



## U.S. Figure Skating and the Skating Club of CNY Skaters Code of Conduct 2024-2025

This Skater Code of Conduct has been established to ensure the safety of all members using our ice and to ensure quality practice time for all home club, associate, non-members and guests who purchase ice from the Skating Club of Central New York.

All skaters regardless of whether they hold home club, associate, non-member or guest 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, USFS officials and guests.

### 1. Obligation to be Respectful:

Any skater who is overheard speaking in a derogatory or negative tone about another member will be subject to disciplinary action by the SC of CNY Board of Directors. This includes making statements about: a member/coach/official/ or guest's appearance, their skating ability, the person's friends or family. SC of CNY is committed to promoting a positive and friendly environment for all skaters. Please treat your fellow skaters as you would like to be treated: with respect.

Skaters should follow the current SCCNY music policy at all times in order to allow for everyone to have a chance to have their music played.

All music played over the loudspeaker should be of the clean variety. No explicit lyrics will be allowed.

### 2. Ethical Obligation Concerning Social Media and Electronic Communication:

Emails, text messages or postings on social network media sent by a skater that involve the Skating Club of Central New York, including its skaters, family members, coaches, judges and guests shall be of a positive nature. Any postings that do not meet these criteria shall be subject to sanction by the Skating Club of Central New York Board of Directors.

### 3. Ice Etiquette and Safety:

While in a lesson or practice, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.

Skate with the flow of other skaters and familiarize themselves with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins.

Skaters must not skate in between a coach and their pupil during a lesson.

Skaters shall skate independently unless skating a duet or group number.

The only time a skater has the **primary right of way** is when they are wearing the yellow vest and skating their program. When you hear another member's music start to play and know they're heading for the exact area you're practicing in, please extend that person the courtesy and move out of their path momentarily. This only takes a moment and you will enjoy the same courtesy while you are performing your program.

New or less experienced skaters should not hover too close to an advanced skater if they are spinning. Advanced skaters can change their body position in a spin very quickly and to avoid collision, please make sure you're at least 10 feet away.

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

No skater shall wear headphones or earbuds on club ice.

Any recording taking place shall be by the boards. This shall be for coaching/analysis purposes only. Specific content creation for online platforms is not permitted.

#### **4. Unsafe or Discourteous Behavior**

Unsafe or discourteous behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Coaches may speak to your coach if they feel a reminder is necessary. Your coach will address any issues with you as they arise. Should they reach the level of board interaction, the following will apply:

Violations of any tenets will be addressed at the time they occur by a member of the SC of CNY Board of Directors.

*First offense:*

At the earliest opportunity, the club member or parent will be addressed verbally regarding the comment(s) they made or behavior they displayed.

*Second offense:*

If there is a second violation, the person will be asked to leave the ice for the remainder of the contracted ice session. There will be no refund of ice.

*Repeated offenses:*

If a skater continually violates any tenet of the Skaters Code of Conduct, a letter will be sent to the individual's parents and coach and a conference will be scheduled to discuss the matter. Repeat offenses will be taken very seriously by the SC of CNY Board of Directors. Discipline may include loss of ice privileges for extended periods, and/or revocation of club membership.

#### **Skating Club of Central New York Skaters Code of Conduct Agreement Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [*skater's name printed*], have read the **Skaters Code of Conduct**, and agree to uphold all guidelines and tenets of this document.

[*Skater's signature if 18 years or older*]

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

[*Parent's or Legal Guardian's signature if under 18 years of age*]

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