

HAY RIVER FIGURE SKATING CLUB

SKATER CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Courtesy and good sportsmanship toward coaches, fellow skaters, parents/guardians, board members, arena staff, and all HRFSC members is expected at all times.
 2. Skaters must refrain from profanity, yelling, inappropriate body language, harassment, bullying, or any form of physical or sexual contact toward any individual associated with HRFSC (other skaters, coaches, board members, parents/guardians, or arena staff). This applies on and off the ice, during sessions, at competitions, in the arena, and at any time a skater is representing HRFSC.
 3. Skaters should not interrupt a coach while a lesson is in progress. Wait until the coach is available.
 4. Skaters must refrain from standing around, blocking traffic patterns, or socializing on the ice or at the boards. Ice time is for skating and practicing skills.
 5. When a session is over, skaters must gather their belongings and clear the ice immediately so the next group may begin promptly.
 6. Skaters should wear appropriate clothing for the activity to allow range of movement and provide sufficient warmth. Avoid baggy clothing, jeans and any hanging or loose jewelry.
 7. Skaters must use the dressing room to put on skates, change clothing, and store their belongings. The lobby or arena hallways should not be used for changing or storing items.
 - HRFSC is not responsible for lost, missing, or stolen items.
 - Skaters must not touch or use items belonging to other skaters.
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ON-ICE ETIQUETTE

- No gum or food is allowed on the ice.
 - Water bottles are permitted only at the side near the penalty/players' boxes or in the stands.
 - Only coaches or designated program assistants may request music during FreeSkate, Dance, or Interpretive sessions.
 - Skaters must yield to those whose music is playing.
 - Skaters in lessons have the right of way; be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times.
 - Jumps should be practiced in the designated jump corners.
 - Spins should be practiced in the center of the ice.
 - Do not stand or stop in patterns or areas used for dances or solos.
 - Skaters should always look both ways before entering the ice surface.
 - Sitting on the ice is not allowed. Use the penalty box / players' boxes or dressing room when retying skates.
 - After a fall, get up immediately, otherwise it will be assumed that you are hurt
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OFF-ICE EXPECTATIONS

- Show respect to all volunteers, arena staff, coaches, and fellow skaters.
 - No running, horseplay, or disruptive behaviour in hallways, change rooms, or lobby areas.
 - Personal items should be stored neatly in the change room.
 - Parents/guardians should avoid coaching from the boards.
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RAISING CONCERNS

HRFSC encourages concerns to be raised in a respectful and constructive manner. To help reduce emotion and support effective communication, members, parents/guardians, and coaches are encouraged to allow a 24-hour period before bringing forward concerns, where possible. All concerns will be addressed through the appropriate channels in accordance with the HRFSC Disciplinary Process.

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DISCIPLINARY POLICY – 3 STRIKE SYSTEM

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all skaters and coaches. HRFSC reserves the right to take disciplinary action when behaviour violates the Skater Code of Conduct.

Strike 1 – Verbal Warning

- A coach or Board/Executive member will speak directly to the skater about the behaviour.
- For minors, the parent/guardian may also be advised.
- The incident may be noted internally by the coach or Board.

Strike 2 – Written Warning

- A formal written warning will be issued by the HRFSC Board or Executive.
- The warning will outline:
 - the behaviour or incident,
 - which part of the Code of Conduct was violated,
 - expectations for improvement.
- A copy is provided to the skater and parent/guardian and kept on file.

Strike 3 – Removal from the Program

- Upon a third infraction, the Board may suspend or remove the skater from HRFSC programming.
- No refund will be issued.
- Removal may be immediate depending on the nature of the infraction.

Immediate Removal Clause

The HRFSC Board reserves the right to bypass the strike process and impose immediate suspension or removal for serious misconduct, including but not limited to:

- harassment, bullying, or threats,
 - physical or sexual contact or violence,
 - behaviour that jeopardizes the safety of others,
 - destruction of property,
 - repeat major offences.
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By registering with HRFSC, skaters and parents/guardians acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to follow the Skater Code of Conduct and the HRFSC Disciplinary Policy

Parent Signature

Date