

## Derrick Skating Club Code of Conduct

The Derrick Skating Club aims to promote a safe and supportive environment for the skating community that equally respects our common interests and differences. Our goal is for all skaters to enjoy this sport and fulfill their own individual goals within a team spirit. In support of this objective, the Derrick Skating Club has adopted the following code of conduct.

Members and parents are required to review, discuss, and accept this code of conduct and indicate that they have read and understood their responsibilities by signing the agreement before participating in club activities.

### Ice Etiquette

1. All Derrick Skating Club members must show respect to all coaches, skaters and volunteers at all times.
2. Each skater must act with due regard and consideration for others, both on the ice and off the ice.
3. Right of way during free skate sessions is determined as follows:
  1. A skater whose music is being played
  2. A skater who is receiving a lesson
  3. Skaters who are practicing
4. All skaters must get up quickly after falling unless injured, so as to not endanger other skaters on the ice.
5. No food, gum, or candy is permitted on the ice. Only plastic water bottles are permitted at the boards.
6. 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.

### Session Protocol

1. Free skating is not permitted during any dance/skills session.
2. Dance and skills are not permitted during any free skate sessions
3. All skaters are required to use the full ice surface during free skate and are not to congregate in one area.
4. Appropriate skating attire is required for all skaters on the ice. Midriiffs must be covered; jeans and hoodie jackets are not permitted.

### Safety and Security

1. No pushing, tripping, horseplay or intentional interference with other skaters is permitted on the ice or elsewhere in the arena.
2. Money and valuables should not be left in the dressing rooms or bleacher areas. The club bears no responsibility for the loss or theft of such.

### Skater Conduct

1. Dressing rooms, washrooms and other areas around the arena are to be left clean and all debris picked up.
2. Any member defacing City of Edmonton property or other skater's personal property will, at the discretion of the Board, be subject to suspension.
3. Anyone caught in the act of theft will be subject to disciplinary actions as well as prosecution to the full extent of the law.
4. Money and valuables should not be left in the dressing rooms or bleacher areas. The Clubs bear no responsibility for the loss or theft of such.

### Resolution of On-Ice Conflict

With many different people and personalities coming together to participate in skating, it's no surprise that conflicts occasionally arise from differences of opinion or simple misunderstandings.

While on the ice, skaters will sometimes collide or accidentally get in each other's way—even when they are maintaining complete awareness and exercising reasonable caution. As a friendly reminder, all skaters who accidentally run into each other or cut each other off are encouraged to say, "I'm sorry," or excuse themselves in a polite manner.

However, if a member wishes to object to an instruction by a coach, parent or fellow skater, the member shall make the objection known to his/her coach first. The skater's coach is responsible for resolution of the issue. If the coach cannot reach resolution of the issue, the coach shall then bring the matter to the DSC Board in writing.

### Consequences/Disciplinary Action

Should a skater or parent fail to abide by the Code of Conduct Agreement, the following actions will take place:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> offence | Verbal warning from a professional coach.  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence | Verbal warning and written notice provided by the DSC Board.                                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> offence | Immediate removal from the ice and loss of privileges for the session.                       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> offence | Removal from Club ice and activities for a length of time to be determined by the DSC Board. |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> offence | A meeting of the Board, skater, and parents if the skater is a minor.                        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> offence | Permanent Club suspension.   |

### ***GUIDELINES FOR SAFE AND FUN SKATING SESSIONS***

- **KEEP MOVING!** If you feel the need to stop and talk to another skater, you must move next to the boards.
- **LOOK WHERE YOU ARE GOING AT ALL TIMES!** Skaters are responsible for looking in the direction they are skating—forward and backward.
- **SPIN IN THE CENTER.** Spins should be practiced in the center of the rink.
- **DO NOT LINGER IN JUMPING LANES.** Most jumping is done at the ends of the rink. Skaters will use the sides of the rink to gain speed for their jumps.
- **PROLONGED SITTING ON THE ICE AFTER FALLING IS PROHIBITED.**
- **KICKING OR DIGGING AT THE ICE WITH SKATE BLADES IS PROHIBITED.**