



Sharper Edge Skating School

Valley Sports Arena ~2320 Main Street, Concord, MA ~ (978) 369-0088



# Club Member Behavior Contract

2023 - 2024

As Sharper Edge club members, all skaters are expected to strive to be their personal best both on and off the ice. It is important for each skater to understand that they are expected to always represent our club to the highest standard. All skaters must respect the decisions made by each club coach and the director regarding level, choreography, coaching, and team placement.

**Social Media and Internet Use:** Today, almost everyone is using the Internet to communicate and to share information. Message boards, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, email, and text message correspondence can be useful and fun. However, at times an innocent comment can become misconstrued and problematic. We urge all skaters to use caution when communicating and posting online. All Sharper Edge club members are only permitted to post positive and supportive messages and images regarding teams, competitors, coaches, and individual skaters on all websites and social media outlets. Any negative or derogatory comments should be brought to the attention of the coaches and Sharper Edge Skating School director. Any skater who originates negative activity will be subject to disciplinary action.

**Locker Room and Bathroom Policy:** All club skaters are welcome to use the Valley Sports locker rooms to prepare for their lessons. Skaters are expected to be respectful of other members changing and are not permitted to use any electronic device inside the locker rooms or bathroom facilities (this includes cell phones, tablets, cameras, etc...). Any skater wishing to play music in the locker rooms may request the use of a club speaker and make their own CD. Music must be appropriate for all ages.

**On Ice Behavior:** The club director and coaching staff make every effort to ensure each skater is placed in the appropriate group class. Group classes are often divided up by test level and/or age, and it can take time to ensure each child is in the correct class. Skaters are expected to be patient with this process. While participating in group classes, all club members shall try their best to make the corrections given to them. All talking should remain minimal and of course positive at all times.

**Competition Etiquette:** All skaters must follow the ISI Skaters Creed referenced below. All club members shall respect the outcomes of all competitions and understand that each event is a new personal experience to grow from. While talking in the stands, bathrooms, locker rooms, or

parking lot remember that you never know who is listening. All comments should remain positive and supportive of all athletes. The club Locker Room and Bathroom Policy also applies to competition facilities. No electronic device use is allowed.

**ISI Skaters Creed**

*I will try to do my own personal best.*

*I will support and encourage my fellow teammates.*

*I will be a good representative from my home rink team.*

*I will skate at my own true level of ability.*

*I will be modest in victory.*

*I will be gracious in defeat.*

*I will not focus on winning but on my own participation and enjoyment of ice skating.*

Any violation of the above behavior will result in three separate warnings as written in the Club Member Handbook. The first will be a verbal warning to both parent and skater outlining the offense. The second warning will be written and upon the third warning, the skater will have a disciplinary meeting with the director and risks a suspension from Sharper Edge Skating School. I acknowledge the receipt of the Club Member Handbook and agree to abide to its terms.

All skaters and parents must sign the **Skater Behavior Contract** and submit it to the office by August 28<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in order to continue lessons and teams at Sharper Edge Skating School.

Skater's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Skater's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_