



## SKATE AUSTRALIA COACH'S CODE OF ETHICS

1.	Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of sex, disability, ethnic origin or religion.</li> </ul>
2.	Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.</li> </ul>
3.	Treat each athlete as an individual.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual athlete.</li> <li>Help each athlete reach their full potential.</li> </ul>
4.	Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes.	
5.	Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards.</li> <li>Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with the sport – this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.</li> <li>Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.</li> </ul>
6.	Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain or improve your current NCAS accreditation.</li> <li>Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education.</li> <li>Provide a training program which is planned and sequential.</li> <li>Maintain appropriate records.</li> </ul>
7.	Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The guidelines of Skate Australia Inc. and the Federation Internationale de Roller Skating should be followed. Please contact your State or National Coaches Committee Chairman for a copy of its rule book and relevant policies, e.g SA Anti-doping Policy, Selection Procedures, SA Anti-Harassment Policy.</li> <li>Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with SA's Sports Medicine Commission or the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA)</li> </ul>
8.	Any physical contact with athletes should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate to the situation.</li> <li>Necessary for the athlete's skill development *</li> </ul>	
9.	Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes. *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse.</li> <li>Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.</li> </ul>
10.	Refrain from any form of harassment towards your athletes *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This includes sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability.</li> <li>You should not only refrain from initiating a relationship with an athlete, but should also discourage any attempt by an athlete to initiate a sexual relationship with you, explaining the ethical basis of your refusal.</li> </ul>
11.	Provide a safe environment for training and competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.</li> <li>Equipment, rules, training and the environment need to be appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.</li> </ul>
12.	Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a modified training program where appropriate.</li> <li>Allow further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.</li> <li>Encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required.</li> <li>Maintain the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.</li> </ul>
13.	Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes.	

**\*PLEASE REFER TO THE Harassment-Free Sport Guidelines available from Skate Australia or the Australian Sports Commission for more information on harassment issues.**

**Coaches should.....**

- ◆ Be Treated with respect and openness.
- ◆ Have access to self-improvement opportunities.
- ◆ Be matched with a level of coaching appropriate to their level of competence.



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## SKATE AUSTRALIA COACH'S AGREEMENT FORM

For registration or re-registration to the National Coach Accreditation Scheme (NCAS)

TO: Skate Australia

I, ..... of.....  
 Full name Address  
 .....Post Code.....  
 Address Cont/d

Am seeking registration/re-registration (please circle) for the following Australian Coaching Council (ACC) qualification.

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 Level Sport Discipline

**I agree to the following terms:**

1. I agree to abide by Skate Australia's Code of Ethics
2. I acknowledge that Skate Australia may take disciplinary action against me, if I breach the code of ethics. (I understand that Skate Australia is required to implement a complaints handling procedure in accordance with the principles of natural justice in the event of an allegation against me.
3. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include de-registration from the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

Please refer to the *Harassment-free Sport Guidelines* available from the Australian Sports Commission or Skate Australia's Member Protection Policy, if you require more information on harassment issues.

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 Signature If under 18 parent/guardian signature Date



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