

Tidewater FSC Skater Code of Conduct

As a member of our club, all skaters must always adhere to this Code of Conduct.

General Guidelines:

Tidewater FSC is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for members' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct. This Skater Code of Conduct has been established to ensure the safety of all members using our ice to ensure quality practice time for all home club, associate, non-members and guests who purchase ice from the club and who participate in all club-related activities.

1. All skaters, regardless of whether they hold home club, associate, non-member or guest status, must follow and uphold the provisions in this Skater Code of Conduct regarding behavior on and off the ice. All skaters are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and be courteous toward their fellow skaters, coaches, parents/guardians of skaters, U.S. Figure Skating officials and guests.
2. Tidewater FSC is committed to promoting a positive and friendly environment for all skaters. Remember 'The Golden Rule' — treat other people as you want to be treated — with respect.

Ice Etiquette and Safety:

1. While in lesson or practice, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.
2. Skaters must skate with the flow of other skaters and familiarize themselves with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins.
3. The only time a skater has the SOLE right of way is when they are skating their program to music. When you hear another member's music, 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.
4. Skaters skating their program are required to wear a program belt to help others know to give you the right of way. Exceptions to this rule are below.
 - a Skaters who are recording virtual tests.
 - b Skaters who are in competition wear.
5. Advanced skaters are expected to exhibit patience toward 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.
6. No earbuds or headphones are to be worn on the ice.
7. Food, drink and gum are not permitted on the ice. Skaters may bring a water bottle on to the ice surface.
8. Skaters must keep moving unless receiving instruction from a coach. If a skater falls, they must get up immediately if able to do so. DO NOT sit on the ice. If you must stop - do so only at the boards.
9. Skaters should not stand around in groups talking or playing. Remember these sessions are for practice only.
10. All conversation is to be held at the wall or off the ice.
11. Always be aware of what is happening around you. When skating forward, beware of high-level skaters passing close to you at high speeds. Do not change direction without checking behind you.
12. Respect the space of others. DO NOT skate or jump too close to another skater or coach. DO NOT skate too close to a skater who is spinning.
13. Be aware of skaters setting up for jumps or spins and DO NOT cross their path.
14. No more than 2 skaters may practice a handhold, arm hold, or travel down the ice together at the same time unless skaters are practicing a trio for an upcoming show.

Freestyle Skater Requirements

1. A skater basic 6 or above can be on freestyle session without coach supervision.
2. A skater who is 13 or older but below basic 6 can skate on freestyle session. If they pose a safety risk to themselves or others this privilege can be revoked.
3. A skater who doesn't meet the above requirements is allowed on freestyle sessions for private lessons if they remain with their coach the entire time they are on the ice.*
4. Hockey players can only be on the ice during their lesson with their coach. No warming up beforehand.

*Exceptions can be made for skaters outside these limits. The skaters primary coach must ask for an exception in writing stating why an exception is requested, to the Skating Director or Learn to Skate Coordinator. If the skater does not follow the rules, this privilege can be revoked.

Unsafe or Discourteous Behavior:

Unsafe or discourteous behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Coaches have full authority, along with the Skating Director, Skatesafe Chair, Club President and Board of Directors, in monitoring skater behaviors.

First offense: Club member will be addressed verbally (or following a session in private away from others) 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 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 TFSC Board of Directors. Discipline may include loss of ice privileges for extended periods, and/or revocation of club membership.

Must be signed and dated.

Tidewater FSC Code of Conduct Agreement Form

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

_____ *Skater's signature if 18 years or older*

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

_____ *Date*