



Code of Conduct Policy

Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Ice Speed Skating New Zealand recognises Te Tiriti o Waitangi as Aotearoa New Zealand's founding document.

Ice Speed Skating New Zealand is committed to upholding the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the principles of partnership, protection and participation.

Values

Ice Speed Skating New Zealand knows everyone involved in the sport is here because of a shared passion for the sport and care for the people involved.

Ice Speed Skating New Zealand aims to provide a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in its activities. People are expected to show respect and courtesy in their interactions with others.

Children and young people in particular must be cared for, treated with respect, and their welfare placed at the centre of everything we do in the sport.

Everyone involved in the sport joins with good intentions, and we are all expected to do our part responsibly and to comply with our policies and rules.

Purpose

This code aims to:

- provide guidance on the behaviour expected of all people when participating in Ice Speed Skating New Zealand's activities
- support an inclusive environment where all people are treated with dignity, respect, and courtesy.

Application

This code applies to anyone involved in Ice Speed Skating New Zealand and its regional and national, organisations where applicable.

This includes volunteers, participants, supporters, club members, staff, service providers, and families/whānau of participants.

It is to be read together with Ice Speed Skating New Zealand's policies and procedures.

Expected behaviours

Everyone

Everyone involved with Ice Speed Skating New Zealand must obey the law, at all times.

Everyone is expected to:

- act in good faith towards Ice Speed Skating New Zealand
- show commitment to Ice Speed Skating New Zealand's purpose
- follow the principles of fair play, and encourage others to do the same
- respect the rights, dignity, and value of others
- be considerate and treat everyone fairly and equally
- be a positive role model
- communicate with others in a way that is honest and considerate
- be committed to providing a quality service and sporting environment
- behave professionally, responsibly, and ethically, at all times

- not behave in a way that is discriminatory, bullying, harassing, racist, sexist, violent, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate towards others, in person or online
- remain free of the influence of drugs, performance enhancing substances and alcohol while involved in Ice Speed Skating New Zealand's activities
- ensure safe and healthy practices at all times
- follow this code, Ice Speed Skating New Zealand's policies and procedures, and any applicable rules issued by the International Skating Union in a timely and appropriate way.

Participants

Participants are expected to:

- play competitively and fairly
- play by the rules of the sport
- be humble in both success and defeat
- be respectful of officials/referees, coaches, team managers, teammates, and other competitors
- refrain from arguing with or abusing officials/ referees, coaches, and team managers
- be cooperative with officials/referees, coaches, team managers, teammates, and other competitors.

Family/whānau

Family/whānau of participants are expected to:

- lead by example
- remember participant enjoyment of the sport is most important
- encourage participants, not force them
- focus on participant effort and performance, not the end result
- never punish participants for making a mistake or not winning
- encourage participants to play by the rules of the sport
- encourage low-level resolution of disagreements
- be appreciative of officials/referees, coaches, supervisors, and team managers, and respect their decisions.

Coaches

Coaches are expected to:

- lead by example
- respect and treat all participants fairly and equally
- support participants to reach their full potential, keeping in mind their individual talents, developmental stages, and sporting goals
- provide all participants with equal attention and opportunities
- operate within the rules of the sport, and the principles of fair play, while encouraging participants to do the same
- advocate a sporting environment free of drugs, alcohol, and performance enhancing substances, guided by Drug Free Sport New Zealand
- display courtesy, respect, honesty, and professionalism to everyone involved in the activities of Ice Speed Skating New Zealand, including family/whānau, other competitors, coaches, officials/referees, and team managers
- remain professional and refrain from initiating an inappropriate relationship with a participant, and discourage any attempts by participants from establishing, or trying to establish, inappropriate relationships
- accurately represent all qualifications, experience, competence, and affiliations they have
- provide a quality service to participants, including:
 - maintain qualifications as appropriate
 - seek continuous improvement and development opportunities for themselves
 - provide age-appropriate structured training that is appropriate to participants' needs and goals
 - seek advice and assistance where required.
- provide a safe sporting environment, as far as possible by:
 - making sure all equipment and facilities meet health and safety standards

- making sure all equipment, rules, training, and environments are appropriate, taking into account participants' ages, maturity (physical and emotional), experience, and ability
- encouraging participants to seek medical advice when sick or injured
- being considerate and proactive toward sick and injured participants
- be alert to the abuse of participants, verbally, physically, and emotionally.

Team managers/supervisors

Team managers/supervisors are expected to:

- be responsible and accountable for the overall management and wellbeing of the team/group
- create a collaborative and inclusive team/group environment
- have a good understanding of Ice Speed Skating New Zealand policies and other relevant ice speed skating rules or guidelines, ensuring the team/group acts in accordance with them.

Officials

Officials are expected to:

- officiate matches fairly and impartially, placing participant safety at the heart of their approach
- have a thorough understanding of Ice Speed Skating rules
- condemn unsporting behaviour and encourage respect for competitors
- support other referees/officials and encourage respect for them
- treat all participants equally, and with dignity and respect and
- conduct themselves in an ethical way.

Reporting a breach

Individuals who wish to report an alleged breach of this policy should follow the complaints procedure outlined in the Complaints Policy.