

Pettit National Ice Center

Figure Skating Rules & Regulations

Respectful behavior on and off the ice is of the utmost importance. The goal of the following regulations is to encourage and support productive training as well as the safety of each skater and coach.

1. The intent is to keep figure skating sessions to skaters at the Basic 6 level (or equivalent) or above. If a skater below Basic 6 is on a rink ice session, he/she must be with his/her coach at all times.
2. Coaches are responsible for continually teaching protocol to their students. ALL staff pros and ice monitors are expected to monitor and enforce the rules and regulations for ALL skaters.
3. Skaters must be checked in and paid BEFORE the start of each session. Pettit staff may check any session and may ask a skater who has not signed in or paid to leave the ice. Skater is responsible for paying 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, skaters are NOT permitted to enter the ice until their session's scheduled start time for safety and courtesy reasons.**
5. If a skater is not checked in within 10 minutes after the session begins, her/his slot may be resold to another skater. However, if a skater knows that she/he will be late for a session, the skater may call the Pettit office 414-935-4781 in advance to have her/his slot held.
6. Each session is limited to a maximum number of 22 skaters on a first-come first-served basis.
7. Skaters intentionally damaging the surface of the ice (e.g., kicking, toe dragging) or having behavioral issues may be removed from the ice and banned from the facility.
8. Profanity/foul language and inappropriate discussions are prohibited for all on or off the ice.
9. 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 keep the rink clean and be considerate of others.
10. Be aware and respectful on the 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.
11. Although wearing the program belt gives a skater right-of-way, she/he must still be careful to watch out for others.
12. For playing music, coaches are only allowed to bump skaters once. On busy sessions the order will go – coach bump, skater waiting in line, coach bump, skater waiting in line.

13. 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 back to the boards.
14. No one is to be on the ice when the Zamboni is resurfacing, or the Zamboni doors are open.
15. **Skaters are expected to show respect 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 may lead to dismissal from the facility.**
16. Parents and visitors may observe from the bleachers or center ice benches. The hockey boxes are reserved for the skaters and coaches only.
17. 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.
18. All coaches are required to follow the PSA code of ethics.
19. Music is to be played at a reasonable volume, and all lyrics must be appropriate for all ages and respectful to all skaters. Priority is given to music for skaters practicing programs. When available and agreeable to all, skaters have chosen to play their personal playlists. This must be done with fairness and consideration towards other skaters and coaches. PNIC staff may request volume to be lowered.
20. Use of headphones is limited to **one** ear only, so skater is able to hear activity on the ice for the safety of all. Refusal to comply may lead to skater being removed from the ice.
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. All hockey box doors should be closed.

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