

Ice Rink Etiquette

All skaters need to be courteous and considerate of others at all times when on and off the ice.

As competitions approach, the number of skaters wishing to skate their programs to music greatly increases.

As a result, skaters may not be able to do their programs during a practice session. This makes the opportunity to perform a program to music extremely important. Sashes are generally worn to identify the skater performing.

Every effort to yield to them needs to be made to avoid making a frustrating situation into a contest of playing “chicken” and skaters hollering “Excuse Me” at the top of their lungs.

For your own safety and that of others, everyone needs to be aware of the skaters on the ice and observe the rules by yielding to other skaters based on the following rules:

Who has the *Right of Way* when skating a program?

- The *Right of Way* should always be given to skaters who are skating their program.
- Coaches who are teaching a student may request their student’s program takes precedent.
- Students who are not having a lesson should yield to skaters who are receiving a lesson.

Those who are responsible for creating holes in the ice from Lutz and Flip taps, and deep ruts from hooked Salchow jumps are also responsible to fill their holes,

chips, and gouges in the ice at the end of each session using a bucket of slush at the Zamboni end of the rink.

Common Courtesy

It is very hazardous to stand or loiter on the ice, as it interferes with other skaters who are practicing their jumps, dances, moves, or free skating program. There simply is not enough room on the ice to allow anyone who is not taking a lesson to stand or talk at the barrier.

Please, if you must chat or stop to rest - do it off the ice in the penalty boxes, the bleachers, or lobby area. The rest room is not a place to loiter and have conversations

Never take food onto the Ice. Only take drinks in squeeze bottle to rink side or the rink may ban them from the ice.

Do not leave anything on the rink barrier. Be sure to keep track of your water bottle, skate guards, music CD, notepaper, and especially used tissues. Items may fall on the ice and could cause severely damage the Zamboni. Dispose of used tissues in your pocket.

Skaters are required to wear appropriate clothing while on the ice. For girls this would include practice or competition dresses, skirts, and warm-up suits. Tight fitting pants, ballet tights, or warm up suits with form fitting legs are not appropriate male attire.

Be sensitive to the volume of the music. If the sound is “uneven-too soft or too loud”, the music should be re-recorded by your coach.