



Dear Parents:

The Silver Blades Skating Club is responsible for ensuring all skaters are safe when they are on the ice. When a skater's attention is diverted away from the ice, toward a parent who may be requesting the skater practice a particular jump or spin, for example, all skaters are placed in danger.

For this reason, and to ensure all Skate Canada rules and regulations are met, the Silver Blades Skating Club executive is asking you to refrain from coaching your child from the stands. We also request that you let the child's professional coach work with your child for the health and safety of all concerned.

The Silver Blades Skating Club offers its members the opportunity to practice the sport of figure skating in an environment that is safe for all skaters. To ensure our coaches are able to provide such an environment, the executive requests all parents and guardians adhere to the Skate Canada Parent Code of Conduct. The Skate Canada Parent Code of Conduct states in part:

- All parents are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner consistent with the values of fair play, integrity, open communication and mutual respect.
- Parents shall always model positive and responsible behaviour...Parents will assume the major responsibility for their son/daughter's on ice conduct and attitude.
- Parents shall at all times treat all individuals and property with dignity, courtesy and respect, including but not limited to skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers, other parents, and all other individuals that are part of the club, skating school, Section or Skate Canada.

Spending time at the rink gives a parent or guardian the opportunity to observe the interaction between coach and skater, as well as some idea of the aims and objectives set. However, as the club points out in its Guide Book on our website (<http://www.sport.ca/cbsilverblades>) the balance between being supportive and obtrusive can be difficult to judge and it is important that parents as well as skaters maintain a balanced approach to the sport.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Silver Blades Skating Club