

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 rink 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/guardians will always support the coaching staff;
- c. The more experienced skaters need to be aware of the newer and smaller skaters and be prepared to avoid them. This applies at all times even when a skater is in a lesson or doing their program to music;
- d. Priority – who has right of way:**
 - i. A skater doing a program with music when in a lesson;**
 - ii. A coach and skater when in a lesson;**
 - iii. A skater doing a program 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, however skaters are to be aware that all corners may be used to jump;**
- f. Skaters are to enter and exit the ice from the middle gate / penalty box or the gate near the music box. 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 but must follow the music playing rules;
- 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. Parent's are not to sit on the change room side of the rink and are not to linger on the barrier;
- i. Skaters are to wear the HISC issued vest when skating their program to music. Skaters are to remove their vest when their program has finished. Skaters should be aware of who is skating their program to music;**
- 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;
- o. When asked to leave the ice at the end of any session, please do so promptly;
- p. Bad language and disrespectful actions will not be tolerated at any time;**

Persistent and willful 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.