

# **RSC Parent Code of Conduct**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Skate Canada Code of ethics/conduct is to outline the organization's expectations and guiding principles for appropriate decision making and behavior. The Revelstoke Skating Club is committed to ensuring that all skaters have the opportunity to participate in a safe and welcoming environment that is encouraging and promotes their overall development. Parents have an enormous influence on skater's experiences in the sport.

## **Scope**

This code applies to all skaters, officials, coaches, employees, board members, volunteers, alumni, and hall of fame members of Skate Canada and its affiliate organizations. This code of ethics also applies to parents and guardians who participate in and observe related activities. In this code "parents" shall refer to all parents, guardians or support personnel.

## **Code of Ethics**

1. All parents are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner consistent with the values of fair play, integrity, open communication and mutual respect.
2. Parents shall always model positive, responsible behavior and communicate with their child that they expect them to do the same. Parents will assume the major responsibility for their child's on ice conduct and attitude.
3. Parents shall at all times treat all individuals and property with dignity, courtesy and respect, including but not limited to skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers, other parents and all other individuals that are part of the club, skating school, section or Skate Canada.
4. Don't bring problems to the ice or the coaches. Please bring any comments or concerns to the attention of the club president or board members.
5. Parents shall refrain from any behavior or comments which are profane, insulting, harassing, sexist, racist, abusive, disrespectful or otherwise offensive.
6. Parents shall emphasize the importance of values like sportsmanship, respect, cooperation, competition and teamwork to their child offering praise for competing fairly, participation and skill development.
7. Parents shall model and encourage their child to maintain a healthy balance between skating and life (ie. school, other activities, social life, etc.)

8. Parents shall model and encourage balanced, healthy food choices and subscribing to an active and healthy lifestyle.
9. Parents shall set high, but respectable expectations for their child's participation in skating focusing on development and enjoyment for the child.
10. Parents shall instill confidence in their child's ability and skill development, always avoiding comparisons with other skaters.
11. Parents shall celebrate the acquisition of skills and goals achieved by their child.
12. Parents, along with the professional coach and the athlete, shall be considered members of a team whose main concern is the child's overall progress and development. Parents shall respect that the professional coach is responsible and empowered for the on-ice and off-ice development of the athlete. A parent's role shall be to take a healthy interest in their child's progress and development, to be responsible for the child's nutrition, rest, adherence to off-ice training regimen set by the coach or other fitness professional, overall health, life-balance, and moral emotional support
13. Parents shall ensure their child wears **proper skating clothing and equipment**.
14. Parents shall never provide alcohol or drugs to minors in a Skate Canada environment.
15. Parents shall never provide or advocate for the use of performance enhancing drugs or substances.
16. Parents shall avoid any conduct which brings their club, skating school, section or Skate Canada into disrepute, including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol, non-medical use of drugs and gambling.
17. Parents shall openly support and uphold the code of conduct policy and take action and steps to ensure other parents follow and uphold this code of conduct policy.
18. Parents shall adhere to any Health Canada protocols, procedures and screening that may be required at any time during the skating year.