

KSCT Code of Ethics

Preamble

The KSCT strives to take an active role in improving the wellbeing of human kind as well as to provide opportunities for individual members to further their professional and academic potential by establishing and vitalizing the networks among the academic and industrial members. With this goal in mind, the KSCT Code of Ethics is designed to be a comprehensive policy outlining guidelines for good behavior and proposing solutions to ethical dilemmas facing peer review and publication ethics in the Journal of Korean Society of Clothing and Textiles. The Code describes KSCT's policies for ensuring the ethical treatment of all participants in the peer review and publication process. Members of the Society share a dedication to ethical behavior and adopt this code to declare the Society's principles and standards of practice.

Chapter 1. KSCT Code of Ethics for Society members

1. General Principles

【Respect for People's Rights and Dignity】

1. Respect the dignity and worth of all people, and the rights of individuals to privacy, confidentiality, and self-determination.
2. Be aware that special safeguards may be necessary to protect the rights and welfare of persons or communities whose vulnerabilities impair autonomous decision making.
3. Be aware of and respect cultural, individual, and role differences, including those based on age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, and socioeconomic status and consider these factors when working with members of such groups.
4. Try to eliminate the effect on their work of biases based on those factors, and they do not knowingly participate in or condone activities of others based upon such prejudices.

【Professionality】

1. Diligently seek out new subjects for research and keep up with current issues of clothing and textiles field.
2. Concentrate on the self development as a professional researcher and the networking between related academic, industrial organizations.

2. Resolving Ethical Issues

1. Violation of copyrights, patents, trade secrets and the terms of license agreements is prohibited in most circumstances. Such violations are contrary to professional behavior. Quotations should be made only with proper authorization. Unauthorized duplication of materials must not be condoned.
2. Any information in research such as research material, equipment, process or dataset cannot be manipulated.
3. The manuscript should identify the origin, and originality, of any proprietary, non-standard datasets used in the paper. Any dataset or result cannot be forfeited.
4. All authors must have been actually participated in research, not only just scientifically or technically contributed.
5. The manuscript must not have been previously published or accepted for publication elsewhere, either in whole (including book chapters) or in part (including paragraphs of text or exhibits), whether in English or another language. with the approval of the formal publisher
6. Authors must explicitly cite their own earlier work and ideas, even when the work or ideas are not quoted verbatim or paraphrased in the manuscript. If exact sentences or paragraphs that appear in another work by the Author are included in the manuscript, the material should be put in quotation marks and appropriately cited in a way that does not compromise the double-blind review process.
7. If the research contains experiments with human subject, the human rights and the safety of subjects must be considered in the first place.

Chapter 2. Code of ethics for editors and reviewers

1. Confidentiality

1. The society shall not disclose any personal information of members to protect the privacy of individuals.

2. The society shall not disclose information about a manuscript to anyone other than Reviewers and Authors. Office procedures should be in place to maintain confidentiality of the review process. Unpublished materials disclosed in a submitted manuscript should not be used in an Editor's own research without the express written consent of the Author.

2. General rules for editors

1. Editors must maintain their editorial independence and work to ensure that Authors have editorial freedom. Responsibility for acceptance or rejection of manuscripts rests with the Editors. Editors should exercise their position of privilege in a confidential, unbiased, prompt, constructive and sensitive manner. Editors have the duty to judge manuscripts only on their scholarly merits. Editors should operate without personal or ideological favoritism or malice.
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3. Editors are expected to ensure the confidentiality of the review process and not divulge any information before the publishing takes place. The anonymity of Reviewers can only be lifted if Editors receive permission from Reviewers to reveal their identities.

3. General rules for reviewers

1. Reviewers should be prompt with their reviews and inform the result to the editorial board. Reviewing for journals is a professional activity that provides value for the profession as a whole, and the process should take place with fair and subjective standard.
2. Reviewers should evaluate manuscripts objectively, fairly and professionally. Reviewers should avoid personal biases in their comments and judgments.
3. Reviewers should respect the confidentiality of the review process. It is important to recognize that the manuscript is confidential. Reviewers should not discuss the manuscript with anyone other than the KSCT Editor, nor should they discuss any information from the manuscript without permission.

Chapter 3. Practice

1. All manuscripts submitted to the KSCT should be verified for its conformity with KSCT Code of Ethics.
2. Any violation of the KSCT Code of Ethics will be measured in accordance with the following procedures.
 - All members of the society will comply with all applicable laws and regulations and follow the decision of Ethics Commission in any case of violation.
 - All members of the society should cooperate for the investigation or other kinds of process when there is an obvious violation of the Code of Ethics.
 - The society shall permit no release of information about individual persons that has been accused as offender, until one's final declaration for violation is made.

Chapter 4. Ethics Commission

1. Constituted with the president, vice president, editor in chief, advisers and outside specialists.
2. Allows the chances of self justification through letters or hearing for accused members.
3. The process of investigation will follow the custom practice. The discussion is necessary to pass a resolution by a majority of two-thirds or more.
4. Any misconduct or violation of the KSCT Code of Ethics can be punished by suspension and disqualification of membership. The result can be officially notified to the other parties by the Journal that they may do so.

Bylaws

The KSCT Code of Ethics takes action since April 2008 under approval of the board councils.