

Code of Conduct for Parents / Carers



Ely Roller Skating Club

Ely Roller Skating Club (ERSC) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, and family members associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with their coach in the first instance and then with the Chair of the Committee.

Sports clubs should offer a positive experience for children and young people and where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As parents/carers you are expected to:

- Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their chosen activity.
- Do not place your child under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do.
- Complete and return the Registration, Medical and Consent Form pertaining to your child's participation with Ely Roller Skating Club.
- Detail any relevant medical concerns or conditions pertaining to their children on the registration/consent form. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to the activity.
- Deliver and collect your child punctually before and after sessions/matches.
- Ensure that you or your child pay any fees for training or events promptly
- Ensure your child has appropriate clothing.
- Ensure that suitable kit is worn for training and match/competition sessions, as agreed with the coach.
- To inform the coach prior to the session starting if your child is to be collected early.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules, and teach them that they can only do their best.
- Behave responsibly on the side-lines; do not embarrass your child.
- Show appreciation and support the coach and club.
- Be respectful to others; do not make derogatory remarks about, or criticise Coaches, other club members or parents/carers in front of skaters and parents, or in public forums e.g. during skating sessions or on social media. Any queries or complaints regarding coaching or how sessions are organised must be made to the Head Coach, not to junior coaches or through members of the committee (other than the Child Protection Officer) unless a formal complaint is to be raised.
- Be realistic and supportive.
- Ensure your child has adequate food and drink.
- Accept competition/match officials' judgment and do not enter ("invade") the rink/field of play.
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for **fun**.

As a parent/carer you have the right to:

- Know your child is safe.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your children.
- Be informed if your child is injured.
- Have your consent sought for issues such as photography.
- Contribute to decisions within the club.
- Have any concerns you have about any aspect of child welfare, coaching, behaviour of other club members/parents or about any other aspect of the Club listened to/responded to.

Any breaches of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with immediately by an Ely Roller Skating Club official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in you being asked on to attend sessions/events if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants.

The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the Code of Conduct may be Ely Roller Skating Club officials regrettably asking the child to leave the session, event or club