

WHEATON ICE ARENA

FIGURE SKATING ETIQUETTE

For the safety and enjoyment of all skaters, Wheaton Ice Arena requires skaters to follow our rules and etiquette on our sessions, which include Freestyle, Dance, Mixed Use, and Private Lesson Ice.

Pre-Requisite for a Freestyle Session is for the skater to have passed Freestyle 1.

Facility Management and/or Facility Representative will be enforcing these rules.

Those who do not comply may be asked by the management to leave the ice and could lose their skating and coaching privileges at the rink.

1. Parents, Guardians and Instructors are responsible for the conduct both on and off the ice of your child and/or student, as well as the applicable fees associated with ice time.
2. Enter the ice only after the zamboni door is closed and the session has begun. **This means that you may enter and exit the ice at the specified time the session begins and ends and not before or after.**
3. **You must pay for the session prior to entering the ice.**
4. Yield to the skater whose program is being played. While in program, it is only acceptable for the skater to say "PROGRAM" – no other words (e.g. move, out of my way, or excuse me) will be tolerated. Coaches may say "PROGRAM" if they are following the student but not from other areas of the ice. Skaters in program have right of way over skaters in lessons, skaters using the harness and skaters performing dance or moves in the field patterns. Skaters in programs should still yield to skaters already in spins, as they are "blind" and cannot safely get out of the way.
5. Yield to skaters currently in lessons with their pro.
6. **Be aware and respectful of your fellow skaters**. Slower skaters must yield to those skating faster. Skaters not keeping up with the flow of traffic or are presenting a danger to themselves or others may be asked to leave the ice. In addition, skaters and/or coaches with poor conduct on the ice will be asked to leave the session.
7. Keep moving at all times. This applies to coaches and skaters. If you fall, immediately get up. If you want to rest or chat, please leave the ice. Stagnant discussions between skaters and/or coaches should be had on the boards.
8. Spinning should be limited to the area between the two blue lines unless doing a program or under the guidance of an instructor while in lesson. When entering camel spins, be aware of the danger your exposed blade poses to other skaters and plan accordingly. (The same is true for back spirals). Avoid entering into a spin in the pathway of a skater in their program.
9. Do not coach or practice in the four corners of the ice or in the hockey boxes and yield to skaters setting up for their lutz jumps or rounding a corner for a moves-in-the-field or dance pattern.
10. Skaters and Coaches who kick the ice, the boards, shout, use foul language or argue with other skaters or coaches will not be tolerated and will be asked to leave the ice.
11. It is the responsibility of each skater to keep the ice area clean. Please remove all belongings (tissues, water bottles, gloves, guards, etc.) before exiting the ice. Skaters will also be responsible for filling divots and ruts in the ice at the end of the session before the zamboni enters the ice.
12. No pairs skating or partner dancing will be permitted during a freestyle session unless session is designated as Dance or mixed use.
13. Please leave the ice immediately at the end of your session.

