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Prince Edward Island

June 29th to July 3rd, 2017

ScotDance Canada Championship Series

SDCCS Protocol for the Protection of Children

The following Code of Conduct to Protect Children is intended to guide our volunteers in their interactions with children. The safety, rights and well-being of competitors/children participating at our event is a priority in our daily operations. The intent of the code of conduct is to promote supportive relationships with children while balancing and encouraging appropriate boundaries.

As a volunteer, it is important for to monitor your own behaviour towards children, and pay close attention to the behaviour of our peers, to ensure that behaviour is appropriate and respectful and will be perceived as such by others. All volunteers must: treat all children and competitors with respect and dignity; establish respect and maintain appropriate boundaries with all children and families involved in all SDCCS events.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour toward a child:

- Physical contact without permission
- Physical restraint
- Criticizing
- Embarrassing
- Shaming
- Blaming
- Humiliating
- Yelling

Volunteers must not:

- Engage in any sort of physical contact with a child that may make the child or a reasonable observer feel uncomfortable, or that may be seen by a reasonable observer to be violating reasonable boundaries
- Engage in any communication with a child within or outside of the volunteer duties that may make the child or a reasonable observer feel uncomfortable, or that may be seen by a reasonable observer to be violating reasonable boundaries
- Conduct their own investigation into allegations or suspicions of potentially illegal or inappropriate behaviour – it is a volunteer's duty to report the matter to his/her supervisor, not to investigate.

All participants are reminded to follow the ScotDance Canada Professional and Dancer Code of Conduct.

If a volunteer should witness or be privy to any situation where potentially illegal or inappropriate behaviour has occurred, it must be immediately reported to a representative on the SDCCS Organizing Committee.

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*Resources: "Reporting of Child Protection and Child Abuse" Province of Manitoba (August 2013)

"Code of Conduct to Protect Children" Canadian Centre for Child Protection: Commit to Kids www.commit2kids.ca

Steps for Reporting Inappropriate Conduct

