GIFTING

HOW ADULTS CAN FOLLOW THE SKATESAFE® POLICY

The policy states Adult Participants shall not give personal gifts to Minor Athlete(s).

The gifting policy exists for two main reasons:

1) Gift-giving can be a part of the grooming process.

2) If Minors are accustomed to receiving gifts from unrelated Adults, they cannot distinguish between what is appropriate or inappropriate.

An Adult is permitted to give personal gifts to a Minor if they meet the Close-in-Age or Dual Relationship exception(s).

Gifts should be age-appropriate and related to figure skating.

**Gifting is OK when...**

- Parent/Permanent Legal Guardian approves

  **AND**

  - It is intended to motivate, educate, or celebrate progress in figure skating

  **OR**

  - All skaters receive the same gift

**EXAMPLES**

- Any skater who completes their first double Axel receives the same gift
- All skaters receive the same pair of gloves as a birthday gift

**Gifting is NOT OK when...**

- Parent/Permanent Legal Guardian is not aware/does not approve

  **OR**

  - It is “just because”

  **OR**

  - One skater is singled out

**EXAMPLES**

- One skater receives a gift for a “good” training session
- One skater receives a cell phone as a holiday gift

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