

2021-2022 Kimberley Skating Club Ice Etiquette Policy

The following basic guidelines **MUST** be observed for safety, and to ensure that everyone can make effective use of their ice time. Remember you are not out there alone, and each person needs to be responsible for everyone else's safety.

1) Courtesy

First and foremost is courtesy. It is essential to respect the rights of other skaters and be constantly aware of who is around you. If you seem to be surrounded by skaters of significantly greater or lesser skills, be especially careful! Strive to avoid collisions!

2) Right of Way Guidelines

a. Right of way goes to the skater who doesn't see the potential for a collision: We all try to give way to skaters performing programs or taking lessons, but safety is the most important factor. Just because your music is playing doesn't give you the right to put anyone in danger. If someone is in your way during a program, please yell "Excuse me" in a kind but loud voice.

b. Lessons: Skaters are often looking at their coach when they would otherwise be looking around the ice. Attention is divided.

c. Programs: Complicated choreography and fatigue make it more difficult to avoid collisions. Learn to listen to the music and know which music goes with which skater. After some time, it's also possible to learn some of the patterns in others' programs, e.g. a straight line diagonal footwork sequence goes with the boom/boom/boom part of the music, etc.

d. Spins: You can't see anything when you're spinning. Never skate close to a spinning skater, even if your music is playing. Always give spinners enough space to change positions into a camel spin (e.g. don't skate close to a sit spin because it may not be a sit spin anymore when you get there).

e. Competitions/Test Days: During the week prior to a competition or test session, skaters competing, or testing will have priority over those not competing or testing.

3) Know where skaters are likely to jump – Lutz Corners

Avoid standing, spinning or teaching in the Lutz corners or near the boards where edge jumps will take place. Remember that the approach to a Lutz is long and blind. The skater doing the Lutz is not likely to see you.

4) Falls and Injuries

If you should fall get up quickly. Remember that the other skaters will have a much harder time seeing you when you are down low on the ice. Don't stay there any longer than you have to. If you see someone else is that has fallen and may be injured, don't just drag them off without being

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certain that doing so won't hurt them further. If you suspect that someone is seriously hurt, the best thing to do is,

1. Have someone stand "guard" over them to make sure that other skaters avoid collisions with them; and
2. Get a coach to come and help them.

5) Don't Stand Around

Keep moving at all times. Refrain from standing around and visiting on the ice. This wastes expensive ice and presents an additional hazard for other skaters to avoid.