RILEY ARENA

FREESTYLE RULES AND POLICIES

Purpose

Freestyle sessions are designed to provide figure skaters with an opportunity to practice and develop individual skating skills, including jumps, spins, footwork, edge work, choreography, and other figure skating skills in a safe, shared-ice environment.

Freestyle is not intended for games, hockey activities, or activities unrelated to figure skating.

All participants are expected to respect other users and share the ice safely and fairly.

1. Admission and Participation

1.1 All participants must check in and pay the applicable admission fee before entering the ice.

1.2 All participants must sign the required Riley Arena waiver at the front counter when paying the applicable admission fee and before entering the ice.

1.3 Riley Arena may establish attendance limits or require advance registration for Freestyle sessions.

1.4 Participants must follow all directions given by Riley Arena staff.

1.5 Riley Arena reserves the right to refuse participation or remove any person whose conduct creates a safety concern or disrupts the session.

2. Required Equipment

2.1 All participants must wear properly fitted figure skates or other skates approved by Riley Arena for the session.

2.2 Appropriate figure skating attire and protective equipment are strongly recommended based on the participant's age, skill level, and activities being performed.

2.3 Riley Arena staff may require additional protective equipment when necessary for safety.

3. General On-Ice Rules

3.1 Freestyle is for individual skill development and figure skating practice.

3.2 Participants must remain aware of other skaters and maintain control of their speed and movements at all times.

3.3 Skaters must keep a safe distance from other participants and avoid activities that create an unreasonable risk of collision.

3.4 Skaters must look before entering a jump, spin, pattern, or other movement path.

3.5 Skaters must yield when necessary to avoid collisions and must not intentionally interfere with another skater's practice.

3.6 Participants may not monopolize, reserve, block off, or restrict access to any area of the ice.

3.7 The ice must be shared fairly among all participants.

3.8 Participants may not set up activities that unreasonably interfere with other users.

3.9 Jumps, spins, and other advanced maneuvers may only be performed when the skater has sufficient space and can do so safely.

3.10 Skaters must be aware of their surroundings before beginning any maneuver requiring significant ice space.

3.11 No food, tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs are permitted on the ice.

3.12 Water in a closed, non-breakable container is permitted.

3.13 No participant may skate or participate while impaired by alcohol, drugs, or any other substance that affects their ability to safely participate.

4. Sharing the Ice

4.1 Freestyle is a shared public ice session. Participants must understand that they may not have exclusive use of any portion of the ice.

4.2 Groups must leave reasonable space for other participants.

4.3 Participants may not establish a private practice area that prevents others from using the ice.

4.4 Small groups may practice together only when they do not interfere with or create a safety hazard for other participants.

4.5 Large organized practices, team drills, or activities involving groups that dominate a significant portion of the ice are prohibited.

4.6 Riley Arena staff may direct participants to move, modify, or discontinue any activity to improve safety or ensure fair access.

5. Music and Training Equipment

5.1 Participants must follow Riley Arena procedures regarding the use of music during Freestyle sessions.

5.2 Music may only be played through equipment designated or approved by Riley Arena.

5.3 Skaters must follow any Arena-established rotation, time limit, or sign-up procedure for music.

5.4 Training equipment may only be used when approved by Riley Arena staff and when it does not interfere with other participants or restrict shared use of the ice.

5.5 Riley Arena staff may prohibit or remove any equipment or activity that creates a safety concern or interferes with the session.

6. Private Coaching and Instruction

6.1 Private coaching or instruction during Freestyle sessions is permitted only with prior approval from Riley Arena Management.

6.2 No person may provide organized, private, paid, or unpaid figure skating instruction during a Freestyle session unless authorized by the Arena. This policy applies whether the instructor receives compensation or provides instruction voluntarily.

6.3 Riley Arena may require a coach or instructor to provide documentation including, when applicable: current professional or skating organization membership; current background screening; SafeSport training or other youth-protection requirements; proof of liability insurance; and other certifications or documentation required by Riley Arena.

6.4 Approval to coach at Riley Arena is a privilege and may be denied, suspended, or revoked at the discretion of Arena Management.

6.5 Coaching must not interfere with the shared purpose of the Freestyle session. Coaches and students may not reserve or block off a section of the ice. Instruction must be conducted in a manner that allows reasonable access to the ice by all participants.

6.6 Unless otherwise specifically approved by Riley Arena Management, private instruction during Freestyle is limited to one coach and no more than two students at one time.

6.7 Organized group practices, large group lessons, or structured training sessions involving larger groups are not permitted during Freestyle unless specifically approved by Riley Arena Management.

6.8 Riley Arena may designate specific areas or sessions for private instruction and may limit the number of coaches providing instruction during any session.

6.9 Both the coach and student(s) must pay all applicable admission or program fees unless otherwise authorized by Riley Arena Management.

6.10 Coaching sessions do not extend, alter, or reserve Freestyle ice time.

7. Parents and Spectators

7.1 Parents and guardians are responsible for the supervision and conduct of their minor children.

7.2 Riley Arena may establish age-specific supervision requirements for certain Freestyle sessions.

7.3 Parents, guardians, and spectators must not enter the ice surface unless registered and properly equipped as a participant.

8. Conduct

8.1 All participants, coaches, parents, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner.

8.2 The following are prohibited: fighting or aggressive behavior; bullying or harassment; threatening or abusive conduct; intentional dangerous behavior; deliberate damage to Arena property; repeated use of inappropriate or abusive language after being warned; failure to follow staff instructions; and any conduct that Riley Arena staff reasonably determines creates a safety risk.

9. Staff Authority and Enforcement

9.1 Riley Arena staff and designated ice monitors have final authority over activities occurring during Freestyle sessions.

9.2 Staff may give warnings; require participants to modify or stop an activity; move participants to another area of the ice; remove unsafe equipment; remove a participant, coach, parent, or spectator from the ice or facility; and suspend future Freestyle or coaching privileges.

9.3 Participants removed for violating Arena policies may not be entitled to a refund.

9.4 Failure to follow these rules may result in immediate removal from the session and possible suspension of future Riley Arena privileges.

10. Arena Management Authority

10.1 Riley Arena reserves the right to modify these rules, establish additional session-specific requirements, limit attendance, or cancel a session when necessary for safety, operations, scheduling, or facility needs.

10.2 The decision of Riley Arena Management regarding safety and appropriate use of the ice shall be final.