

# Basic Skills Judging Code of Conduct

As an official part of the United States Figure Skating Association, Codes of Conduct give everyone a guide to what is expected of us as volunteers.

Preamble: The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the 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)

By signing below I hereby agree that:

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 well being of skaters ahead of my personal desire to advance in judging.
3. I will encourage all skaters to train in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will encourage skaters, coaches, and parents to be supportive of any skater who has a physical, learning, or emotional disability.
5. I will strive to set an example that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that skaters will never feel defeated by the results of a test session or competitive event.
6. I will not assign blame for a skater's placement in a competition or poor performance in testing.
7. I will do my best to make skating fun and will remember that skaters participate in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction not mine.
8. I will encourage skaters to treat others - skaters, coaches, fans, and officials - with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability.
9. When I am not judging, I will applaud a good effort in both victory

and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes.

10. I will attempt to resolve skating conflicts and disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will be a positive role model all skaters.
12. I will work to achieve a figure skating environment at my rink that is free of drug or alcohol abuse and agree that I will not use or provide to a third party any drug proscribed 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 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 skaters to continue their education while training to pass tests and compete.
16. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials.
17. I will study the rules of the U.S. Figure Skating and attempt to communicate this information to skaters, parents, and coaches so that they will have an understanding and appreciation of the rules of competition and membership.
18. I will work to keep myself current on the rule changes and participate in the USFS Continuing Education Program for Judges.

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