect the safety of the child or the safety of others
8. Place the emotional and physical well-being of your child ahead of your personal desire to win
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal, physical and racist abuse from ice skating
10. Remember that young people and vulnerable adults learn best by example

As a parents/carer you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in sport
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your children
- Be informed if your child is injured
- Have your consent sought for participation in event, trips and competition

- Have your consent sought for participation in film or photography
- Contribute to decisions within the Club
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to, responded to

As parents, you are expected to:

- Complete and return the Registration, Medical and Consent Form pertaining to your child's participation with the Club
- Be responsible for ensuring your child arrives and is collected punctually before and after sessions/competitions/events
- Ensure your child has appropriate kit and clothing. Any child not in possession of the fundamental requirements will not be permitted to participate
- Detail any relevant medical concerns or conditions pertaining to their child on the registration/consent form. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach or Club committee prior to the activity
- To inform the coach prior to the activity starting if your child is to be collected early
- Encourage your child to play by the rules, and teach them that they can only do their best
- Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct
- Behave responsibly whilst spectating; do not embarrass your child
- Listen and respect what club officials ask of you on competition nights
- Show appreciation and support the coach
- Be realistic and supportive
- Accept the decisions of coaches, judges and other officials

Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Designated Person. Persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend club sessions, competitions or any other event organised by the club if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants.

The ultimate action should a parent/carer continue to breach the code of behaviour may result in the Club regrettably asking your child to leave the session, event or Club.

Coaches and volunteers involved in sport for children and young people have a great opportunity to be a positive role model and help build an individual's confidence.

Committee and volunteers are expected to:

- Ensure the safety of all children by providing effective supervision, proper pre-planning of coaching sessions, using safe methods at all times
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of children before the development of performance
- Encourage children to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour
- Treat all children and young people fairly and ensure they feel valued. Have no favourites
- Encourage all children not to discriminate on the grounds of religious beliefs, race, gender, social classes or lack of ability
- Not allow any rough or dangerous play, bullying, or the use of bad language or inappropriate behaviour
- Appreciate the efforts of all young people and do not push individuals unnecessarily. Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Always be positive, approachable and offer praise to promote the objectives of the Club
- Not let any allegations of abuse of any kind or poor practice to go unchallenged or unrecorded. Incidents and accidents to be recorded in the line with the Club's procedures. Parents must be informed
- Never use sanctions that humiliate or harm young people
- Report accidents or incidents of alleged abuse or poor practice to the designated person
- Administer minor first aid in the presence of others and where required refer more serious incidents to the Club "first aider"
- Have access to telephone for immediate contact to emergency services if required
- Foster team work to ensure the safety of youth members in their care
- Ensure the rights and responsibilities of youth members are enforced
- Establish and address the additional needs of disabled children or other vulnerable groups
- Not abuse members physically, emotionally or sexually
- Not engage in a sexual relationship with a young person for whom they are responsible
- Maintain confidentiality about personal or sensitive information
- Respect and listen to the opinions of young people
- Take time to explain coaching techniques to ensure they are clearly understood
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual trust and respect
- Be a role model, displaying consistently high standard of behaviour and appearance (disciplined/committed/time keeping), remember children learn by example
- Refrain from smoking and consumption of alcohol during club activities or coaching sessions

- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances
- Not spending excessive amounts of time alone with children unless in exceptional circumstances
- Never taking children to their home
- Not administering First Aid involving the removing of children's clothing unless in the presence of others
- Hold appropriate valid qualifications and insurance cover
- Make the sport/activity fun

Committee and volunteers have the right to:

- Access on-going training and information on all aspects of leading/managing activities for youths, particularly on Safeguarding
- Support in the reporting suspected abuse or poor practice
- Access to professional support services
- Fair and equitable treatment by BIS and the Club
- Be protected from abuse by children/youths, other adult members and parents
- Not to be left vulnerable when working with children

Any minor misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be dealt with immediately and reported verbally to the designated person. Serious or persistent breach of the code will result in disciplinary action and could lead to dismissal from the club/sport.

Dismissals can be appealed by the coach/volunteer with final decisions taken by the Club committee or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.

Emergency action and first aid:-

All coaches, committee, rink staff and volunteers should be prepared with an action plan in the event of an emergency and be aware of our First Aid Procedures

this will include:

- Access to first aid equipment
- Telephone contact if the participant is a minor
- Telephone contact to the emergency services

The Club will:

- Recognise its duty of care and responsibility to safeguard all participants from harm
- Promote and implement this anti-bullying policy in addition to our safeguarding policy and procedures
- Seek to ensure that bullying behaviour is not accepted or condoned
- Require all members of the Club to be given information about, and sign up to, this policy
- Take action to investigate and respond to any alleged incidents of bullying
- Encourage and facilitate children and young people to play an active part in developing and adopting a code of conduct to address bullying

- Ensure that coaches are given access to information, guidance and/or training on bullying

Each participant, coach, volunteer or official will:

- Respect every child's need for, and rights to, a play environment where safety, security, praise, recognition and opportunity for taking responsibility are available
- Respect the feelings and views of others
- Recognise that everyone is important and that our differences make each of us special and should be valued
- Show appreciation of others by acknowledging individual qualities, contributions and progress
- Be committed to the early identification of bullying, prompt and collective action to deal with it
- Ensure safety by having rules and practices carefully explained and displayed for all to see
- Report incidents of bullying they see – by doing nothing you are condoning bullying