

# Didsbury Figure Skating Club

## Code of Conduct - Parents

Possibly one of the greatest benefits in an organized skate program are the life skills your child will develop. These skills include time management, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. Remember that your child is the skater. Children need to establish their **own** goals and make their **own** progress toward them.

As a parent, your major responsibility is to provide a stable, loving and supportive environment. Show your interest by ensuring your child's attendance at practices and by attending their events. Parents serve as role models and your attitude is often emulated by your child. With this in mind we ask that you abide by the following code of conduct:

1. Strive to be positive role models. **Always** show respect and good sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, opponents, and teammates.
  2. Parents are not allowed on ice during training or competition. These types of distractions prevent the coach from providing complete attention to his/her skaters. Parents are asked to remain in the spectator designated areas.
  3. Ensure good communication with your child's coach/coaches. If there is a concern it should be resolved in private, abiding with the following protocol:
    - a) **Firstly, the matter is to be discussed between the parent and coach(s) in private. NEVER should negative comments be voiced in front of skaters or other spectators. Any issues are to be brought to the attention of the coaches outside of club time with the exception of situations where a skater's immediate safety is threatened.**
    - b) **Secondly, if the issue is not resolved between the coach and parent it is then to be brought to the attention of a board member in private.**
  4. Be aware of DFSC policies and volunteer commitments. Be willing to fulfill them. We are all busy but if everyone shares equally in the commitments, the lighter the load will be.
  5. As a parent spectating in all situations I will be verbally positive in all my conversations, including when on **social media**.
  6. I will support officials and coaches by trusting their judgement and will respectfully accept their decisions and I will not engage in any verbal or physical abuse.
  7. I will be a Positive parent understanding that positively reinforcing my child's effort is far more beneficial than reinforcing success!
  8. I will respect that the change rooms are FEMALES only, No Dads in change room please.
  9. I will demonstrate proper etiquette in test / competition applications and events. Understanding the coaches final assessment dictates what events or tests are appropriate for my child to participate in.
  10. I understand that in the event of injury or illness , which in the opinion of the coach(s), may compromise one's ability participate, my child may be removed from an event .
- I have read and understand the DFSC Parent Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by it and acknowledge the failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

