



Novi Ice Arena Freestyle Rules, Procedures, and Etiquette

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

This document is intended to create a comprehensive outline for the rules, procedures, and etiquette for freestyle (figure skating) sessions at the Novi Ice Arena. Our goal is to ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all.

All skaters, coaches, and parents/guardians are expected to follow guidelines outlined below. Please review all points thoroughly and sign and return the *final acknowledgement page* to the front desk. **Please keep the rest of the document for your records.**

General Rules for Coaches and Skaters

1. All skaters, coaches, and parents/guardians must treat each other and rink personnel with respect, courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times.
2. Offensive or abusive language or behavior is strictly prohibited.
3. Freestyle sessions are for individual teaching, training, and practice of figure skating. Skaters and coaches must share the ice cooperatively and avoid interfering with others.
4. Only coaches who are contracted with the Novi Ice Arena and are U.S. Figure Skating Compliant are permitted to coach on freestyle ice.
5. All *skaters* must be current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA members.
 - a. A U.S. Figure Skating membership is required for all skaters who plan to participate in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events like test sessions, competitions, etc. or for those who would like to be a member of the Skating Club of Novi.
 - b. A Learn to Skate USA membership is required for all other skaters.
6. Ice rink doors should remain closed during all freestyle sessions.
7. Only water is permitted on the ice, on the player benches, or in the score box. No glass bottles or other food or drink are permitted.
8. Skaters and Coaches should not stand in high traffic areas. If not in motion, move to the boards.
9. Safety is a shared responsibility. Be aware of your surroundings and other skaters' movements.
10. Individual practice is only allowed when a skater can safely navigate freestyle ice independently.
11. No one is permitted on the ice during resurfacing. Wait until the Zamboni doors are fully closed before re-entering the ice.

12. Do not delay ice resurfacing by lingering on the ice. Be respectful of maintenance staff.
13. Spins should *generally* be practiced in the center of the ice and jumps in the corners.
14. Backward spirals are not permitted when there are 12 or more skaters on the ice.
15. Parachutes may only be used when there are fewer than eight skaters on the ice.
16. If you fall, get up immediately unless you are injured.
17. Skaters must wear skates while on the ice; no one is allowed on the ice in street shoes.
18. Session times are subject to change. Advanced notice will be given when possible. Contracted skaters will be credited when needed.
19. If considering changing coaches:
 - a. Speak directly with your current coach.
 - b. Pay all outstanding dues before starting lessons with a new coach.

Freestyle Ice Session Types

20. Low Sessions: For high beginner through Juvenile Freestyle skaters.
21. General Sessions: Open to skaters of all levels.
22. High/High School Sessions: For Juvenile through Senior Freestyle and high school skaters. Contract required.

Payment Rules and Procedures

23. All skaters **must pay for ice** and sign into the Freestyle Session Logbook **before** stepping on the ice.
 - a. **Contracted skaters**
 - i. Check in with ice monitors when they are present.
 - ii. If they are not present, sign into the Logbook at the front desk by placing a check mark next to your name and the appropriate session date.
 - b. **Punch Pass Skaters**
 - i. Check in with ice monitors (if present) to have your pass scanned.
 - ii. If they are not present, sign your name and have your pass scanned at the front desk.
 - c. **Drop-In Skaters (Cash or Credit Card)**
 - i. Pay at the front desk before skating
 - ii. Show your receipt to ice monitors if present.
 - iii. If they are not present, sign your name and indicate payment type: "CC" (credit card) or "C" (cash) under PM.
24. Failure to sign the logbook will result in being charged a drop-in fee of \$8.50 per session.
25. Punch passes can be used to reserve freestyle ice in advance, in person or by phone.

- 26. Partial sessions are charged as full sessions. No prorating.
- 27. Freestyle sessions are limited to 24 skaters.
- 28. Drop-in skaters are not permitted once a session is full.
- 29. Reservations require advance payment.
- 30. Drop-in payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- 31. Each session has a separate logbook page. Sign in under the correct session time.

Parent and Spectator Rules

- 32. Parents and spectators must remain in the upstairs lobby or bleachers.
- 33. Do not stand near the player bench or in front of the rink entrance.
 - a. Exception: Parents assisting with virtual test filming may briefly be in the player bench area but must leave promptly afterward.
- 34. Parent coaching is strictly prohibited. If you have concerns, please speak with your skater's head coach.

Music Rules and Procedure

- 35. Skaters must wear a music belt when skating to music. Belts are available at the front desk.
 - a. Remove music belts when not in use to avoid confusion.
- 36. Personal headphones or earbuds are not allowed for safety reasons.
- 37. Coaches may use handheld music devices at a reasonable volume.
- 38. Skaters playing music on the rink's sound system have the right of way.
 - a. While having right of way, skaters skating to music must still be aware of their surroundings and use precautions to avoid collisions.
- 39. Coaches may cut the music line once per lesson but must respect all skaters' equal access to music.
- 40. No music may be started within the last 2 minutes of any session.

Virtual Testing

- 41. Virtual testing is allowed when there are 8 or fewer skaters on the session (per USFS guidelines).
- 42. The Skating Director may postpone a virtual test if it is disruptive.

Hockey Participation

- 3. Hockey skaters may participate on freestyle ice under strict conditions:
 - a. Must be current Learn to Skate members.
 - b. Only allowed during private lessons, no individual practice.
 - b. May train skating skills only.
 - c. Maximum of two hockey skaters per session.
 - d. Only helmets and gloves are allowed; full gear is prohibited.
 - e. No hockey sticks or pucks allowed.
 - f. Privileges may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Skating Director.



Novi Ice Arena Freestyle Rules, Procedures, and Etiquette Acknowledgement

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I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Novi Ice Arena's Freestyle Session Rules, Procedures, and Etiquette

Failure to comply may result in the loss of freestyle privileges.

Parents and coaches are responsible for helping skaters under 18 understand and follow these policies. For questions, contact the Skating Director, Danielle Gamelin at dgamelin@suburbanice.com.

Skater's Full Name*: _____

Skater's Signature (over 18)*: _____

Date*: _____

Skating Level*: _____

USFS/LTS Number*: _____

Parent's Signature (for skaters under 18)*: _____

Date*: _____

***=required**

General Skater Information and Contact Information

Birth Date*: _____

Parent/Guardian Name**: _____

Home/Cell Phone Number*: _____

E-mail*: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number*: _____

Head Coach*: _____

***=required**