Sun Prairie Ice Arena

Ice Etiquette and Safety Rules

**All skaters are expected to follow these rules. Rules of behavior: Please respect the rights of others and please respect the arena’s property and the property of others.**

**Specific Rules governing Freestyle sessions:**

* The maximum number of skaters is 22 on any freestyle session and practice ice session.
* Skaters must be at least Basic 3 or higher to participate on a freestyle session without a coach. Any level of skater can participate in the Skating Academy practice ice but must be enrolled in a current session of Skating Academy classes.
* All Skaters (including contracted) must sign in and pay (if not contracted) BEFORE taking the ice. There is a sign in sheet next to the ice door. Indicate whether you are contracted, walk-on, paid on line walk-on and how you paid if you are a walk-on. Practice ice skaters must sign in and indicate that it is a practice ice session and if they are paying by punchcard, must indicate that next to their name.
* No breakable containers are allowed rink side. Food is not permitted near the rail or on the ice.
* Please pick up your belongings (including dirty tissues and be sure your tissue makes it to the trash can) at the end of the session. Do not leave your belongings at the wall during resurfaces as the Zamboni can knock off items on rail.
* Parents, skaters not on the session or other spectators should not loiter at the rail or benches.
This is unsafe and interferes with a constructive training session.
* Coaching by parents from 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 coaches and skaters only.
* If skaters must talk to someone off the ice, even for a brief time, they need to get off the ice to do so or the skater will be asked to leave the ice.

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. Do not stand or practice small drills in the lutz corners and spins should be practiced in the center of the rink.

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

Remember to look both ways before leaving the railing or crossing the ice. Keep moving while on the ice, as it is dangerous for both you and the 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.

**Right of Way**

1. The skater doing the routine to music has the right of way. Orange belts provided to help identify the skater doing the routine. Please stay aware of which skater is doing the routine and do your best to stay clear of that skater and his or her pattern. Please wear the belt when you play your music to help other skaters know you are doing your routine.
2. Skaters having a lesson have the right of way over the general skaters in the session.
3. Skaters in the jump harness also have the right of way. Please be careful of harness area.

**Music**

1. Program music will be played on a rotational basis. This will be done on the honor system, with the responsibility left to the skaters and coaches.
2. After a skaters music has been played, their music or another program may be put at the end of line to re-enter the rotation. Dance music can take the place of program music.
3. Not everyone will be able to play their music on full sessions due to length of programs.
4. Coaches may put the music of the student they are teaching ahead of other skaters. Everyone should appreciate this policy when they are in a lesson enjoying this privilege and graciously accept this policy when they are the ones being asked to wait in line.
5. Please do not stop and restart your music if others are waiting in line.
6. Please handle music equipment with extreme care.

**Prohibited Behaviors**

* Kicking, digging holes, scraping or stomping the ice with your blades and kicking the railings are prohibited. Any skater engaging in this behavior will be asked to leave the session immediately.
* Being verbally abusive to other skaters or coaches is prohibited. Any skater engaging in this behavior will be asked to leave the session immediately.
* Deliberately challenging, scaring or intentionally blocking another skater is prohibited. Any skater engaging in this behavior will be asked to leave the ice immediately and for an indefinite period of time.
* Videotaping anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Anyone engaging in this behavior will be asked to leave the arena for an indefinite period of time.

**Clearing the ice**

When the Zamboni horn is sounded or Zamboni doors open, all skaters and coaches must leave the ice immediately. If you are skating to your music, please stop skating , turn off your music and clear the ice no exceptions. The last skater off must shut the ice door behind them.
NO SKATERS ALLOWED ON THE ICE UNTIL THE ZAMBONI DOORS HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM:

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