

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