

**ST. MORITZ ICE SKATING CLUB, INC. (SMISC)  
SKATER CODE OF CONDUCT**

**General Guidelines**

The St. Moritz Ice Skating Club (SMISC) 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. This Skater Code of Conduct has been established to ensure the safety of all members using our ice to ensure quality practice time for all home club, associate, non-members and guests who purchase ice from the club and who participate in all club-related activities.

Members representing the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club, at test sessions, competitions and other figure skating events or activities, are expected to conduct themselves in an acceptable and responsible manner at all times on and off the ice. All skaters, regardless of whether they hold home club, associate, non-member or guest status, must follow and uphold the provisions in this Skater Code of Conduct regarding behavior on and off the ice. All club members are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship, show respect, and be courteous toward their fellow skaters, coaches, parents/guardians of skaters, U.S. Figure Skating officials, and guests.

**Rules, Ice Etiquette and Safety**

Rules:

Skaters registering with the SMISC do so knowing and accepting the expected code of conduct both on and off the ice. All members will adhere to the U.S. Figure Skating rules and all Safesport policies and procedures of U.S. Figure Skating and the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club, as well as the policies of the facilities where they skate.

Members are expected to follow all local, state and federal laws. Violations of the following will likely lead to immediate removal from the ice and/or facility and are cause for severe disciplinary actions, which may include suspension or termination of ice and/or membership privileges (without previous verbal or written warning) as well as notification of appropriate law enforcement agencies.

1. Willful damage or destruction of facility equipment or property.
2. Intentional physical contact, bodily or by throwing objects, which would be considered aggressive in nature by a responsible, prudent adult; threatening or intimidating behavior toward other skaters or persons.
3. Stealing of any item or property.
4. Possession, consumption, or being under the influence of any illegal drugs; Minors in possession or under influence of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco products; Adults consuming or under the influence of alcohol while on the premises.
5. Possession of weapons or explosives.

Ice Etiquette and Safety:

1. Only authorized persons/skaters are allowed on the ice. Please leave ice promptly at the end of a session.
2. Be on the alert for other skaters at all times. While in lesson or practice, it is the skater's responsibility to always be conscientious and aware of other skaters around them.
3. Skaters must skate with the flow of other skaters and familiarize themselves with the most commonly used areas for jumps and spins. Never deliberately skate in a manner that interferes with another skater's safety.
4. The only time a skater has the SOLE right of way is when they are skating their program to music. When you hear another skater's music, please extend that person the courtesy and move out of their path momentarily. This only takes a moment and you will enjoy the same courtesy while you are performing your program.
5. Advanced skaters are expected to exhibit patience toward beginner members of the club. Remember, you were an inexperienced skater once, and it takes time for our future generation to advance to the point where they are completely comfortable skating with all levels of skaters.
6. Do not disrupt other skaters or coaches, particularly while they are in a lesson.

7. No food or drinks are allowed on the ice (Exception: bottled water or sports drink may be kept near the ice, but should only be consumed during a rest period and not while skating). No gum chewing on or near the ice.
8. Comply with the directions or instructions of a Session Chair, Coach, Club Board Member or Rink Attendant regarding club, session and rink rules, regulations or policies.
9. Skaters must adhere to the descriptions and conditions of a session.
10. When visiting other ice rinks, whether for competition, a test session or practice, skaters are expected to be courteous and show respect for the skaters, parents, rink employees and the facilities they are visiting.

Unsafe or Discourteous Behavior:

Unsafe or discourteous behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Such behaviors include, but are not limited to: abusive or obscene language, profanity or any gesture of obscenity; purposeful kicking of the ice; spitting; littering; yelling; or tossing of objects at or near others.

**St. Moritz Ice Skating Club  
Skater Code of Conduct Agreement Form**

*[NOTE: May be submitted with electronic signature and/or accepted electronically as part of Club membership registration]*

I, \_\_\_\_\_[member's name printed], have read the Skater Code of Conduct and agree to uphold all guidelines and tenets of this document. I understand that violations of the code of conduct may result in disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion from the SMISC.

*Skater's signature, if 18 years or older* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent's or Legal Guardian's signature, if under 18 years of age* \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_