

## Winterhurst Figure Skating Club Ice Rules

It is our goal to provide all skaters with an enjoyable, friendly, and safe environment. These rules are subject to change at any time if necessary.

The WFSC Board of Directors has full authority to change any rule at any time  
CONTINUING VIOLATION OF CLUB RULES WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR  
REVOCATION OF SKATING PRIVILEGES.

### General Rules:

1. Any individual skating on WFSC ice session MUST belong to a member Club, LTS or be an individual member of the USFS.
2. Skaters MUST check in with the monitor and pay for each session BEFORE stepping on to the ice.
3. Skaters are expected to be respectful and courteous to each other. The safety of others is your responsibility.
4. All skaters must be dressed appropriately in skating attire.
5. Ice surface entrance should remain clear of spectators at all times.
6. Parents, skaters or any other spectators are not permitted to be coaching during club sessions.
7. Spectators or parents are not permitted in the hockey boxes during any club session. Only monitors, skaters and Pros are permitted in the hockey boxes.
8. Water bottles are permitted on the ice. No food or chewing gum is permitted on the ice.
9. Absolutely no games permitted on the ice or near the entrance of the ice surface.
10. Professionals should not be interrupted during a lesson.
11. All skaters will clear the ice promptly at the end of each session.
12. The monitor on duty has full authority over the session in progress.
13. If a skater must talk to someone off the ice, even if for a brief time, they need to get off the ice to do so.
14. Talking on mobile phones or Texting is not permitted on the ice.
15. Skating in a group is not permitted. A group lesson is defined as two or more skaters with the exception of pairs teams, dance teams or shadow dance teams.
16. Duets or Trios may practice only if the session is not busy (less than 15 skaters) and only for the last 15 minutes.
17. Skaters can sign up for 1 hour or ½ hour sessions. The sessions don't have to be consecutive. The stated times of sessions are firm. Payment must be made for an entire session even if not all of it is used.
18. Winterhurst Home Club skaters will have priority over non-home club skaters for walk-on ice. Walk-on ice must be paid for before being allowed on the ice.
19. All members and families are expected to demonstrate courteous and sportsmanlike behavior at all times. In accordance with USFS rules, any person whose acts, statements, or conduct is considered detrimental to the welfare of the Winterhurst Figure Skating Club is subject to the loss of membership privileges, suspension and expulsion.
20. All skaters or coaches, regardless of age, who suffer from an actual or suspected head injury must immediately exit the ice, and will not be permitted to return to the ice without permission from the ice monitor on duty and proper medical clearance.

21. Headsets or earbuds are not allowed to listen to music on iPods or iPhones while on the ice.
22. Background music is just that. Coaches are teaching! If music is deemed too loud, the Rink/other coaches have the right to turn it down.

## **Right of Way/ Flow of Traffic on the Ice:**

1. 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 you play your music to help other skaters know you are skating your routine.
  - Skaters in a lesson have the first right of way
  - Skaters in the session but not in a lesson have 2nd priority
  - Skaters on the harness have the 3rd right of way.
    - Please be careful of the harness area.
2. Be cautious at all times to avoid collisions
3. Look both ways when leaving boards or entering the ice
4. Be aware of areas of the rink where you can expect certain elements:
  - Familiarize yourself with the lutz corners,
  - Most jumps are performed at the end of the rinks,
  - Most skaters practice spins in the center.
5. Do not linger in jumping lanes (lutz corners and end of the ice)
6. Move to the boards to talk to a skater or a coach
7. If you fall and are not hurt, get up quickly and keep moving.
8. Do not sit or stand on the ice. It is dangerous for both you and other skaters to stand still during a session.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. If you are an experienced skater, please be patient with the less experienced skaters. Remember – you were new to freestyles at one time, too.
12. Please be understanding if someone gets in your way.

## **Prohibited Behavior:**

1. Kicking, digging holes, scraping or stomping the ice with your blades and kicking the railings or boards are prohibited. Any skater engaging in this behavior will be asked to leave the session immediately.
2. Being verbally abusive to other skaters or coaches is prohibited. Any skater engaging in this behavior will be asked to leave the session immediately.
3. Deliberately challenging, scaring or intentionally blocking another skater is prohibited.
4. Any skater engaging in this behavior will be asked to leave the ice immediately for an indefinite period of time.

5. 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.
6. Disruptive behavior, yelling across the ice and banging on the boards is not permitted.

## Clearing the Ice:

When the Zamboni comes out, all skaters and coaches must leave the ice immediately. If you are skating to your music, please stop skating immediately, turn off music and clear the ice – no exceptions. We must stay on schedule.

## 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 skater's music has been played, their music or another program may be put at end of the line to re-enter the rotation. Dance music can take the place of program music.
3. Occasionally, during busy sessions not everyone will be able to play their music due to lengths 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 the music equipment with extreme care.
7. *Background* music is just that. Coaches are teaching! If music is deemed too loud, the Rink/other coaches have the right to turn it down.

## Coaches:

Visiting coaches/choreographers, judges or technical specialist critiques, or other individuals being brought in to assist skaters in their training must be approved by an executive board member in writing at least 24 hours in advance. This approval will be provided to the monitor to add to the book for the appropriate session.