



Deeside Ice Skating Club: Code of Conduct

Part 1

1.1 General Guidelines:

1.1.1 This Code of Conduct has been commissioned by the Deeside Ice Skating Club Committee for the benefit of everyone associated with DISC in the interests of upholding appropriate standards of behaviour, etiquette, safety and to ensure quality practice time for all DISC Full Members, Associate Members, Non-Members and guests.

1.1.2 Clause 11 of DISC's 'Rules and Constitution' (amended 13/04/08) outlines the requirements for appropriate standards of behaviour and DISC Committee's obligation to uphold these standards as necessary.

1.1.3 Everyone associated with DISC, regardless of role or status must follow and uphold the principles outlined in this document regarding behaviour both on and off the ice while on the premises of the Deeside Ice Rink and at all other places when representing DISC. The scope of rule 1.1.3 includes entries in documents, journals, emails, social networking and broadcasts of any description which could directly or indirectly impair DISC's reputation.

1.1.4 Everyone associated with DISC is required to thoroughly read all points and sign the attached agreement, which must then be forwarded to the DISC Committee (***Please note that access to Club sessions will not be permitted and applications for Club Membership will be void without agreeing to this Code of Conduct.***)

1.1.5 Everyone associated with DISC is expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and be courteous toward skaters, parents, coaches, guests, visitors, DISC officials, rink staff and visiting officials.

1.1.6 DISC is committed to promoting a positive, friendly and supportive environment for all involved in skating. Allegations / reports of inappropriate and/or hurtful criticism will be investigated by the DISC Committee and disciplinary action taken as appropriate. Likewise, bullying in any form will not be tolerated.

Please treat others as you like to be treated: with dignity and respect;

1.2 Ice Etiquette and Safety:

1.2.1 During Club sessions, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of who is skating around them and in their general vicinity at all times.

1.2.2 Skate with the flow of other skaters and try to familiarise yourself with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins.

1.2.3 Please do not dominate one area of the rink to practice your elements. Many skaters' programs may utilise the full ice surface and it is very distracting to have to move around those who glue themselves to one specific area for the entire session.

1.2.4 Avoid cutting across the ice suddenly; rather, move with the general flow of skating traffic and keep moving along, using the entire perimeter of the rink to prevent collisions and unpleasant situations.

1.2.5 Know your surroundings while skating around, preparing for a jump or setting up for a spin.

1.2.6 Make every effort to offer the right of way when a skater is wearing the Hi-Viz vest and skating their program; When you hear another skater's music start to play and know they're heading for the exact area you are practising in, please extend that person courtesy and move out of their path momentarily - this only takes a moment and you will enjoy the same courtesy whilst you are performing your program.

1.2.7 When wearing the Hi-Viz vest and skating your program, this does not give you automatic right of way over others; it remains your duty to know your surroundings and to be aware of those skating around you. Remember that less experienced skaters may not be able to skate as quickly as you or predict your movements.

1.2.8 New or less experienced skaters should not hover too close to an advanced skater who is spinning. Advanced skaters can change their body position in a spin very quickly so to avoid collision, please make sure you are at least 3 metres away.

1.2.9 Advanced skaters are expected to exhibit patience toward newer less experienced members of the Club. Remember - you were once an inexperienced skater, and it takes time for our future generation to advance to the point where they are comfortable skating with all levels of skaters.

1.3 Unsafe or Discourteous Behaviour:

1.3.1 Unsafe or discourteous behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated.

1.4 Violations and the manner in which they will be dealt with:

1.4.1 Violations of any kind will be addressed by the DISC Committee.

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2.1 Disciplinary Measures (Summary of DISC's Disciplinary Procedure):

2.1.1 Failure to follow or uphold any of the principles outlined in Part 1 of this Code of Conduct will result in the DISC Committee taking appropriate action in accordance with the following provisions: -

2.2 Minor Breach:

2.2.1 The offender and/or the responsible adult will be addressed verbally regarding behaviour. Notes will be kept on file. Repeat offence(s) will be considered a Breach.

2.3 Breach (Misconduct):

2.3.1 DISC's formal Disciplinary Procedures will be invoked.

The offender and/or the responsible adult will be formally interviewed regarding the breach. Subsequently the committee will discuss the matter to decide on the level of breach and sanction. The sanction may range from an apology being required, to a Club suspension. Notes will be kept on file. Repeat offence(s) will be considered a Major Breach.

2.4 Major Breach (Gross Misconduct):

2.4.1 DISC's formal Disciplinary Procedures will be invoked.

The offender and/or the responsible adult will be formally interviewed regarding the breach. Subsequently the committee will discuss the matter to decide on the level of breach and sanction. If a Major Breach has occurred the offender will be expelled from Club under Rule 11 of Constitution. Notes will be kept on file.

2.5 Decisions/Appeals:

2.5.1 Decisions will be communicated in writing (either by hand or post) and verbally where possible.

2.5.2 All Appeals must be submitted in writing to the DISC Committee within 10 days.

* A copy of the DISC's formal Disciplinary Procedure is available upon request.

Part 1 and 2 to be retained by skater / responsible adult etc.

Part 3 to be detached and submitted directly to DISC Committee for records

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Part 3

Deeside Ice Skating Club: Code of Conduct - Statement of Agreement



[Print skater's name] _____ **D.O.B.** ____ / ____ / _____

I have read DISC's Code of Conduct as dated below and agree to uphold all the guidelines and requirements.

[Skater's signature] _____

[Skaters under 14: All responsible adults likely to accompany this skater must be named in the following section]

[Responsible adult # 1] _____ **[Signature]** _____

[Responsible adult # 2] _____ **[Signature]** _____

[Responsible adult # 3] _____ **[Signature]** _____

[Responsible adult # 4] _____ **[Signature]** _____

[Date] ____ / ____ / _____

Please submit this agreement directly to DISC Committee for records

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