

ICE CONDUCT & GUIDELINES

The *Ice Conduct & Guidelines* are put forth for the safety and enjoyment of both skaters and coaches. Club members, Learn to Skate members, coaches, and hockey private lesson participants are required to know the guidelines and observe them.

- All skaters and coaches agree to abide by the code of conduct set forth by USFS under the SafeSport statement. The SafeSport statement can be found at www.usfigureskating.org/SafeSport or on www.delawarecountyskatingclub.org under the menu item SafeSport.
- Skaters and coaches using Skatium ice are expected to exhibit good manners, use appropriate language, and be considerate of others.
- No food or chewing gum on the ice. Beverages may be at the wall at the players' benches, but must be in a closed, non-breakable container.
- No skates are allowed in the bleachers.
- No skater may push, pull, grab, or purposely bump into another skater. No games such as 'the whip', tag, or follow the leader are to be played on the ice. No spinning while sitting on the ice or intentional sliding is permitted. Skaters must not lie on the ice after a fall.
- No yelling across the ice to other skaters, coaches, or family members. If you need to speak with others who are not on the ice, please leave the ice to do so. Talking on the ice should be minimal and should be at the boards.

- Use of electronic devices (cell phones, cameras, video equipment) is prohibited on the ice by skaters. Coaches may use such equipment for teaching purposes only.
- Skaters in a lesson have priority for playing their music. All others should rotate in an organized fashion. No parent is to be in the music box for an extended length of time. If a skater needs his/her music played, the parent may start the music and immediately leave the music box.
- Skaters and coaches must yield to the skater whose music is playing. Coaches should instruct new skaters on how to do this.
- All skaters and coaches must leave the ice immediately when the Zamboni doors open.
- No hockey sticks, cones, or pucks are to be used during freestyle sessions when figure skaters are on the ice. Cones may be used to divide the ice during learn to skate classes only.
- No skaters or coaches are permitted to be on the ice surface without skates.
- Coaches should not be interrupted during lessons. Parents, skaters, and other coaches should wait until coaches are free from lessons before talking with them.
- Hockey players should not remain on one section of the ice for repeated drills causing grooves or ruts in the ice during freestyle sessions. All skaters should patch holes at the end of each session.
- Be sure to gather all personal belongings (CD's, guards, water bottles, jackets) prior to leaving the ice surface.