

# MATSQUI BLADES SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION

## Athlete Code of Conduct

Welcome to Matsqui Blades Speedskating Association. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all Club members and their parents, we feel it is necessary to have skaters and their parents (or guardians), read and sign the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct applies to all skate sanctioned activities both on and off the ice.

1. Matsqui Blades Speedskating Association expects all members to:
  - Be honest and forthright
  - Treat others with courtesy and respect
  - Respect club equipment and the property of others
  - Respond to coaches and all meet officials with courtesy and respect
2. The following behaviour is unacceptable for a member of the Matsqui Blades Speedskating Association
  - Lying
  - Intimidation
  - Using profane, disrespectful and abusive language including offensive gestures
  - Using any form of physical abuse
  - Prejudicial behaviour
  - Harassment
  - Defiance of or rudeness to coaches and all ice officials or chaperones
  - Destroying, damaging or interfering with the property of others, or of the Matsqui Blades Speedskating Association
3. The following is a list of immediate consequences for unacceptable behaviour. Some or all of these measures may be taken, and not necessarily in the order listed.
  - Warning
  - Time out
  - Contact with parents
  - Suspension until further investigation can take place
4. Upon accepting his or her misbehaviour, a skater may make restitution through a verbal or written apology to the parties involved, along with a Statement to the Club Executive that the offending action will not reoccur.
5. For persistent unacceptable behaviour, all or some of the following measures may be taken by the Executive of the Matsqui Blades Speedskating Association:
  - Withdrawal of funding to meets
  - Suspension from practices and meets
  - Expulsion from the Matsqui Blades Speedskating Association
6. Immediate suspension without warning will be enforced by the Executive of the Matsqui Blades Speedskating Association for serious infraction involving
  - Overt or deliberate opposition, rudeness, attack or threatening of any individual including, but not limited to coaches, officials, chaperones or fellow skaters.
  - Wilful destruction of or harm to property during all Club sanctioned activities
  - Use of alcohol and/or drugs at any Club sanctioned activity
  - Wilful destruction of, or harm to property of another during all skate sanctioned activities
7. Skaters under the age of 13 must have a parent or designated supervisor present during all Club sanctioned activities, including practices

I, the undersigned have read, and understand, and agree to the terms of the Matsqui Blades Speedskating Association Code of Conduct, and its rules, expectations and consequences stated above.

Skater's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_