

Pettit National Ice Center

Figure Skating Rules & Regulations

Behavior on and off the ice is of the utmost importance. The goal of the following regulations is to help create an atmosphere conducive to serious training as well as allow for the safety of each skater.

1. Every attempt will be made to keep figure skating sessions to skaters at the Basic 6 level (or equivalent) and above. If a skater below Basic 6 is on a rink ice session they should be with their coach at all times.
2. Coaches are responsible for continually teaching protocol to their students. ALL staff pros and ice monitors are expected to correct ALL skaters in order to enforce the rules and regulations.
3. Skaters must be checked in and paid BEFORE the start of each session. Pettit staff has the ability to check any and all sessions and can ask a skater to exit the ice if it is found they have not signed in or paid. Skater will be responsible to pay for the entire session. Additional fee may be applicable.
4. **When multiple sessions are scheduled to run back to back without a resurface in between it is imperative that skaters do not enter the ice until their session's scheduled start time. Entering the ice even two minutes early can be disruptive to the skaters and coaches on the prior session.**
5. If a skater is not checked in within 10 minutes after the session begins, their slot may be resold to another skater. However, if a skater knows that they will be late for a session they can call in to the Pettit office 414-935-4781 and their spot will be held for them.
6. Each session is limited to a maximum number of 22 skaters on a first-come first-serve basis.
7. No semi-private or group lessons with the exception of dance and pair teams.
8. Skaters intentionally damaging the surface of the ice (kicking, toe dragging) or throwing temper tantrums may be removed from the ice and banned from the facility.
9. Profanity/foul language and inappropriate discussions are not permitted on or off the ice by anyone.
10. Food is not allowed on the ice or boards. All tissues, water bottles, etc. must be removed from the wall and hockey boxes before leaving the ice. Please help to keep the rink clean.
11. Be considerate in the way you use your ice. Make room for the right-of-way skater **so they have enough space**. Anyone who ignores these rules will first receive a warning and then may be suspended from the session. The right-of-way is as follows:
 - a. Skaters wearing the program belt have the right of way – Give them the space they need to do their elements/pattern. Skaters on harness have second right of way and skaters in lessons have third right of way. Finally lower level skaters should give higher level skaters right of way.
 - b. Skaters are REQUIRED to wear program belt IF they want to have right of way privileges. **In each 30 minute session skaters may wear the program belt ONE time per freestyle program (short/long) OR for TWO Moves in the Field patterns OR for TWO dance patterns. Skaters are limited to ONE start-over/rewind/etc.**
 - c. **Skaters and coaches are expected to apologize to every skater whose program they interrupt.**
 - d. After wearing the program belt for the allotted time(s) skaters are still permitted to play their music, but are not permitted to wear the program belt and will not receive right-of-way.
12. Be considerate in the way you use your ice. Although wearing the program belt gives a skater right-of-way it doesn't mean they don't have to continue to watch out for others. A skater in a spin is not able to move and while every attempt should be made by the other skaters to watch out sometimes they just can't predict where you are going. A little flexibility is required even for skaters with right-of-way.

13. Coaches are only allowed to bump skaters once. On busy sessions when everyone wants their program played the order will go – coach bump, skater waiting in line, coach bump, skater waiting in line, etc. A dry erase board or a notebook can be used to keep track of who is waiting in line on busy sessions.
14. Everyone is to keep moving while on the ice. If you need to talk, retie your skates, etc. you must get off the ice. Skaters taking short rest periods in between practicing or talking to their coach are expected to stand with hip or butt to the boards.
15. No one is to be on the ice when the Zamboni is resurfacing or the Zamboni doors are open.
16. ***Skaters are expected to show consideration for each other, while concentrating on themselves and using a positive attitude to follow their own practice schedule. A HEALTHY competitive atmosphere where skaters encourage each other to progress in a friendly manner is expected. BULLYING in any form at the rink or outside of the rink is unacceptable and could lead to dismissal from the facility.***
17. Parents and visitors should observe from the bleachers or center ice benches. The hockey boxes are reserved for the skaters and coaches.
18. Primary Coaches are the only coaches that should be scheduling lessons with their students/parents unless they specify otherwise. Secondary coaches are expected to check in with the primary coaches prior to any contact with skaters/parents.
19. It is required that all coaches follow the PSA code of ethics.
20. Music is to be played at an **appropriate volume so others around can hold a conversation at a normal speaking level**. PNIC staff can request music volume to be lowered at any time.
21. Music is not to be played once a session is over. If there is only one minute left in a session and a skater’s music is more than one minute long it should not be started. When a session is over music is to be stopped even if a skater is in the middle of a program, lessons must be concluded and all skaters and coaches are to leave the ice immediately. If a skater has many items to gather they should start gathering their belongings before the session is over.
22. In the final several minutes of a session the program belts, dry erase board, etc. should be put away inside the CD player case. The last coach / skater to use the music should take care of this.

Please keep this for your records. Detach and turn in section below dotted line to PNIC office.

I have read, discussed with my coach, and agree to comply with all of the PNIC rink ice regulations.

 Printed Name of Skater

 Skater’s Signature

 Date

 Parent Signature

 Coach Signature