



Skate Ontario

The Huntsville Skating Club Skaters' & Parents' Code of Ethics & Conduct

Skating is a competitive sport requiring safe and courteous behaviour from all participants, both on and off the ice. Skaters need to be aware of one another to ensure the safety of everyone. Although skating is primarily an "individual" sport, all skaters must act as a team and exhibit team mentality while sharing the ice.

Each skater and parent at The Huntsville Skating Club (HSC) is responsible for being aware of and practicing the rules of etiquette and safety as noted in this document. This Code of Ethics, based upon HSC Policies, must be followed during all training sessions. All HSC members are expected to act in accordance with these rules while representing our Club at competitions and other events. All skaters and parents are expected to make themselves familiar with the Code of Ethics and HSC Policies (posted on our website).

GENERAL CONDUCT:

1. Skaters and parents must be courteous at all times to everyone, including their fellow skaters and parents both on and off the ice in accordance with the Town of Huntsville's True Sport Principles and Skate Canada Rules.
2. A Board Member or Coach has the authority to remove any skater from the ice for inappropriate conduct or non-payment of fees as per the HSC Policies.
3. For insurance reasons, only Skate Canada members are permitted on the ice surface. Those on the ice need to wear skates and be wearing a CSA approved helmet (ie for carnival set up).
4. Parents/Guardians are not allowed in the players' boxes during skating lessons.
5. **Parents, Guardians or designate should remain in the arena for the entire session.** For CanSkate, this is mandatory, as HSC does not provide for any off-ice supervision.
6. **Be on time** for all your sessions. Please let your coach know if you are going to be late or absent.
7. Coaches are not to be disturbed during lessons or when in their change room.
8. All HSC StarSkaters must have a head coach to be eligible to test or compete. The head coach must be a Huntsville Skating Club Coach. Out of club coaches are permitted on our Wednesday & Sunday sessions only. The head coach needs to approve any other coaches giving lessons to HSC Skaters for on ice sessions on HSC ice and skaters should get their permission for other skating associated lessons. All coaches (club and associate coaches) must be in good standing with Skate Canada.
9. Skaters may go to another session for a 15-minute private lesson with a coach as per HSC Policies
10. Hopping or guest fees must be **paid before skating**. Hopping fees are payable to a Board Member or your coach. Please notify HSC & your coach by email, of your intention to guest skate. Skaters must adhere to all HSC Hopping & Guest Skater Policies.
11. Money and valuables should not be left unattended. HSC bears no responsibility for lost or stolen items.



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12. Skaters asked to be respectful to the Canada Summit Centre, Club, and fellow skaters' property and this includes the change rooms. Use of the change room is a privilege, which can be revoked.
13. Skaters and Parents are encouraged to make an effort to support their fellow skaters during regular sessions and competitions/events.
14. **Concerns/Complaints will be reviewed only if submitted in writing to the Board and will be addressed following the HSC Club Dispute Reporting & Resolution Procedures Policy.**

ICE RULES:

Right of Way Rules

1. **Priority is given to club time lessons, followed by skaters playing their solo music and then skaters who are in a lesson.**
Regardless of priority - safety must come first. Use common sense and regardless of who has the right of way, both skaters must stop before a collision.
2. When a dance is played, the skater with the coach who requested the dance music will skate first followed by skater requests/sign up list
3. Solo or dance music will be played in the order of coach request followed by skater requests/sign up list.
4. Spin in the center. Jump at the corners. Do not linger in these areas.
5. It is important to always be aware, cautious, and considerate of everyone on the ice. Within each session, there are a variety of skating levels sharing the same ice.
6. During freeskate sessions, skaters will either sign up or make request to music player, to have their music played. Once that skater is done doing their solo (no restarts), they will erase their name from the list and/or the music player will start the next skater's music. Coaches may play solos during private lessons and must cue the music back to where the interruption occurred. When there are no requests freeskate music will play.

Conduct

1. **All Skaters who have not passed CanSkate Stage 6 must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet on the ice.**
2. Proper skating attire must be worn on all sessions (such as Girls: tights, dress, skirt, or leggings. Boys: athletic non-baggy pants). Long hair should be tied back. No hoodies worn on skater's head. For off-ice, skaters must have running shoes and appropriate exercise attire.
3. Program Assistants must wear their Program Assistant identifying hoodies when assisting with Canskate sessions.
4. Skaters may not enter the ice surface until the Zamboni doors have closed and a coach/program assistant has invited skaters onto the ice. For StarSkaters, if no coach is present, skating may commence once two board members are present.
5. Food, drink, and gum are not permitted on the ice. Water bottles must be left at the boards. No glassware is permitted.
6. Skaters are expected to be skating at all times when on the ice. Skaters must get up promptly after a fall in order to keep pathways clear for other skaters.
7. **Skaters must follow the session schedule**, otherwise they may be asked to vacate the ice, i.e. free skate only during free skate time, dance only during dance time, etc. unless in a lesson with their coach.



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8. **Skaters are expected to participate in all group lessons.** The only exception is those in a private lesson at the same time as the group lesson. A skater choosing not to participate in the group lesson need to exit the ice until the group session is over.
9. Skaters should not leave the ice surface during a session unless absolutely necessary. It is good practice to obtain a coach's permission before leaving the ice.
10. Skaters must clear the ice promptly at the end of the session.
11. All skaters, including guest skaters, must skate on the session for which they are qualified.
12. Attention must be paid to the position of other skaters and coaches while skating to ensure the safety of all.
13. Foul language, yelling, abusive or aggressive behaviour, including kicking or picking holes and the intentional making of "snow" is prohibited.
14. Pushing, tripping, horseplay, tag, racing or intentional interference with other skaters is not permitted on the ice.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

The HSC Board will only commence Disciplinary Action when a written letter of complaint is forwarded to the Board. The complaint will be dealt with following HSC's Club Dispute Reporting & Resolution Procedures Policy.

With the cooperation of skaters and coaches, everyone will have a safe, productive, and FUN skating season!

Thank you,
HSC Board of Directors

I have read **THE HUNTSVILLE SKATING CLUB Skaters' & Parent's Code of Ethics'** requirements for being a skater & parent with the Huntsville Skating Club and agree to uphold its principles. I understand that I may be asked to leave the ice (or the club), or that I may be suspended from participating in the program if I do not follow the code of conduct expected of me as a skater with the Club.

Skater's Name (please print): _____

Skater Signature

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

~ Please return signed bottom portion as soon as possible to a Board Member at the Skating Table