

RED RIVER VALLEY FIGURE SKATING CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

The basic purpose of this code is to provide assurance that RRVFSC skaters and their parents are informed of the standards of behavior, conduct and appearance that are expected and appropriate for the young people who represent the Red River Valley Figure Skating Club in the community of Fargo-Moorhead and surrounding areas in various areas of figure skating.

RRVFSC skaters are expected to be polite and show respect for fellow club members as well as club coaches, parents, board members, and others involved in competitions and testing. Reasonable manners and behavior are expected both on and off the ice. Swearing and discourteous language is not allowed at any time nor is it to be directed to any individual. Anytime a club member wears clothing identifying them as a member of RRVFSC, their actions reflect on the entire club. Respect for other people and communities' property is expected of all skaters.

No smoking, drinking, use of a controlled substance or gambling will be allowed by a club member. Any violation of this rule will result in a suspension of **15** skating days for the first offense. Subsequent offenses will result in a suspension of **30** skating days, including testing and competition and will result in a loss of member in good standing status. No fees will be refunded. The RRVFSC encourages parents to seek counseling for the skater in the appropriate area.

All skaters and parents are expected to abide by policies and guidelines formed by the RRVFSC Board and its committees regarding the various aspects and events of the RRVFSC. These policies are established on what is believed to be in the best interest of the club as a unit.

If coaches have a problem with a skater acting inappropriately during practice or displaying other objectionable behavior, the coach has the right to ask the skater to leave the ice and sit within view of the coach. After a second occurrence the skater will be asked to sit off the ice in view of the coach and the coach will notify the parents of this action at the end of that skating session. After a third occurrence the skater will be requested to call their parent to come and get them and will also result in a suspension of **5** skating days.

Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to, the following actions in the rink or locker room as witnessed by a coach or patch parent: swearing or discourteous language used toward the coach or another skater, extreme displays of anger, destruction or theft of rink or locker room property, intentional and repeated distraction of other skaters who are trying to work, hitting of other skaters, actions that put other skaters at risk of injury, not leaving the ice when the resurface machine comes out, or other unsportsmanlike conduct or disrespectful behavior toward coaches or others. Coaches and patch parents will use their discretion regarding the first warnings and

determining other behaviors not specifically listed above that would constitute inappropriate behavior for a club skater.

Parents are encouraged to be positive and supportive in their relationships with their skaters, coaches and board members. A team effort by parents, RRVFSC board members, and skaters is needed for skater's progress and enjoyment.

In the event inappropriate action by a skater and/or parent in regards to GR 1.02-1.06 or actions specific to the RRVFSC parent/skater Code of Conduct or policies occurs, the following procedure will be followed:

1. Written notice will be sent to party stating violation to be discussed. Letter will include date and time of hearing before an appointed grievance committee. Failure to respond may be considered an admission of the allegations and shall constitute a waiver to a hearing.
2. After all information is gathered a recommendation on status of membership will be forwarded to the RRVFSC Board for action and the party in question will be notified, in writing, within 10 days of their decision.
3. If after the above process is completed, allegations or problems continue to occur, the USFS Membership Committee will be notified.

CODE OF CONDUCT ACCEPTANCE

I have closely read the Code of Conduct of the Red River Valley Figure Skating Club and hereby acknowledge my willingness to observe it. I realize the Code of Conduct will be in effect during my entire figure skating career.

Date _____

Participant's Signature _____

I have read the Code of Conduct of the Red River Valley Figure Skating Club and consent to have my son/daughter participate in the RRVFSC events under these rules and regulations.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

By action of the Board of Directors at their August 1998 meeting, it was approved to have the Code of Conduct signed on a yearly basis along with membership renewal. This yearly signature is a reminder to skaters and parents of the conduct we expect from our skaters and parents.