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The British Columbia Speed Skating Association has accepted the “Canadian Code of Ethics for Sport Officials” for their officials. The Code of Ethics is published in the Association newsletter at the beginning of each season and is sent out in the sanction package for each competition.

CANADIAN CODE OF ETHICS FOR SPORT OFFICIALS

1. I shall have complete knowledge of all rules and competition procedures for officiating applicable to my sport relative to my official’s position.
2. I shall honour all commitments of which I have obligated myself.
3. I shall strive to set good examples during the course of competition; realizing the prime function of the official is to make competition an enjoyable experience for all participants.
4. I shall keep in mind that my important charge is the safety and general welfare of all those under my supervision.
5. I accept my duties as a public trust and remember my responsibilities extend to my fellow officials to whom I pledge complete allegiance and loyalty of support during the discharge of all officiating duties.
6. I shall keep myself mentally fit and shall wear with pride the accepted officials’ attire, maintaining a neat and creditable appearance.
7. I shall refrain from intimidating coaches and players and shall never question the integrity of my officiating colleagues.
8. I shall NOT tolerate any action by a coach or a participant, which may be physically dangerous to opponents.
9. I shall strive to render decisions firmly but without arrogance; fairly but without officiousness; and to render all decisions according to the rules regardless of the score, the individuals concerned, or partisan spectators.
10. I shall conduct myself at all times so as to instil in all competitors and other competition officials a respect for each and the other; to avoid obscene language and/or personal remarks; and shall strive to display the virtues of dignity and sincerity in a sportsmanlike manner.
11. I shall constantly review my work and seek to improve the standards of officiating as a means of dedication and loyalty to the sport I serve.
12. I shall strive to create good working relations with all sponsors, coaches, and managers with a show of respectful liaison and communication on all matters pertaining to my role.