



Skater Code of Conduct Ice Usage, Etiquette, and Safety Rules

Saratoga Springs Figure Skating Club is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for members' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct. This Skater Code of Conduct has been established to ensure the safety of all members using our ice to ensure quality practice time for all home club, associate, non-members, and guests who purchase ice from the club and who participate in all club-related activities. Codes of Conduct are a component of a comprehensive implementation of the U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Program.

In General:

- Respect the rights of others.
 - Respect the arena's property and the property of others.
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General Governing Rules

These basic rules are to be followed by all who use club ice.

- YOU MUST check in at the music room and pay for each session before stepping on to the ice.
- No breakable containers are allowed rink side. Drinks are allowed on or below the railing. Food is not permitted near the rail or on the ice.
- Please pick up all belongings (including dirty tissues, water cups, bottles, etc.).
- Parents, skaters not in the session, or other spectators should not loiter at the rail or benches. This is unsafe and it interferes with a constructive training session.
- Coaching by parents from the bleachers, benches, or railing is not allowed at any time. Parents will be asked to leave the arena if this happens.
- The benches by the ice are to be used by the skaters and coaches only.
- If skaters must talk to someone off the ice, even if for a brief time, they need to get off the ice to do so.

Right of Way

It is important for everyone's safety that all skaters stay aware of other skaters on the ice. Try to anticipate their patterns as you decide your own pattern.

The skater doing a routine to music has the right of way:

- Orange belts are provided to help identify the skater whose music is being played. Please stay aware of which skater is doing his or her routine and do your best to stay clear of his or her pattern. Please wear the belt when your music is playing.
- Skaters taking a lesson have the right of way over general skaters in the session.
- Skaters on the harness have the right away in that area. Please be careful of the harness area.

Remember:

- Look both ways before leaving the railing or skating across the ice.

- If you are a less experienced skater, please be extra careful to stay aware of other skaters and to look ahead of where you are skating to see what others are doing or are about to do.
- If you are an experienced skater, please be patient with the less experienced skaters. You were new to freestyle at one time, too.
- Please be understanding if someone gets in your way.

Keep moving while on the ice, as it is dangerous for both you and other skaters to stand still during a session. It is especially important not to stop in the middle of the ice or any of the jumping corners.

Music

Typically, the club will provide someone to play music. Please remember these individuals are volunteers.

- Program music will be played on a rotational basis.
- After a skater's music has been played, their music or another program may be put at end of the line to re-enter the rotation.
- Please do not stop and restart your music if others are waiting in line.
- If necessary, please handle the music equipment with extreme care.

Prohibited Behavior

Any skater engaging in prohibited behavior will be asked to leave the ice immediately, and may be at risk of losing future access to club ice:

- Kicking, digging holes, scraping, or stomping the ice with your blades and kicking the railings are prohibited.
- Being verbally abusive is prohibited.
- Deliberately challenging, scaring, or blocking another skater is prohibited.
- Videotaping or photographing anyone other than your own skater without permission is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Getting On and Getting Off the Ice

Skaters may be on the ice during the time period for which they have paid.

- Please do not get on the ice early.
- Please leave the ice on time.

If an announcement is made or the Zamboni horn is sounded, all skaters must clear the ice immediately. If you are skating to your music, stop skating immediately and clear the ice. There are no exceptions to this rule.

SEPARATE THIS PORTION AND RETURN SIGNATURES WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Code of Conduct Agreement

I, _____, have read the Skater Code of Conduct, and agree to up-hold all guidelines and rules of this document to the best of my ability.

Skater signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

(parents also sign if skater is under 18 years of age)