



WORLD SKATE CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS/CARERS

As a responsible parent/carer of a skater under 18yo, I will:

- Recognise that my role is that of a parent/carer and not that of a coach
- Read, understand and abide by the WS Safeguarding Policy
- Make my child's welfare the overriding concern
- Be aware that my behaviour directly affects the behaviour of a child under my supervision
- Never pressure my child to take part in skateboarding if they do not want to - I know that this is their sport not mine
- Never use bad language, nor will I harass, undermine or belittle skaters, coaches, officials, or other spectators
- Encourage my child to perform within the rules and respect officials, coaches and decisions.
- Teach my child to respect the efforts of their competitors
- Remember that children learn best by example, so I will applaud good performances by both my child and their competitors
- Help my child recognise good performance and not just results and give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- Avoid criticising my child's coach, relevant persons or organisations such as, but not limited to, other participants, coaches, administrators, officials, affiliates (National Federations)
- Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child
- Never punish, criticize or ridicule my child's performance after training or competitions
- Never arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior competitions or coaching sessions
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse, or vilification in any form - regardless of whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials, or skaters
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the sport, regardless of their gender, ability, or cultural background
- Respect the confidentiality of other skaters and coaches who are currently (and have previously been) within your child's team/training group. It refers to not disclosing information acquired through the training process, be it through assessments or conversations such as, but not limited to team schedules, personal details, medical information and performance analytics (either data or video). This information belongs to the relevant individual and cannot be shared without the express or written permission unless there is an overt risk to the health and safety of my child (or others) then relevant details may be shared with a suitably qualified professional
- Check the qualifications and licences of people who are coaching or managing my child or offering a service connected to their skateboarding performance such as physiotherapy, massage, nutritional advice
- Know exactly where my child will be and who they will be with at all times in relation to their skateboarding
- Assume responsibility for safe transportation of my child to and from training and competition
- Report any concerns about my child's (or any other child's) welfare



GOOD SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

I understand that inappropriate pressure on children and poor behaviour of adult spectators can sometimes make children drop out of sport. I accept that this code promotes good spectator behaviour and understand that if I verbally abuse children, coaches, officials or relevant affiliates, action will be taken.

BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand that if I do not follow the code, action can be taken and I may:

- Be asked to apologise for my behaviour
- Receive a verbal or written warning
- Be suspended from attending training sessions or events

Parent/Carers Name:

Parent/Carers Signature:

Skater's Name:

Date:

ACCREDITED COACH