

SKATER CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the Duluth Figure Skating Club, all skaters must adhere to this Code of Conduct at all times.

General Guidelines: Duluth Figure Skating Club (DFSC) 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. This Skater Code of Conduct has been established to ensure the safety of all members using our ice to ensure quality practice time for all home club, associate, and non-members who purchase ice from the club and who participate in all club-related activities.

1. All skaters, regardless of whether they hold home club, or associate, or non-member 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, parents/guardians of skaters, U.S. Figure Skating officials and guests.
2. DFSC is committed to promoting a positive and friendly environment for all skaters. Remember —treat other people as you would like to be treated—with respect.

Ice Etiquette and Safety:

Our goal is to keep sessions flowing so that skaters do not collide with one another, skaters practice in harmony together, skaters won't have to circle numerous times trying to find a spot to jump and will be able to skate consistent patterns that lead to jump consistency:

1. Enter the ice with intention, purpose, energy.
2. A skater of any age must not use drugs, alcohol, vape, or other substances in the presence of minor athletes or at any time be intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any substance on the premises.
3. Skaters are to follow the DFSC Dress Policy, with hair secured out of face and eyes.
4. Athletes are not allowed to wear hoodies.
5. While in lessons or practice, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.
6. Coaches and skaters must be against the wall and out of field of play when not in motion.
7. "Skating Skills Test Patterns" must always yield to all other free skating elements.
8. The skater whose music is playing has the right of way.
9. Faster more advance skaters have the right of way.
10. Look before you leap into the flow of traffic, and know where you are going.
 - a. spins belong on the spin end, unless skater is in the program with music
 - b. small patterns belong on the spin end, unless it is SAFE (clear of other traffic) on the opposite side
11. Get up promptly after a fall to show you are okay, and get out of the flow of traffic.
12. Be aware of the belt when it is in use, do not skate directly into it, and leave a safe distance for yourself, the athlete and coach using the belt.
13. Walk-on skaters must communicate if they are couponing, exchanging, or paying for their session prior to skating.
14. Do not block the entrance to the rink.

Unsafe or Discourteous Behavior:

Unsafe or discourteous behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

1. Follow all traffic rules.
2. Work alone on sessions. Talking, playing, "teaching", or any type of behavior that might distract skaters from their concentration on the freestyle is discouraged and not allowed.
3. Don't show signs of disgust if someone gets in your way.
4. If you get extremely upset (crying), leave the ice.
5. Cell phones are not be used while on the ice. Recording of any kind is not allowed unless previously approved by director.
6. Earbuds are not permitted on the ice.

Be safe. Work hard. Listen to the coaches.