



Member of the US Figure Skating

Ice Rules & Guest Policy 2009-2010

General Authority:

1. All skaters shall adhere to ice etiquette in a polite and mannerly fashion.
2. The ice monitor is in charge of the session and empowered to conduct the session in a manner consistent with good skating practices, and will have total and complete authority regarding the interpretation of the ice rules.
 - a. No speed skating, tag, horseplay or rough play allowed at any time.
 - b. No hockey sticks or pucks are allowed on any session.
 - c. No spins or jumps except during freestyle sessions.
 - d. No verbal abuse of other persons during any ice session.
 - e. No physical abuse of other skaters and/or the ice.
 - f. No congregating in groups on the ice during any ice session.
 - g. No skating in groups during any ice session.**
 - h. No standing at the barriers or on the ice surface when not skating. Skaters should leave the ice surface to hold conversations if not skating.
 - i. No coaching by non-approved coaches or parents.
 - j. No blocking the entrance to the ice surface by skaters or spectators.
3. No one is to handle the skating book except the ice monitor. Upon arrival, skaters are to check-in with the ice monitor. A skater's place on the ice session will automatically be held for **5 minutes** past the starting time of a session. After 5 minutes the skater's place will be forfeited and sold to waiting guests. Prior arrangements must be made with the ice monitor in charge of the session to save a skater's place longer than 5 minutes.
4. All sessions shall be limited to the number of skaters stated on the ice application.
5. The trustees reserve the right to withdraw membership from any skater for infractions of the rules, or conduct deemed improper.
6. Officers, trustees, or the ice committee member in charge of the session (ice monitor), are authorized to order any person from the ice for cause.

Dance/ Moves in the Field Sessions:

1. Dances other than the called dance will be permitted for lessons or practice at the discretion of the ice monitor (depending upon the number of skaters attending the session). Skaters must give way to those performing the called dance.
2. Skaters should use both ends of the ice rink to line up for dance.
3. All skaters wait a full measure of music before following the skater in front of them.
4. Solo dancers are requested to give way to couples.
5. There will be two five minute periods designated at an appropriate time by the ice monitor during each half-hour Dance/MIF or MIF session in which MIF will have the right of way. The ice monitor will also have the discretion to designate certain levels of MIF as primary during those periods.

Freestyle Sessions:

1. The ice monitor will play each skater's music on a rotational basis. If music is to be held for a lesson, the skater must inform the ice monitor when handing in his/her music tape as the skater checks in or at the beginning of the session. Guests, both on and off lesson, may have their music played if and when all tapes/CD's have been played for the regular members of the ice session.
2. Music will be played beginning **5 minutes** after the start of the session.
3. Tapes that are being held for lesson will be alternated with those already in line. Under no circumstances will pro-requested tapes be played back to back.
4. Any skater who does not wish to skate his or her program when called will have his or her tape placed at the end of the line.
5. It is the responsibility of the skater to provide working, rewind tapes at the beginning of the session. Tapes handed in late, unless in a lesson, will be placed at the end of the line.
6. Skaters may request pairs or showcase music to be played instead of an individual program.
7. All skaters shall give way to those performing their program to music. Skaters will also be courteous and yield where possible to those in lesson.
8. Spins shall be done in the middle of the ice surface and jumps shall be done at either end of the ice surface except in cases where program practice necessitates their placement elsewhere.
9. Competitors **do not** have priority.

Dress Code:

Appropriate skating attire will be worn at all skating sessions. Loose clothing or excessive jewelry that may jeopardize skating safety should not be worn. If attire is deemed inappropriate by the ice monitor, or by a member of the board of trustees, the skater may be asked to leave the ice.

Sanctions and Permission:

1. To participate in an event requiring a sanction, check with the sanctions officer. As much as two weeks notice may be needed to obtain the sanction for certain events. Check your US Figure Skating Rulebook for sanction requirements.
Sanctions or permission must be obtained if you wish to:
 - a. Skate an exhibition.
 - b. Enter a competition.
 - c. Take a test at another Club.
2. Permission to test or compete in US Figure Skating competitions may be obtained from the Test Chairman or any Club officer.
3. No sanction or permission to compete can be given if financial obligations to the Club are not current.

SCOM Bulletin Board and Website:

All members should check the SCOM Bulletin Board and website regularly. The bulletin board is located inside the Mennen Arena next to the Pro Shop. The club's website is www.scomnj.org. Information regarding test sessions, competitions, seminars, schedule changes, membership, social events, and other Club business is posted daily.

Guests:

1. Non-member guests must show a valid US Figure Skating or ISI card to the ice monitor.
2. Those wishing to guest, whether members or non-members, must be qualified for the session on which they wish to skate.
3. Guests must check in with the ice monitor in charge of the session no earlier than **10 minutes** before the session is scheduled to begin. **They must pay the appropriate guest fee in advance of the session. No one will be admitted on the ice without payment.** Payment by check, coupon or punch card is preferred. Cash is acceptable. However, the ice monitor may not be able to give change.
4. Skating Club of Morris members as well as US Figure Skating and ISI members may guest as often as they wish as long as there is space available.
5. The ice monitor is responsible for informing non-member guests of the ice rules.
6. Guests should be assigned in the following order and priority:
 - a. Regular SCOM members who have purchased ice.
 - b. Pair and dance partners of regular members.
 - c. Non-members.
 - **Non member guests must show proof of either US Figure Skating or ISI membership**
 - **Guests shall be permitted up to the limit specified on each session.**
 - **Guest fees are based the length of each session. A schedule of fees for each SCOM session is included for your convenience. It is also posted on the SCOM bulletin board at Mennen Arena.**