



ALEXANDRA ICE SKATING CLUB

ALEXANDRA ICE SKATING CLUB (AISC) PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

AIM:

AISC is committed to ensuring that all skaters can participate in a safe and welcoming environment that is encouraging and promotes their overall development. A parents role in skaters figure skating journey is crucial. To ensure that skaters experiences with AISC is positive and enjoyable, we have developed a code of conduct that outlines our expectations for parents.

RESPONSIBILITY:

All skaters parents/guardians agree to abide by these rules and regulations as part of their skaters AISC membership.

In this code “parents” shall refer to “parents and/or guardians”. This code applies to all parents who are members of AISC or have skaters who are members of AISC. Parents shall always abide by this code while participating in any AISC environment, representing AISC, at any rink, competition, testing, training camps or any other activity.

- **Support Skaters:** A parent’s primary role is to support and encourage skaters in their figure skating journey.
- **Practice Good Sportsmanship:** Good sportsmanship is essential to maintaining a positive and supportive environment for all skaters. Encourage skaters to compete fairly and respectfully and teach them to accept both wins and losses gracefully. Parents shall emphasize the importance of values like sportsmanship, respect, cooperation, competition, and teamwork to their skater offering praise for competing fairly, participation and skill development.
- **Set a Positive Example:** Parents are role models for children. Setting a positive example by exhibiting good sportsmanship, fair play, respect for others, mutual respect and adherence to rules and policies will help skaters develop these same qualities. Parents shall always treat all individuals and property with dignity, courtesy, and respect, including but not limited to skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers, other parents, and all other individuals that are part of our sport.
- **Communicate Effectively:** Effective open communication is key to ensuring that skaters needs are met and that any issues are addressed promptly. If parents have concerns or questions, please communicate them respectfully and constructively to the appropriate individuals. Parents shall always model positive and responsible behaviour and communicate with their skater that they expect them to do the same. Parents shall refrain from any behaviour, or comments, which are profane, insulting, harassing, sexist, racist, abusive, disrespectful, or otherwise offensive, hostile, or violent.
- **Respect Other Skaters and Parents:** AISC is a community of skaters and parents who share a common interest in figure skating. It is important to respect the rights and needs of other members of our community, and to maintain a positive and supportive environment for all. Parents using foul language, yelling, or mouthing off will be asked to leave. Bullying and/or verbal abuse by any parent will not be tolerated and the parent will be asked to leave. If this behaviour persists, membership privileges will be lost.
- **Respect Coaches and Officials:** Our coaches and officials are trained professionals who are dedicated to providing the best possible experience for skaters. As such, it is important to respect their decisions and follow their instructions. Parents shall always treat all individuals with dignity, courtesy, and respect. Parents must not try to gain a coach’s attention, interrupt/speak to a coach while the coach is in a lesson with another skater. This means keeping away from coaches/skaters in lessons and giving them space.
- **Responsibility:** Parents will assume the major responsibility for their skaters on and off ice conduct and attitude. Parents shall model and encourage their skater to maintain a healthy balance between skating and life (i.e., school, other activities, social life, etc.) and shall set high, but reasonable expectations for their skaters participation in skating focusing on development and enjoyment for the child.



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- **Observe Club Rules and Policies:** AISC & NZIFSA have rules and policies in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all skaters. It is important parents familiarise themselves with these rules and policies, and to adhere to them at all times.

By following this code of conduct, parents will help ensure that all skaters have a positive and rewarding experience with Alexandra Ice Skating club.

SANCTIONS:

- Any parent/guardian who does not abide by this code of conduct will be given a verbal warning. If the parent/guardian does not apologise and correct their behaviour they will be asked to leave the facility for the remainder of the session.
- AISC Committee members and/or coaches have the authority to remove a parent/guardian from the ice surface, buildings or facility for violations to the NZIFSA Code of Ethics, or AISC Parents Code of Conduct.
- Parent/guardian conduct will be referred to the AISC Committee for discussion, additional action may be considered if deemed necessary.

By being a Parent/guardian of a member of AISC, Parent/guardian's accept and agree to abide by this code of conduct.