



**U S S P E E D S K A T I N G**

## **Officials Code of Conduct**

Officials are held to the highest standard due to the responsibilities that they are charged with. This code is based on sportsmanship and fair play in order to provide a positive experience for all participants.

1. Officials will conduct themselves in accordance with the highest ethical standards and be a positive role model in behavior and personal appearance.
2. Officials will treat everyone with respect and dignity.
3. Officials will place the safety and welfare of participants above all else and will strive to provide a sportsmanlike environment.
4. Officials will emphasize the spirit of the competition rather than its outcome.
5. Officials will be impartial, objective, consistent, unbiased and courteous when making decisions.
6. Officials will accept responsibility for their actions and decisions.
7. Officials are responsible for knowing the rules, and applying them fairly and equitably within their spirit and intent.
8. Officials will respect and support other officials.
9. Officials will avoid any situation that may be construed as a conflict of interest.

Any violation of this code will be referred to USS and the USS Officials Task Force for appropriate action.