RILEY ARENA

PUBLIC SKATE RULES AND POLICIES

Purpose

Public Skate sessions are designed to provide the community with an opportunity for recreational skating in a safe, enjoyable, shared-ice environment.

Public Skate is intended for general recreational skating and is not intended for organized practices, games, hockey activities, or other activities that interfere with the safe enjoyment of the session.

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 Public Skate 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 ice skates while on the ice.

2.2 Helmets and other appropriate protective equipment are strongly recommended, particularly for children and inexperienced skaters.

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

3. General On-Ice Rules

3.1 Public Skate is for recreational skating.

3.2 Skaters must travel in the direction designated by Riley Arena staff.

3.3 Skaters must remain aware of other participants and maintain control of their speed and movements at all times.

3.4 Excessive speed, racing, weaving through crowds, tag, horseplay, or other dangerous behavior is prohibited.

3.5 Checking, pushing, tripping, intentional contact, fighting, or other dangerous physical contact is prohibited.

3.6 Participants may not carry children while skating.

3.7 Participants may not throw objects, including snow or ice, on or around the ice surface.

3.8 Hockey sticks, pucks, balls, and other sports equipment are not permitted during Public Skate unless specifically authorized by Riley Arena staff.

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

3.10 The ice must be shared fairly among all participants.

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

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

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

3.14 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 Public Skate 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 activity area that prevents others from using the ice.

4.4 Groups may skate together only when they do not interfere with or create a safety hazard for other participants.

4.5 Organized practices, team drills, games, 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. Skate Aids and Personal Items

5.1 Skate aids may only be used if provided or approved by Riley Arena.

5.2 Skate aids must be used safely and may not be used in a manner that creates a hazard or interferes with other participants.

5.3 Personal items must not be left on the ice or in any location that creates a safety hazard.

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

6. Private Coaching and Instruction

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

6.2 No person may provide organized, private, paid, or unpaid skating instruction during a Public Skate 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 recreational purpose of the Public Skate 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 Public Skate is limited to one coach and no more than two students at one time.

6.7 Organized group lessons, large group instruction, team practices, or structured training sessions involving larger groups are not permitted during Public Skate 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 Public Skate ice time.

6.11 A $20 coaching fee will be charged per coaching session.

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 Public Skate 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 Public Skate 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 Public Skate 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.