

CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

By applying for Membership of the Speed Skaterz Club your signature constitutes your acknowledgement and agreement to be bound by the Club Code of Conduct as set out below in regard to your conduct during Practice, Club Activities, Competitions and any activity held or sanctioned by Skate Australia, Skate Victoria or Speed Skaterz Inc.

Members agree to support the Club in its undertakings. Rules under this Code are in place for reasons of Health & Safety, Member Protection, and to uphold the integrity and good name of the Club. Accordingly, Members accept that the Club Committee will, at its absolute discretion, take any disciplinary actions deemed necessary for repeated or serious infringements of the Club Code of Conduct by Members, Skaters, Parents & Spectators.

1. SPORTING ETHICS

- 1.1 Be a good sport. Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Be respectful.
- 1.2 Treat others as you would like to be treated, and show respect to Teammates, Coaches, Officials and other Skaters & Parents.
- 1.3 Be a positive role model.
- 1.4 Condemn the use of violence and racism in all forms. Support all efforts to remove physical and verbal abuse from the sport.
- 1.5 Encourage the principle that honest effort is just as important as winning.
- 1.6 Support the work of Coaches and Officials, recognise and acknowledge the value and contribution of these people and do not undermine their efforts.

2. SPORTING BEHAVIOUR

- 2.1 Do not engage in any behaviour or activity that brings Speed Skaterz Club, or the sport of Speed Skating into disrepute.
- 2.2 Do not participate in any type of aggressive behaviour, either physical or verbal.
- 2.3 Any type of behaviour that demeans or offends another person on the basis of race, colour, religion or physical characteristics will not be tolerated.
- 2.4 Control your temper and avoid the use of bad language.
- 2.5 Skaters & Parents should ensure Skaters arrive on-time for Practice and Competitions.
- 2.6 Respect and follow the instructions of the Coach, Officials and Club Committee Members at Practice, Competitions and Club Activities.
- 2.7 Coaches run Practice and have control over the Practice venue. Skaters, Parents & Spectators shall follow all directives made by Coaches at Practice unless it is unsafe to do so.

3. SPORTING CONDUCT

- 3.1 Skaters should become aware of, and abide by, the Rules of Speed Skating. Parents should encourage their children to play by the rules.
- 3.2 Never argue with an Official's decision. Use the correct and proper channels to lodge any protest.
- 3.3 Be supportive, and do not yell at, ridicule or scold Skaters for making a mistake.
- 3.4 Recognise and applaud good performances from all Skaters.

4. SPORTING INVOLVEMENT

- 4.1 Participate willingly in Club fund-raising activities.
- 4.2 Assist with Practice tasks and Competition events whenever possible – don't be a passive bystander, and don't always wait to be asked – existing volunteers need all the help they can get.
- 4.3 Familiarise yourself with the Club Code of Conduct and abide by it. Encourage others to follow the principles contained herein. As a Parent, discuss this Code with your Children.
- 4.4 Be a representative of the Club and of the Sport – tell people about Speed Skating and encourage others to learn to Speed Skate with the Club. Be respectful.