

Skater Code of Conduct

The Lakeland Figure Skating Club, in conjunction with U.S. Figure Skating, is committed to fostering a safe, positive, and respectful environment for all skaters. These standards apply at all Club events, including competitions, training sessions, camps, and exhibitions.

As a member, I agree to uphold the following guidelines:

1. Sportsmanship and Respect

- I will act with fairness, integrity, and good sportsmanship at all times.
- I will respect the property of others and understand that I am financially responsible for any damage I cause.
- I acknowledge that violations may result in disciplinary action by the Club or U.S. Figure Skating.

2. Illegal or Unsafe Activities

- I will not possess, use, or distribute illegal drugs or engage in criminal activity.
- Any such behavior during Club-sanctioned events may result in reporting to law enforcement and disciplinary action by the Club.

3. Compliance with Rules

- I will abide by all rules, policies, and procedures established by the Lakeland Figure Skating Club and U.S. Figure Skating.

4. Positive Conduct

- I will conduct myself in a manner that reflects positively on myself, the Club, and the sport of figure skating.
- Negative, disruptive, or harmful behavior—including inappropriate comments, harassment, or misconduct—will not be tolerated.
- Violations may result in fines, penalties, or other disciplinary actions in accordance with Club and U.S. Figure Skating policies.

5. Consequences for Violations

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action to protect the integrity of the Club and the safety of its members.

First Offense

Two Board Members will verbally address the concern with the skater privately, including a discussion of the violation and expectations for future behavior. The skater will receive a documented verbal warning.

Second Offense

- The skater will receive a formal written notice clearly outlining the violation, the consequence being imposed and next steps if another violation were to occur. The written notice will be kept on file.
- The skater will be suspended from Club activities for a minimum of one (1) week.
- The skater may be withdrawn from the next scheduled competition or test session (if applicable).

Repeated or Serious Offenses

- Continued violations or serious misconduct will result in suspension or termination of Club membership for up to one (1) year.
- Additional actions may include removal from Club events or facilities.
- In cases involving misconduct or safety concerns, the matter may be reported to the U.S. Center for SafeSport or other appropriate authorities if applicable.

The Club reserves the right to determine the severity of violations and apply disciplinary actions accordingly.

Acknowledgment

I have read, understand, and agree to uphold the standards set forth by the Lakeland Figure Skating Club and SafeSport. I understand that adherence to this Code of Conduct is a condition of my participation in all Club activities.