

# Rink Etiquette

## Hunter Ice Skating Club



*In the interest of safety and harmony of skating, coaches and skaters of all levels should observe the following ice etiquette.*

**a) Skaters and coaches must treat each other with respect.**

b) In the interests of the Club as a whole, all members and their parents/carers will always support the coaching staff.

c) The more experienced skaters need watch out for the newer and smaller skater and be prepared to avoid them. Experienced skaters should have the control and agility to avoid collisions. This applies at all times even when a skater is in a lesson or doing their programme to music.

**d) PRIORITY OF WHO HAS “THE RIGHT OF WAY”**

**1. A skater doing a programme with music when in a lesson**

**2. A coach and skater when in a lesson**

**3. A skater doing a programme with music**

**All skaters must be aware of this, and give way as indicated. However paragraph a) still applies.**

**e) The canteen and zamboni corners are dedicated jump zones. Skaters are to avoid these areas, unless in a lesson with a coach. Skaters are to be aware that all corners are jump zones.**

f) Skaters are to enter and exit the ice from the middle gate / penalty box only. All other gates to be kept closed during the sessions.

g) Coaches have priority use of the music system. Skaters may use the music system if it is free by lining their music up in order at the music box.

h) Skaters must not stand around in the middle of the ice talking, as it makes it very difficult for the skaters who are there to practice. All discussions should be held off the ice. Parents are not to linger on the barrier.

**i) Skaters should be aware of who is skating their programme to music and give the skater right of way. Armbands are to be worn on the upper arm, and to be a different colour to the skaters clothing. Skaters are to remove armbands when their program has finished.**

j) Skaters who fall must get up immediately unless an injury prevents them from doing so.

k) All skaters must take care not to step or skate into the path of other skaters, when entering the ice or moving away from the barrier.

l) Skaters need to be aware of skaters preparing for a jump and give them the right of way. However the skater preparing for a jump should be aware of where other skaters are prior to the preparation.

m) Skaters must not eat or drink on the ice. Only plastic water bottles should be used close to the barrier.

n) Skaters should not skate in between a coach and student who are in a lesson.

p) When asked to leave the ice at the end of any session, please do so promptly.

- **BAD LANGUAGE & DISRESPECTFUL ACTIONS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT ANY TIME**

**Persistent and wilful breaches to these rules or the applicable Code of Conduct will lead to disciplinary action in terms of the Disciplinary Procedures by the club and may lead to suspension from club training sessions.**