



# POLICIES & CODE OF CONDUCT

The Milton Skating Club aims to promote a safe, supportive environment for the skating community that equally respects our common interests and our differences for all skaters, to enjoy the sport and fulfill their own individual goals within a team spirit. In support of this objective, MSC has adopted the following Code of Conduct. Members & parents are required to review, discuss, and accept this Code and indicate that they have read and understand their responsibilities by signing the agreement before participating in club activities.

## **General**

Members are expected to display proper respect and sportsmanship towards their fellow skaters, coaches, officials, parents, Board of Directors and the general public at all times. Members shall not harass or abuse, physically or verbally, any other fellow skaters, coaches, officials or parent at any time. Members are expected to follow the Ice Etiquette and Guidelines for Fun and Safe Skating. Your session convener should be the first person you contact in regard to any policy or conduct issues and it is their responsibility in upholding the policies of the MSC.

## **Skater Conduct Policy**

1. All skaters are expected to comply with the Milton Skating Club, Central Ontario Section and Skate Canada Code of Conduct.
2. Dressing rooms and other areas around the arena are to be left clean and all debris picked up.
3. Any Club member defacing the Town of Milton property or other skater's personal property will, at the discretion of the Club Board of Directors, be subject to suspension.
4. Anyone caught in the act of theft of any properties will be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including the cancellation of membership as well as prosecution to the full extent of the law.
5. Skaters representing the Club at any Club or Skate Canada function or competition are expected to conduct themselves in an acceptable and responsible manner
6. The illegal use of alcohol or drugs by any MSC member during Milton Skating Club activities will result in suspension or dismissal of the member at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## **Ice Etiquette**

1. The use of profane language is unacceptable.
2. All Club members must show respect to all coaches, skaters and volunteers at all times.
3. Each skater must act with due regard/consideration for others, both on/off the ice. Failure to do so, as judged by the Session Convener, will result in removal of the offending skater for a period of time during that session.
4. The following order determines the right of way during Freeskate sessions.
  1. A skater whose music is being played
  2. A skater who is receiving a lesson
  3. Skaters who are practicing
5. All skaters must get up quickly after falling unless injured, so as to not endanger other skaters on the ice.

6. No cell phones, or any recording devices, food, gum, candy, or drinks of any kind are permitted on the ice. Photography or video of any kind is not permitted in the dressing rooms
7. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children at all Club programs (on/off the ice). Coaches are not responsible for skaters.
8. Ice etiquette rules are in effect at all times. Failure to abide by the above rules may result in the offending skater being removed from the ice. Continuous or flagrant abuse of the Ice Etiquette rules may result in the expulsion from the club.

## **Session Protocol**

1. Freeskating is not permitted during any power, dance and skill sessions except if a private lesson is being taught by a Professional Coach. Freeskating includes jumps, spins, and spirals.
2. Dance and Skills are not permitted during any Freeskate sessions except if a private lesson is being taught by a Professional Coach.
3. Private lessons offered by a Professional Coach are not permitted during the senior sessions
4. Skaters are permitted to skate on a session they do not qualify for, exclusively for receiving a private lesson from a Professional Coach and must leave the ice immediately after the lesson.
5. Guest Skating, if space is available, will be allowed, provided the skater is qualified for the session. The fee will be \$10 per session for home club members, \$15 for non-home club members. Guest skaters will be limited to a maximum of 5 times per season. Guest skaters and/or parents of guest skaters must confirm with the figure skating registrar or session convener or technical director for availability on sessions prior to skating.
6. Guest Skaters are not permitted to receive private lessons from Professional Coaches not registered with the Club.
7. Appropriate skating attire is required for all skaters on the ice. Midribs must be covered and jeans are discouraged. Skaters not complying with this rule will be asked to leave the ice by the Session convener.

## **Safety and Security**

1. No Pushing, tripping, horseplay or intentional interference with other skaters is permitted on the ice or elsewhere in or about the arena. All skaters are required to use the full ice surface during freeskate and are not to congregate in one area.
2. All skaters, Professional Coaches and others must leave the ice when the siren sounds and shall not return until the ice surfacing machine has left the ice surface.
3. Parents are requested to remain off the ice surface unless specifically requested to do so by a Professional Coach or the Session Convener.
4. Money and valuables should not be left unattended in the dressing rooms, coaches room or club office. The club bears no responsibility for the loss or theft of such.
5. Locker Policy:
  1. All personal belongings stored in the Club storage rooms and/or rental lockers are left at your own risk. The club bears no responsibility for the loss or theft of such.
  2. Lockers must be vacated and cleaned out at the end of the rental year as set by the Club Board of Directors. (generally September 1 to August 31)
  3. All locker fees are set by the Club Board of Directors and must be paid in full prior to use.  
Lock combinations must be provided to the Club to be stored in the office safe. Lockers will only be accessed should it be necessary in the absence of the member. There will always be 2 people present in the opening of any locker should the renter not be present.

## **Competitions**

All MSC members must conduct themselves in a manner respectful of all policies and property at the Ice rink as well as any other facility. Any violation of facility policy may result in disciplinary action from the Club. This Code of Conduct is also in effect when the Club is represented at out of town activities. Please exhibit a model of behavior that will provide a good example to the community and encourage pride in our club.

- At team events, simulations and competitions; skaters are encouraged to make an effort to support their fellow skaters during their performances.

## **Disciplinary Action**

Any violation of the above code of conduct or policies will result in:

First offense - Verbal warning or letter at the discretion of the session convener

Second offense - A meeting with 2 board members and all parties concerned

Third offense - Termination of membership with no refund

## **Code of Conduct**

### **Conduct for Skaters:**

- I will understand the rules of skating and govern my actions within the guidelines.
- I will control myself and accept decisions of the judges.
- I will remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important aspects of skating.
- I will remember that coaches and judges are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.
- I will do nothing to hinder another skater's performance.
- I will work to promote camaraderie within the skating community.
- I will not physically or verbally abuse another skater.

### **Conduct for Parents/Spectators:**

- I will remember that skaters skate for their own development and enjoyment.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that skaters put pressure on themselves and that outside pressure does not improve performance.
- I will not ridicule a skater for a poor performance. I will make positive comments that motivate and encourage continued efforts.
- I will respect the judge's decisions and will encourage other participants to do the same. I will encourage open communication between judges, coaches and skaters.
- I will condemn the use of ridicule towards any skater/coach/judge and stress the positive elements of all participants.
- I will refrain from making any vulgar or suggestive comments. I will respect the personal dignity and privacy of all participants.
- I will respect all volunteers and the work they do for our organization.
- I will show respect for all members of the skating community.
- I will remain off the ice surface unless specifically requested to do so by a professional coach or the session convener.



# Milton Skating Club

## Code of Conduct and Policy Agreement

This agreement is between the Milton Skating Club and each member (including parent or guardian if skater is a minor) acknowledging that they have read and understand the Code of Conduct policies of the Milton Skating Club.

1. I have received, read and understand the Milton Skating Club's Code of Conduct and Disciplinary procedures.
2. I understand that the terms of this Agreement are in effect while I am a member of the Milton Skating Club and/or participating in any Club activity and/or representing the Club at out of town activities.
3. I accept the Milton Skating Club's Code of Conduct Agreement as morally binding and will honour the terms of this Agreement. I fully understand that violation of this Agreement will result in the actions stated in the Disciplinary Actions section.

WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL TERMS.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT.

Name of member (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_