

## **Walsall Artistic Roller Skating Club (WARSC) - Code of Conduct**

WARSC is committed to promoting high standards of behaviour and a positive, safe and friendly environment. This code sets out the standards of behaviour expected of members.

### **The Code**

#### **Part 1: All Skaters.**

1. No eating or drinking while skating.
2. Club clothing should be worn for training sessions.
3. Skaters must pay attention to the coaches and immediately comply with a safety instruction or whistle.
4. Skaters must not distract other skaters under tuition or behave in such a way as to disrupt a session.
5. Skaters should aim to arrive on time for sessions and leave promptly at the end, ideally taking all belongings out of the hall and taking skates off outside of the hall.
6. The club is responsible for skaters while they are on club premises. Skaters must not engage in horseplay before, during or after sessions. At the end of a session skaters must leave the floor immediately.

#### **Part 2: Competitive skaters.**

7. Skaters under the age of 16 must have parental consent to compete.
8. WARSC members are free to attend training sessions with other clubs if they first get WARSC permission, however, they may only compete for WARSC.
9. Skaters should (as far as possible) attend every session. If a skater is unable to attend a session, then unless it is an emergency, they should give at least 24 hours' notice.
10. Skaters are expected not to regard training sessions as a social event and must come prepared to work.
11. Coaches' decisions on routines are final although personal preferences will be considered.
12. At competitions all skaters must comply with the following rules. Skaters must:
  - a. Arrive at least 1 hour before the competition commences,
  - b. Arrive fit and ready to skate e.g. ensure they get enough sleep before the competition
  - c. Take responsibility for ensuring their skating outfit(s) and skates are clean and ready for use.
  - d. Support all competitors from WARSC and demonstrate sportsmanlike behaviour,
  - e. Uphold the reputation of the club by behaving appropriately at the skating venue, outside of the venue and at any hotels, they stay at before or after the competition.
  - f. Never take recreational or performance enhancing drugs or alcohol.

#### **Part 3 The reputation and image of the club.**

13. Except as set out in rule 14 below no member may post anything about the club on social media (other than on the Club Facebook Group) without permission of a committee member.
14. Posts on social media other than the club Facebook Group are permissible (without first obtaining committee approval) if:
  - a. No reference is made to the club (including showing club clothing in photographs) and;
  - b. No mention of other club members is made unless permission has been given by that member.
15. Skaters must always uphold the good name and reputation of the club and do nothing which might jeopardise it. Public criticism of the club is a disciplinary matter, however, any member (or their guardian) may raise legitimate concerns through a coach or a committee member.
16. If you do not want to be photographed/your child to be photographed for use in club promotional material, you must specifically opt out in the membership form.

### **Enforcement of the Code of Conduct**

Coaches are responsible for the safety of skaters and are thus the first port of call for conduct issues. If a coach speaks to a skater about their conduct they have a right to expect that the skater will respect and comply with the coach's instructions. Parents or guardians will be expected to support the club coaches in this regard. In the case of persistent breaches of the code, a "three strikes" policy will be used: The skater will be:

1. given a verbal warning. If the behaviour continues then;
2. the skater will be given a "time out" of 5 minutes, taken in the hall. If the behaviour continues then;
3. the skater will be asked to take their skates off and leave the session.

If the behaviour is repeated during a number of sessions or club coach considers a more serious sanction is required, the club may invoke the club disciplinary procedure as set out in the constitution.