

UDFSC Ice Session Etiquette

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Objective

- **The mission of the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club is to encourage the enjoyment, instruction, practice, and advancement of its members in all aspects of the sport of figure skating. Our goal is to do so in a manner that ensures the safety of our members.**
- Over time, there has been an increased concern regarding activities on the ice that have led us to review and document behaviors for both safety and good sportsmanship.
- We have consulted with other clubs regarding their policies and procedure for activity on Club Ice. To ensure the ongoing safety of our members while adhering to our Mission Statement, we are announcing new guidelines to be enforced during our Club Ice Sessions.

Overall Etiquette

- **Respect the Ice Monitor**
 - They are responsible for sign-in, payment, and enforcement of our Etiquette policies
 - They have FINAL say regarding our policies
- **Sign in and pay before getting on the ice**
- **What you bring on to a session, must leave with you**
 - Tissues, cups, water bottles etc
- **Coaches and Skaters – be aware of others on the ice**
 - If you (as the skater) or your Student are a less experienced skater, please be aware of other skaters and look around – be aware of where you are going and what others are doing or are about to do in your path
 - If you (as the skater) or your Student are an experienced skater, be patient with those who have less experience. Remember you were them at one point so be a good role model.

Use of Tools and Props

- We recognize that the profession of Coaching may utilize various tools to instill and/or develop skills in a skater.
 - Cones, Pucks, Parachutes, and Harnesses may be used with the following restrictions:
 - must be supervised at all times with contact between student and tool at all times
 - must be restricted to the lower right section of the ice (as you enter the ice sheet), with the exception of the Harness which is permanently aligned across the top section of the rink
 - Once more than 10 skaters on the ice, the use of these items must cease.
- Props associated with programs may be used but:
 - must not be left unattended on the ice, must not leave the skater, and cannot be used if there are more than 10 students on the ice.
- Ice Monitor have final say regarding use of tools and props

Right of Way

- The skater practicing their program to music has right of way
 - This is for either program or dance music
- Skaters taking lessons have right of way over general skaters in the session
 - Those using the harness have right of way overall on ice
- It is the responsibility of each coach and skater to be aware of who is skating their program, and what is happening on the ice around them

Use of Program/Dance Music

- Music will be played in rotation during a session.
 - Each piece of music is to played once until all skaters have had an opportunity to skate their music then the rotation begins again
 - Honor system will be used with Coaches and Skaters setting rotation
- Coaches may put the music of a student they are teaching in a current session ahead of skaters who are not taking lessons
 - This is a privilege for those taking a lesson and should not be abused.
 - **This does not mean** that the music goes to the front of the line – only ahead of those not taking lessons
 - **This does not mean** that they have multiple runs in the session – rotation must still be honored.
 - **This does mean** that students in the session have the opportunity to run their program with their coaches for guidance and feedback.

Remember SafeSport

- Interaction between skaters, coaches, and/or parents is to be appropriate
 - No verbal or physical abuse, challenge, or intentional blocking of a skater is permitted
- No filming or picture taking of any skater other than your student or skater is permitted without their consent
 - Use of approved filming should be for teaching or publicity purposes only
- Please refer to our website for more detailed information regarding SafeSport