



Oxford Junior Ice Dance Club

Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Parents

(Version 1)

We want everyone to enjoy skating at our Junior Ice Dance Club session. To ensure that everyone has a safe and productive session, certain rules are in place, which are summarised in the following code of conduct. In general, courtesy and common sense should prevail at all times.

Parents or guardians should sign the declaration below on behalf of themselves and their skater(s) to show that they have read and understood these guidelines.

Information for skaters

- 1. Group teaching:** For part of the session, skaters will be divided into groups to work with the coaches on different aspects of ice dance.
 - (a) Skaters should stay with the group to which they have been allocated unless a coach decides to move them into a different group.
 - (b) Skaters are expected to pay attention to and co-operate with the coaches at all times during group teaching sessions.

- 2. Guided practice:** Outside the group lessons, the coaches may ask skaters to work on specific things by themselves or in small groups, including running pattern dances with music.
 - (a) The coaches' instructions should be followed at all times.
 - (b) If a specific pattern dance is announced, skaters who are not working on that dance should keep clear of those who are. The coaches will advise if there are areas of the ice where they can continue to practise safely, or may ask them to step off the ice briefly.

- 3. Individual practice:** Part of the session may be used for individual practice.
 - (a) At all times, skaters must be aware of other skaters whose patterns they may be obstructing. Most, but not all, patterns travel anti-clockwise around the rink.
 - (c) If private lessons are taking place, skaters in lessons have priority on the ice, followed by skaters practising a pattern or free dance with music.
 - (d) As dance patterns cover the whole surface of the ice in repeated circuits, please do not dominate one part of the rink [e.g. the base line or a hockey circle].
 - (e) If standing still on the ice, please stay close to the barrier and be aware of approaching skaters.
 - (f) Jumping (other than small dance jumps as part of free dance choreography) is not permitted.
 - (g) Spectators should stand clear of the barrier, as skaters may perform patterns that come extremely close to the edge of the ice. For the same reason, please do not leave items on the barrier that can be easily knocked onto the ice [e.g. blade guards and bottles].
 - (h) Chatting and socialising must take place off the ice, not during the session.

- 4. Music:**

Coaches will have control of the music for the duration of the session. Skaters should not put on their own music.

- 5. Equipment and Clothing:**
 - (a) All skaters are expected to provide their own figure or dance skates.
 - (b) Skaters should wear appropriate sports clothing that allows lines to be seen and does not restrict movement.
 - (c) Long hair should be tied back.

- 6. Outside Club Sessions:**

While at the rink, skaters are expected to be familiar with and adhere to the rules governing the session they are skating on, including Oxford Ice Rink's patch guidelines, and to be co-operative with coaches and rink staff at all times. Skaters participating in off-ice sessions organised by the club should be attentive and follow the instructions of the person running the session.

At events away from the rink, skaters should remember that they are representing both the Club and the rink, and not behave in a manner that is detrimental to either.



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1. Supervision and Collection:

The Club is not responsible for supervising skaters when they are not on the ice for the Club session or participating in a club-organised off-ice session.

For children under 10, one parent or guardian must be present at all times when the child is in the rink.

Parents of older children must ensure that arrangements are in place for their child to be collected promptly at the end of the session. The Club is not responsible for getting the child home if they are not collected. Please see the OXIST Child and Vulnerable Persons Protection Policy for the Club’s policy on late collection.

Parents who do not remain present throughout the session must provide the club with any phone numbers on which they are likely to be reached, in case they need to be contacted in an emergency.

2. Attendance:

Continuous non-attendance for a period of six weeks without good reason may result in a skater’s membership being terminated without refund of fees paid. Should the skater wish to rejoin the club at a later date, they will have to reapply for membership, and may have to join a waiting list if one is in operation at the time.

If an extended absence due to illness, injury or other circumstances is anticipated, parents should discuss this with club officers as soon as it becomes apparent, to agree how to proceed.

3. Photography:

No unauthorized photography, video or digital imaging, which includes the use of camera phones, is permitted at club sessions, competitions or organized events wherever held.

At Oxford, the ice rink’s photography policy will apply to club sessions. This allows parents to take photographs of their own children, provided that they have first obtained a permit to do so from the rink. Other children may only be photographed with explicit permission from one of their parents/guardians.

Parents should note that at competitions and other events, photography and videoing, if allowed at all, is likely to be subject to them obtaining a permit in advance.

4. Complaints:

Anyone with concerns about the behaviour of a club member should speak to a committee member rather than addressing the skater directly. The committee will take the issue up with the skater and their parents as appropriate.

Declaration

I agree that (name(s) of skater(s)) _____
will abide by the Club rules as laid out in the Oxford Ice Skating Club (OXIST) Constitution 2016 and this Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to do so may result in dismissal from the Club without reimbursement of fees.

I give permission for (name(s) of skater(s)) _____
to be photographed/videoed at any ice skating event/venue while they are a member of Oxford Junior Ice Dance Club. Any such photograph or video may be used by the Club on its noticeboard, on the Club’s official website, www.oxist.co.uk, or to promote the Club and/or ice dance in the press or other media.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

Name (please print in capitals): _____