

# Louisville Skating Academy Member Code of Conduct

(Adapted in part from U.S. Figure Skating Parent Code of Conduct  
and U.S. Figure Skating Member Code of Conduct GR 1.02)

*Codes of Conduct give everyone a guide to what is expected of us if we are part of an organization, participating in a sport, or as spectators at our child's events.*

Preamble: The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character" (Arizona Sports Summit Accord)

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches and officials at every practice session, competition and test session.
2. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to skate in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the results of a competitive event.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or blame my child's teammates for placement in a competition.
7. I will do my best to make skating fun and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction, not mine.
8. I will ask my child to treat other skaters, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability.
9. I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes.
10. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will be a positive role model for my child and other skaters.
12. I will demand a figure skating environment for my child that is free of drug or alcohol abuse and agree that I will not use or provide to a third party any drug prescribed by applicable federal, state or municipal law.
13. I will not assist or condone any competing athlete's use of a drug banned by the International Olympic Committee, International Skating Union, United States Olympic Committee or U.S. Figure Skating, or in the case of athletes, to use such drugs or refuse to submit to properly conducted drug tests administered by one of these organizations.
14. I will not provide alcohol to or condone the use of alcohol by minors, abuse alcohol in the presence of athlete members or at U.S. Figure Skating activities or, in the case of athletes, consume alcoholic beverages while a minor.
15. I will encourage my child's coach to continue their education and training through programs offered by U.S. Figure Skating, the Professional Skaters Association and other accredited organizations.
16. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from coaching my child or other skaters during competitions and practices because it may conflict with the coach's plan or strategies.
17. I will respect the decisions of officials and their authority during competitions and test sessions and teach my child to do likewise.
18. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials.
19. I will study the rules of the U.S. Figure Skating and teach my child accordingly, so that we have an understanding and appreciation of the rules for competition and membership.
20. I will support all the opponents in my child's competition and respect the rights of all skaters to participate.
21. LSA is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for members' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct.

Additionally, videotaping anyone other than your own skater at any time other than at public performances is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Anyone engaging in this behavior will be asked to stop and may have their Louisville Skating Academy (LSA) privileges suspended.

LSA members' information is considered private and confidential. Members' contact information may be given to certain individuals in LSA positions with a need to communicate about LSA activities or events. Use of LSA members' personal information for non-LSA business/solicitation, including but not limited to addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail lists is strictly prohibited.