

# ASC StarSkate Code of Conduct

**NOTE: A copy of the Code of Conduct is also available through the Resources page on the Club website.**

**By accepting this StarSkate Code of Conduct during the registration process, you and your skater are agreeing to all conditions listed below. It is recommended that Parents/Guardians review this Code of Conduct with their StarSkater(s) at the start of the 2025/2026 season.**

The Ancaster Skating Club (ASC) strives to keep the Club's sessions and environment as safe as possible for all skaters, coaches, volunteers and family members. All skaters have the right to a safe environment both on and off the ice; verbal and/or physical abuse, foul or profane language, or disruptive or abusive behaviour on the part of skaters or parents/guardians/family members is unacceptable, and grounds for suspension of skating privileges.

Skaters are representatives of the ASC whether in our arena or away at competitions or functions. Skaters should always strive to be positive and maintain a good attitude, and are expected to treat all individuals with dignity, courtesy and respect, including but not limited to other skaters, coaches, volunteers, officials, parents, spectators, building staff and other facility users. Skaters should thank their coaches at the end of lessons to show their appreciation and should not forget to thank their parents for giving them the opportunity to skate and for bringing them to the rink every day.

Adherence to proper skating etiquette and this Code of Conduct is required at all times. While engaged in Club activities, skaters and parents/guardians/family members are expected to abide by the following:

1. Skaters may only participate on the session(s) and day(s) they are registered for (including drop-ins) and may not attend sessions offered on alternate dates.
2. Proper skating attire must be worn during all StarSkate sessions (no jeans, baggy clothing). Long hair must be tied back.
3. Skaters are asked to use the assigned dressing room (not the lobby or rink-side benches) to change and put on skates, as required by the City of Hamilton.
4. No cell phones are permitted on or near ice surface, or along the boards.
5. No food, chewing gum or candy is allowed on the ice surface; a drink in an unbreakable, spill-proof container is permitted if it is placed on the ledge of the boards.
6. All doors to the ice surface are to be kept closed during the sessions.
7. All times are set by the Arena clock; skaters must not go on the ice surface without a coach present at ice level.

8. Skaters are to enter the ice surface along the boards and not in the path of another skater.
9. The ice surface is to be shared by all skaters on the session. Pushing, tripping, horseplay, tag or intentional interference with other skaters is NOT permitted on the ice or elsewhere in the arena/building.
10. Actions which damage the ice surface such as kicking, stomping, picking or making intentional snow are not permitted.
11. Skaters are to get up quickly after falling unless injured, to not endanger other skaters on the ice.
12. Skaters who are taking a break/drink must stand out of the way against the boards; socializing is to be done OFF THE ICE.
13. Skaters who have their solo music playing (within reason) have the right of way on the ice, followed by skaters in a private lesson. All other skaters must keep clear. Skaters performing their solo may be asked to wear an arm band.
14. Skaters must respect any system put in place by coaches or the Club for playing all skaters' music during the session.
15. Skaters/parents are NOT to interrupt a Professional Coach while he/she is giving a lesson, with the exception that a skater must notify a Professional Coach when leaving the ice for any reason.
16. When the skating harness is in use, skaters must stay clear of the harness area/path.
17. When practising spins, skaters are to keep to the middle of the ice surface.
18. When practising jumps, skaters are to keep to the ends of the ice surface.
19. All skaters are to leave the ice immediately when the Zamboni comes onto the ice, or if a power failure should occur (MANDATORY Arena Requirement).
20. Any ASC Board Member OR Professional Coach may advise any skater or parent of noncompliance to the Skater's Code of Conduct.
21. Non-compliance with this Code of Conduct can lead to suspension or termination of skating privileges.

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