



The Skating Club of Morris

Ice Rules & Guest Policy

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It is the responsibility of all skaters, parents and coaches to familiarize themselves with these rules to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all skaters.

GENERAL RULES:

1. All skaters and coaches shall adhere to ice etiquette in a polite and mannerly fashion. Inappropriate behavior of any kind by skaters, coaches, parents or spectators will not be tolerated. Offensive language or behavior on or off the ice during an ice session will result in the offender being asked to leave.
2. The ice monitor is in charge of the session and is empowered to conduct the session in a manner consistent with good skating practices, and will have **total and complete authority** regarding the interpretation of the ice rules.
3. In recognition of the need for all skaters to keep their focus on what is happening on the ice, and to be consistent with US Figure Skating's guidelines, non-approved coaches, parents and/or other family members/friends may not offer instruction to a skater from the ice, the boards, the bleachers or any other location. For the purposes of this rule, "instruction" includes providing feedback on the execution of elements, providing direction on training activities, and providing any other guidance about what a skater is doing on the ice.
4. The following are the general ice rules applicable to all sessions:
 - a. No verbal abuse of skaters, coaches or other persons during any ice session.
 - b. No physical abuse of skaters, coaches, other persons and/or the ice.
 - c. Videotaping or photographing anyone other than your own skater **is strictly prohibited**.
 - d. The use of cell phones, CD players, MP3 players, iPods, radios or headphones on the ice is prohibited at all times. All music must be played from the music box.
 - e. Food and beverages are not permitted on the ice. Skaters may have drinks in unbreakable, sealed containers while standing off the ice or at the boards.
 - f. No blocking the entrance to the ice surface by skaters or spectators.
 - g. No congregating or skating in groups on the ice during any ice session.
 - h. No spins or jumps during dance portions of the session, if applicable.
 - i. No standing at the barriers or on the ice surface when not skating. Skaters should leave the ice surface to hold conversations if not skating.
 - j. No speed skating, tag, horseplay or rough play allowed at any time.

5. Any skater or coach who has a question or concern about the violation of the ice rules by another skater, coach, parent and/or spectator, should bring their concerns to the attention of the ice monitor.
6. No one is permitted to handle the skating book except the ice monitor. Upon arrival, all skaters must check-in with the ice monitor prior to entering the ice. All skaters should arrive sufficiently early to allow ample time to check in with the ice monitor. No refunds will be given to skaters who fail to provide ample time and are unable to begin skating at the start of the session as a result of not having checked in.
7. A contracted skater's place on an ice session will be held for **5 minutes** past the starting time of a session. After 5 minutes, that skater's place will be forfeit and available for sale to waiting guests. Prior arrangements must be made with the ice monitor in charge of the session to save a skater's place longer than 5 minutes.
8. For the safety of all participants, all sessions shall be limited to 25 skaters.
9. While on the ice, all skaters and coaches are expected to be aware of the activities around them and to exercise every caution required to avoid collisions.
10. All skaters shall stop skating and leave the ice immediately at the end of the session.
11. The Board reserves the right to withdraw membership from any skater or revoke a coach's privilege to teach on Club ice for infractions of the rules, or conduct deemed improper.
12. Board members or ice monitors in charge of the session are authorized to order any person removed from the rink for cause.

DRESS CODE:

Appropriate skating attire will be worn at all skating sessions. Loose clothing or excessive jewelry that may jeopardize skating safety should not be worn. If attire is deemed inappropriate by the ice monitor, or by a member of the Board, the skater may be asked to leave the ice.

FREESTYLE:

1. Music will be played beginning 5 minutes after the start of the session and will end 5 minutes before the end of the session. No requests for music will be taken in the last 5 minutes.
2. **No music may be played more than three [3] times during a session.** No music may be repeated unless there are no other pending requests.
3. Music that is being played for a lesson will be alternated with those already in line. Under no circumstances will pro-requested music be played back to back unless the skater being bumped has already performed their program and consents to same.

4. All skaters performing their program must wear the sash to designate them as same. Any skater who is “on deck” and wearing a sash shall remain by the boards so as not to be confused with the skater performing a program.
5. THE SKATER WHOSE PROGRAM IS BEING PLAYED HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY, and skaters and coaches should yield quickly and politely when necessary. Skaters who violate this rule, or who engage in intimidating behavior, will be asked to leave the ice.
6. Skaters will be courteous and yield, when possible, to skaters in a lesson.
7. Spins shall be done in the middle of the ice surface and jumps shall be done at either end of the ice surface unless you are doing your program and it necessitates their placement elsewhere.
8. Competitors **do not** have priority.
9. At the discretion of the ice monitor, the above rules may be relaxed.

GUESTS:

A “guest” shall be defined as a Skating Club of Morris member who has not contracted for ice sessions or a non-member who wishes to skate on Club ice.

1. Non-member guests must provide a valid US Figure Skating or ISI number to the ice monitor.
2. Those wishing to guest, whether members or non-members, must be qualified for the session on which they wish to skate.
3. Guests must check in with the ice monitor in charge of the session no earlier than **10 minutes** before the session is scheduled to begin. **They must pay the appropriate guest fee in advance of the session. No one will be admitted on the ice without payment.** Payment by check is preferred. Cash is acceptable, however, the ice monitor may not be able to give change.
4. Skating Club of Morris members as well as US Figure Skating and ISI members may guest as often as they wish as long as there is space available.
5. The ice monitor is responsible for informing non-member guests of the ice rules.
6. Guests should be assigned in the following order and priority:
 - a. Regular non-contracted SCoM members.
 - b. Pair and dance partners of regular members.
 - c. Non-members.
7. Guests shall be permitted up to the 25 person limit specified for each session.

8. Guest fees are based the length of each session. A schedule of fees for each SCoM session is available from the ice monitor. It is also posted on the SCoM bulletin board at Mennen Arena.

DANCE/MOVES IN THE FIELD:

1. At the discretion of the ice monitor, there will be two five minute periods designated, at an appropriate time, during each FS/D/M/O session in which dance or MITF will have the right of way.
2. Dances other than the called dance will be permitted for lessons or practice at the discretion of the ice monitor (depending upon the number of skaters attending the session). Other skaters must give way to those performing the called dance.
3. Skaters should use both ends of the ice rink to line up for dance.
4. All skaters wait a full measure of music before following the skater in front of them.
5. Solo dancers are requested to give way to couples.