

Parents Code of Conduct

Codes of Conduct give everyone a guide to what is expected of us if we are part of an organization, participating in a sport, or as spectators at our child's events.

Preamble: The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character"

By signing below I hereby agree that:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches and officials at every practice session, competition and test session.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to skate in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the results of a competitive event.
6. I will recognize that my child is in an individual sport, and skaters will improve at different rates and times. I will not compare my skater's progress to another skater. I will focus on helping my child improve skills necessary to succeed.
7. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or blame my child's teammates, competitors, or coaches for placement in a competition.
8. I will do my best to make skating fun and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction not mine.
9. I will recognize that excellence in skating can come in many forms while respecting the fact that not everyone will achieve excellence during their skating career. I understand my child's commitment to self-improvement will define his/her success within Noralta.
10. I will ask my child to treat other skaters, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes.
12. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
13. I will be a positive role model for my child and other skaters.
14. I will demand a figure skating environment for my child that is free of abuse of any type. If I see or suspect such treatment of a skater within the club I will report the incident to club officials.
15. I will ensure my skater is properly dressed for skating sessions with appropriate skating attire and hair. I recognize that if my skater shows up in street clothes or inappropriate skating attire they may not be allowed to skate.

16. I will pay my child's lesson bill within ten days of receipt of the bill and recognize that failure to pay lesson bills may result on removal from club programs.
17. I will endeavor to get my child to the arena on time for sessions.
18. I will not provide alcohol to, or condone the use of alcohol by minors, abuse alcohol in the presence of athlete members, or at Noralta Skating Club or Skate Canada activities.
19. I will encourage my child's coach to continue their education and training.
20. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from coaching my child or other skaters during competitions and practices because it may conflict with the coach's plan or strategies.
21. I will speak to all coaches and members in the club with respect. I recognize that abusive or rude and disparaging comments to club officials and coaches will not be tolerated, and my membership to the club can be revoked under such circumstances.
22. I will not interrupt lesson time or skating sessions with questions or comments. If I have questions or comments, I can email or text my coach or any of the coaching staff directly to ask. I recognize that interrupting ice time is not appropriate unless there is an emergency.
23. I will refrain from asking questions of staff during flood breaks while they are in the office. This time is almost always a short break for the coach to grab some food or a drink and focus on the coming session. I will make arrangements for a separate meeting to answer questions if need be.
24. I will respect the decisions of officials and their authority during competitions and test sessions and teach my child to do likewise.
25. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials. I recognize Noralta is, to a degree, a volunteer run club. I realize parents are expected and encouraged to volunteer when the club needs help. I acknowledge there are mandatory fundraising commitments and realize when Noralta is looking for volunteers, these events are key to the clubs successful operation.
26. I will recognize that sessions require concentration from skaters and coaches, and will endeavor to keep families and spectators quiet while skaters are trending. I further recognize if anyone sitting with me becomes a distraction I may be asked to leave the arena and watch from the lobby.
27. I will support all the opponents in my child's competition and respect the rights of all skaters to participate.
28. I will endeavor to remind myself and others that skating questions should not be answered by parents, but should be addressed by a coach whenever possible.
29. I understand that Noralta is a community of parents, skaters, and coaches. I recognize that I am part of this community, and will respect and encourage participation in club events with a positive, inclusive, and patient attitude regardless if it is a competition, club fundraising volunteer event, club performance event, or club practice session. I will ask questions where necessary to educate myself on what being a member of the club involves.

Signature_____

Date_____