

# Crystal Ice House

## Freestyle Ice Etiquette & Guidelines

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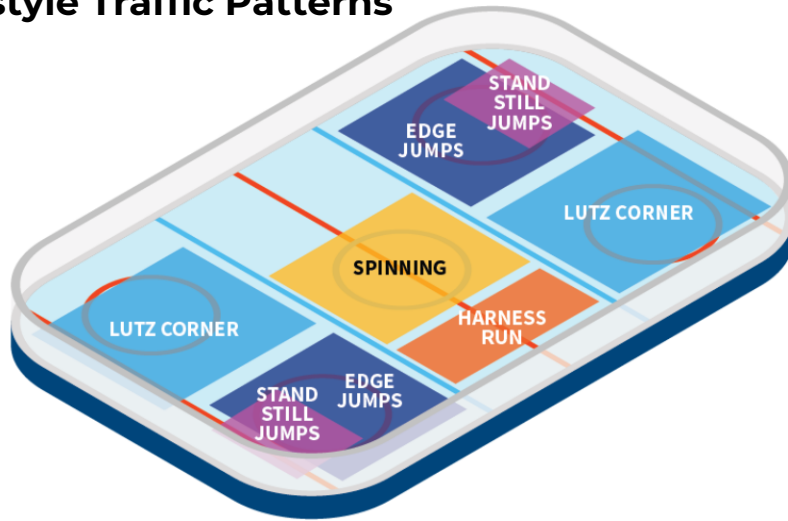
*Crystal Ice House is committed to creating a safe and positive skating environment for participants' physical, emotional, and social development that promotes healthy sport.*

*Please review this document carefully, and if you have questions or concerns please contact our Skating Director. All freestyle ice participants are expected to follow these Freestyle Ice Etiquette & Guidelines.*

### **General Session Information**

- The maximum number of skaters is 28 on any freestyle ice session.
- Skaters age 7 and older are permitted to practice independently on freestyle sessions.
- Skaters age 6 and younger are only permitted to practice if accompanied by a coach in a private lesson and are allowed to purchase 1/2 hour of ice to do so.
- To participate in a freestyle session, all skaters/coaches must be members in good standing of one of the following: U.S. Figure Skating; Wagon Wheel ASPIRE; or Learn to Skate USA.
- All coaches desiring to teach private lessons at the Crystal Ice House must first contact the Skating Director.
- Freestyle ice time is for individual practice and private one-on-one lessons unless prior permission is granted by the Skating Director.
- Hockey lessons are not permitted on freestyle sessions.
- Skate Aids are prohibited on freestyle sessions.
- All skaters must sign in at the Front Desk prior to taking the ice (Unlimited and ASPIRE). Walk-on and on-site registration are available if the session is not filled.
- Do not leave belongings on the boards during resurfaces. The ice resurfacer can knock items onto the ice, causing potential damage to the resurfacer and/or your belongings.
- The player benches are to be used by coaches and skaters only.
- If skaters must talk to someone off the ice, they must exit the ice.
- Loitering and sideline coaching by the ice doorway is not permitted. Blocking of rink doors is also not permitted.
- It is important for everyone's safety that all skaters stay aware of others on the ice.
- Do your best to follow the Freestyle Traffic Patterns diagram (page 2).
- If you are an experienced skater, please be patient with less experienced skaters. Remember – you were new to freestyle once.
- Keep moving. Standing, stopping, and talking in groups anywhere but the boards by center ice is not permitted.
- When the ice resurfacer doors open, all skaters and coaches must leave the ice immediately. The last participant off must shut the ice door behind them. **NO SKATERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE ICE UNTIL THE ICE RESURFACER DOORS HAVE CLOSED.**

## Freestyle Traffic Patterns



### Right of Way

1. The skater doing the routine to music has the right of way. If the session is crowded, a colored sash is available (from the office) to help identify the skater doing the routine. Please stay aware of which skater is doing the routine, and do your best to stay clear of that skater and their pattern.
2. Skaters in jump harnesses also have the right of way. Please be aware of skaters and coaches using the harness areas and execute caution.
3. Skaters in private lessons are third in line for right of way.

### Music

- Crystal Ice House is equipped with an auxiliary input for playing music. In addition, music is also allowed to be played by portable bluetooth speaker, if needed.
- Music is to be played on the honor system with skaters forming a line and taking turns playing their music, regardless of speaker being used (auxiliary or bluetooth speaker).
- Music should not be restarted if there is a line of music to be played.
- When needed, coaches and skaters should utilize dry erase markers only (available in the office) on the glass at center ice to create a skating order.
- After a skater's music has been played, their music or another music program may be slotted at the end of the line to re-enter the rotation.
- Coaches may place the music of their student they are currently teaching ahead of other skaters. Only one pro-cut per lesson, per student, is allowed. Pro-cuts should alternate with skaters in the line.

### Prohibited Behaviors

- Kicking, dragging your feet in anger, digging holes, scraping or stomping the ice with your blades, kicking the railings, and lying down on the ice.
- Being verbally abusive and/or acting disrespectful to anyone.
- Deliberately scaring or intentionally blocking another skater.
- Videotaping anyone other than your own skater, unless prior written permission is obtained.

**Crystal Ice House reserves the right to revoke privileges if deemed necessary.**