

## ***Kent Skating Club/ US Figure Skating Code of Conduct***

***As a member club of United States Figure Skating, the Kent Skating Club is obligated to follow all policies and guidelines set forth by its governing body as stated in the USFS Figure Skating Rule Book.***

By signing an application for membership with the Kent Skating Club, you acknowledge that you have read, and discussed with your skater (if a minor), and agree to abide by the following USFS Code of Conduct and the Kent Skating Club By Laws Skating Guidelines.

GR 1.03 Code of Conduct - The following code of conduct applies to all participants in all competitions, exhibitions and training camps hosted, supported or sponsored by USFS:

*I recognize that my participation in all competitions, exhibitions and training camps hosted, supported or sponsored by USFS is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by USFS or its properly designated agents. As a precondition to participation in USFS hosted, supported or sponsored events, I will adhere to the following tenets in good faith:*

*I will exhibit the highest standards of fairness, ethical behavior, and genuine good sportsmanship in all of my relations with other.*

*I will not damage public or private property. I understand that I may be held financially responsible for damage deemed to be wantonly or willfully executed on my part, and that I may be subject to disciplinary action by USFS.*

*I will not use or possess illegal drugs and I will not engage in criminal activity. I understand that, if I am found to use or possess illegal drugs, or if I am found to engage in any criminal activity during my USFS sanctioned, or sponsored competition, exhibition, or training camp, I may be subject to criminal penalties as well as penalties imposed by the USFS.*

*I will adhere to the rules of USFS and the host organization at all USFS hosted, sponsored or supported training camps, competitions and exhibitions.*

*I will conduct myself in a manner not detrimental to the welfare of figure skating.*

*I understand that my actions reflect on USFS and the sport of figure skating both positively and negatively. I understand that if my acts, statements or conduct are considered detrimental to the welfare of figure skating by the appropriate authority, I may be subject to penalties imposed by USFS pursuant to GR 1.021.*

*I understand that the penalties that may be imposed may include, but are not limited to; loss of future international selections, loss of financial support from USFS and the Memorial Fund and loss of participation in USFS sponsored events.*

*I understand that all disciplinary proceedings will be conducted pursuant to Article XXVII, Section 3, of USFS Bylaws and that my rights and remedies are derived therefrom.*

In addition, I understand that the Kent Skating Club operates under the guidelines and policies of USFS including the following;

- To provide programs to encourage participation and achievement in the sport of figure skating on ice without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender or national origin.
- To neither tolerate nor condone any form of harassment or abuse of its members including coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, athletes, and volunteers - or any other persons - while they are under the auspices of USFS.
- To always conduct oneself with common courtesy and respect to all professionals, coaches and other skaters while on and off the ice.