

**POLICY NAME** FIGURE SKATING TRAFFIC FLOW

**POLICY NUMBER** 4.3.7

**CATEGORIES**

**DATE PROPOSED:** 4/15/2019

**DATE OF VOTE:** 4/17/2019

**ACCEPT (Y/N):** Y

Figure skaters must be aware of their surroundings at all times and adhere to certain guidelines regarding traffic on the ice and right of way. The following rules are in place to ensure order and safety for all skaters:

- Congregating in groups on the ice or at the boards is not allowed.
- Sitting on the barriers is not allowed.
- Skaters must keep moving on the ice. Unless injured, a skater must get up from a fall as quickly as possible.
- Right of Way: 1<sup>st</sup> priority is a skater doing a program during a private lesson; 2<sup>nd</sup> priority is a skater doing a program individually with music; 3<sup>rd</sup> priority is any private lesson activity. However, the overriding principle is safety of all skaters- collisions should be avoided at all costs. It is important that skaters stay aware and know who is skating their program in order to give that person the right of way.
- Traffic Etiquette: certain areas are designated for different activities. For example, spins should be taught and practiced between the blue lines. A diagram of activity location is posted adjacent to the ice.

Coaches are expected to monitor skaters and ensure compliance of all participants. Those who fail to abide by the rules will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension of skating privileges, at the discretion of the Director of Skating (DoS).