

Freestyle Saskatchewan – Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct

Purpose

Freestyle Saskatchewan strives to create a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and staff. We recognize and deeply appreciate that many individuals contribute their time and effort as volunteers to make our programs possible. This Code of Conduct outlines expectations for parents and guardians to help maintain the integrity and spirit of the sport.

1. Respectful Communication

- Communicate respectfully and through appropriate channels.
- Repeated texting, emailing, or contacting multiple staff members about the same concern is not acceptable.

2. Supportive and Positive Behavior

- Encourage and support all athletes, regardless of level, ability, or past achievements.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to understand and accept that standards, qualifications, certification pathways, and participation requirements for both athletes and coaches continue to evolve in alignment with Freestyle Canada's current expectations.
- Refrain from behaviour that pits individuals, teams, or clubs against one another, as this can undermine our shared Freestyle community.
- Model positive sportsmanship, integrity, and respectful conduct at all times.
- Refrain from gossip, slander, or harmful comments about athletes, coaches, staff, or other parents.

3. Respect for Decisions and Roles

- Respect coaches, officials, staff, volunteers, and board members and the decisions they make.
- Understand that our coaches are chosen and supported in alignment with current Freestyle Canada standards. We value the diverse strengths each coach brings, and we ask parents/guardians to support and respect the expertise they contribute to our programs.
- Understand that we are updating and modernizing our procedures to align with Freestyle Canada and other PSOs as our membership continues to grow. This work takes time, and we appreciate patience and constructive engagement as we bring our practices up to date in support of our entire community.
- Recognize that decisions are made with the broader needs of the organization and all athletes in mind.

4. Consequences of Breach

Failure to comply with this Code may result in:

- Verbal or written warning
- Required meeting with Freestyle Saskatchewan representatives
- Suspension from events or programs
- Removal of the parent/guardian from the program
- Removal of the athlete from Freestyle Saskatchewan programs if misconduct is severe or ongoing

5. Commitment

Parents/guardians acknowledge that their behaviour directly impacts the athlete experience and the community. Compliance with this Code is required for continued participation in Freestyle Saskatchewan programs.