

Policy Title:	Skating at MPPSC Responsibilities and Expectations
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# Purpose:

To clearly identify the responsibilities and expectations of what it means to be a member of the Mount Pearl Paradise Skating Club.

### **Criteria Statement:**

We are delighted to have you as a member of the Mount Pearl Paradise skating community. As a valued member of this community, there are a number of expectations and responsibilities that accompany being a club member. Adhering to these guidelines will ensure a positive and rewarding experience for both skaters and their families.

#### **Definitions:**

<u>Athlete/skater:</u> A person who participates in sports or other physical activities organized by our organization.

<u>Club:</u> A not-for-profit organization that is operating for the general purpose of providing Skate Canada skating programs and is managed by a volunteer board of directors (<u>see MPPSC</u> <u>Constitution</u>).

<u>Coach:</u> An individual responsible for training and instructing athletes within the club registered in good standing with Skate Canada.

<u>Member:</u> Each person that meets the requirements of any of the three Member classes as defined in Article 3 hereof [of the Skate Canada bylaws] and that has been duly admitted as a member of Skate Canada.

# **Policy and Procedures:**

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MPPSC is committed to fostering a positive training environment for all members, as such expectations and guidelines have been identified to ensure all members have a rewarding experience.

# Procedures:

- 1. Attendance and Commitment:
  - Skaters are encouraged to attend all scheduled training sessions, including practices, group lessons and any other club related sessions.
  - Regular attendance is vital for personal development as well as obtaining consistent progress throughout the skating journey.
- 2. Behaviour and Sportsmanship:
  - Skaters should demonstrate good sportsmanship, respect for coaches, fellow skaters and club volunteers at all times.
  - Respectful behaviour and a positive attitude contribute to a supportive and encouraging skating environment.
- 3. Financial Obligations:
  - Skating families must meet all financial obligations promptly, including registration and membership fees as well as any other club related costs.
  - Delinquent payments may result in a skater losing their good standing status.
- 4. Dress Code:
  - Skaters are expected to wear appropriate skating attire during training sessions and competitions.
  - Proper skating attire contributes to safety as well as the overall professional appearance of the club.
- 5. Coaching and Training:
  - Skaters are required to secure club approved coaches prior to training.
  - Coaching should be conducted according to the guidelines set forth by the club's coaching structure.

### 6. Assessment and Competition:

- While not mandatory, skaters are encouraged to participate in club sponsored competitions. Competitions promote growth and skill development
- Skaters, when ready, should participate in any assessments that are offered as this provides an excellent opportunity to mark and document a skater's progress.

# 7. Communication:

- Skaters and parents/guardians are encouraged to maintain open communication with the coaching staff and club executive.
- Skaters and parents/guardians are expected to stay informed about club news, updates, and important information through provided communication channels (Facebook, Instagram, email).

#### 8. Safety:

- Skaters are expected to follow all safety guidelines and rules provided by the club.
- Safety is to be a top priority during any on-ice and off-ice activities.

#### 9. Volunteer and Guardian Involvement:

- Guardians and skaters are encouraged to get involved with the club through volunteering whenever possible to assist with club run competitions and to support club activities.
- Your participation helps to create a vibrant skating community.
- Please visit the "Club Volunteers" page on our website for more information on helping out.

# 10. Respect for Facilities:

- Skaters should always respect and take care of the club's facilities and equipment.
- Skaters should keep dressing rooms, skating areas and common spaces clean and tidy.

## 11. Code of Ethics:

 All skaters and their families are expected to adhere to Skate Canada's code of ethics, promoting a positive and inclusive skating environment. Please visit the link below for more information.

https://skatecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Code-of-Ethics.pdf

## 12. Good Standing

• In order to maintain good standing status it is essential to meet the above requirements.

- Failure to to meet the above obligations may result in a review of your standing within the club, including the possibility of having your membership terminated.
- Benefits of being a skater in good standing:
  - o Priority access to club resources and coaching.
  - o Eligibility for club rewards, scholarships and recognition.
  - o Participation in club exhibitions and special events.
  - o Opportunity to represent the club in competitions.

We are excited to have you as part of the Mount Pearl Paradise Skating Club, a proud member of Skate Canada and look forward to helping you achieve your skating goals. If you have any questions or need further clarification on any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact our club executive or coaching staff at <a href="mailto:mppskate@gmail.com">mppskate@gmail.com</a>.

Thank you for choosing the Mount Pearl Paradise Skating Club. Let's have a fantastic skating season together.

# **Contributors:**