

HUNTSVILLE

SKATING SCHOOL AND TRAINING ACADEMY

The Huntsville Skating School and Training Academy (HSSTA) is directly affiliated with U.S. Figure Skating (USFS), and abides by USFS rules and policies, Learn to Skate USA (LTS) rules and policies, as well as U.S. Center for Safesport prevention policies. The following are specific rules for the day-to-day operation of activities for HSSTA. Skating School Personnel and Instructors are responsible for ensuring that School Students and Parents fully understand and follow the procedures of the School and it's scheduling, as well as on and off ice rules and policies.

General rules

1. Please respect the rights of others.
2. Please respect the arena's property and the property of others.

Specific rules governing free skating sessions

- **Each skater must check in and pay in advance for all freestyle sessions.**
- *It is highly recommended that any skater Basic 1-6 should be with a private instructor.* Pre-Pre skaters and above may train solo.
- Walk-ons must be approved by HSSTA office staff and are subject to availability.
- Only skater and coaches are allowed in the ice area during any HSSTA class or session. Parents may observe from the lobby or the upper balcony and spectator area above rink 1 and 2.
- Please look both ways when leaving the barrier.
- Coaches and skaters should keep moving. Unless injured, a skater must get up from a fall as soon as possible. If a skater is unable to get up from a fall, the coaching staff is trained to assist that skater.
- Experienced skaters should be patient and watchful for less experience skaters.
- Less experienced skaters should be careful to stay aware of other skaters on the ice. Please reference the on-ice pattern of jumps and other skating elements located on the glass on the west side of rink 2 as you enter the ice.
- Right of Way, for safety reasons
 1. The skater doing a routine to music has the right of way. Orange vests and colorful belts are provided to help identify the skater whose music is being played. Please stay aware of which skater is doing his/her routine and do your best to stay clear of his/her pattern. Please wear the vest or belt when you play your music to help other skaters know who is doing their program.
 2. Program music will be played on a rotational basis. This will be done on the honor system, with the responsibility left to the skaters and coaches. After a skater's music has been played, their music or another program may be put at end of the line to re-enter the rotation.
 3. Dance music can take the place of program music.
 4. Coaches may put the music of the student they are teaching ahead of other skaters.
 5. Coaches have the authority to stop any inappropriate music.
 6. Skaters on the pole harness also have the right away. This is for safety reasons.
- Water or sports drinks are the only allowable rink side beverage and must be in a sealable non-breakable container. No rink side food of any kind is permitted.
- Any lessons with more than one skater must have prior approval by the Director of Skating.
- Everyone must abide by the dress code.
- Long hair should be secured for safety.
- For safety reasons, all videoing must be taken from an OFF-ice vantage point by a staff coach.
- For safety reasons, ear buds are not allowed.
- As always, be courteous and kind towards your fellow skaters and coaches.
- Any inappropriate behavior at any time will result in removal from the session.
- Any incident or issue occurring during any school session on or off the ice must be brought to the attention of the Director of Skating.
- Additional Operational Rules will be posted in the facility as required to accommodate specific events (show and competition for example) and situations as deemed necessary by the Director of Skating and/or the Facility Manager to insure Safesport compliance and the proper operation of the Skating School and the safety of the students.