



# PUBLIC SKATING GUIDELINES

**The City of Fort Saskatchewan is committed to creating safe, healthy, vibrant spaces. In promoting shared positive experiences we ask all participants to observe the principles of safety, respect and courtesy.**

- No one is to be on the ice while the Zamboni is being operated. Please wait until the Zamboni gates are closed before using the ice.
- There will be no on-ice staff supervision during Public Skating, Family Skills & Drills, Preschool Puck Play or Shinny. Facility staff are available if assistance is needed.
- Children ages 8 and under must be accompanied on ice and actively supervised by a responsible person aged 13+.
- Skate Safe: We value the safety and wellness of all our customers, which is why we strongly encourage ALL skaters to wear a helmet, and **skaters 12 years of age and under MUST wear a CSA certified helmet.** Helmets, elbow pads, wrist guards and knee pads are recommended for new skaters of any age.
- Use of cell phones, hand held electronics and/or headphones while on the ice is not permitted.
- Carrying an infant on the ice, regardless of helmet or safety attire, is not permitted due to the risk of injury to both the child and guardian.
- Skaters should skate at a safe speed. Faster skaters are expected to skate on the outside, with slower skaters on the inside of the rink.
- To avoid collisions, all skaters should travel in the same direction around the ice avoiding excessive speed, backwards skating, and multi-player games (i.e. tag or races).
- Skaters should not loiter along the arena boards or in areas that may block the traffic flow.
- Skaters are expected to rest at centre ice or in the player's boxes. Skater should not sit on the boards.
- Public Skate is a leisure opportunity not intended for training such as ice hockey, figure skating, drills and timing. Formal or organized coaching is not permitted.
- Those displaying unsafe or inappropriate behaviour on or off the ice will be asked to leave. Please avoid spitting on the ice, wrestling, rough play, and foul language.
- Skating aids are available for public use, however, skaters may bring their own commercially made skating aid product as long as it is in good working order. Skate aids are solely for the purpose of supporting a single skater in the upright position. They are not to be used for sleighs, bumper cars, skating tricks or any other non - designed use.
- The following items are NOT permitted during Public Skate times, unless specified on the schedule:
  - Sticks, pucks and rings of any kind, including hockey and ringette sticks
  - Food or beverages
  - Toboggans, sleighs or wagons
  - Child car seats, baby carriers or strollers
  - Blankets, stuffed animals or toys
  - Homemade skate aids, pylons or chairs
  - Shoes or boots

**Thank-you for your cooperation. Enjoy your skate!**

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