



PATCH ICE ETIQUETTE

This information has been put together to allow you to understand priorities during patch ice time.

OFF THE ICE

- We recommend that you check with your coach before booking patch ice, as some patches may be unsuitable for beginners.
- Parents and visitors are always welcome to stay and watch providing they do not disturb the training session.
- If you wish to speak with your child's coach, please do so at the beginning of your own child's lesson — do not leave it until the end of the lesson and then eat into the next skater's lesson time. Alternatively arrange a separate time to talk to your coach.
- Please encourage your child to make use of their ice time and not to spoil their blades climbing up and down the stairs to see you. If they need you, go down to them.
- Please note that unless 48 hours notice has been given in advance to cover a pupil's absence, the coaches will still charge for the missed lesson. There are no exceptions to this rule.

ON THE ICE

- Patch ice is for those who are working and is not the time for chatting on the ice with friends.
- Please remember that higher level skaters may be travelling very fast and attempting doubles and triples which cover a lot of ice. For your own safety you must stay aware of skaters around you and watch out for skaters committed to a jump or spin.
- Courtesy and respect for Coaches is expected at all times and as such, good manners and behaviour will be expected. For your own protection and safety always listen to the coaches instructions. Any coach has the right to ask you to leave the ice when your ice session is finished.
- The following priority of right away is to be observed:
 1. Coaches (at all times).
 2. Skaters in a lesson with programme music on.
 3. Skaters in a lesson.
 4. Skaters with their music on but not in a lesson.
 5. Lower standard skaters should give way to higher standard skaters.
- The use of personal music devices, by skaters is not allowed under any circumstances as you are unable to hear any coach/ skater who may be asking you to move out of the way, or warn you of a possible hazard.
- Do not disturb a lesson, unless urgent. Please wait until a coach is free before seeking advice.
- Please would skaters only drink water/juice at the rink side and note that eating is not permitted on the ice. Call for help if your coach has asked you to bring the coffees over.

- Would all skaters please wear suitable skating attire whilst on the ice — no denim. Long hair must be tied back and for safety, please no dangly or large hoop earrings.
- If you are hurt or someone is hurt, always call for help.

ENJOY YOUR SKATE!