



## PATCH RULES AND ETIQUETTE

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When skating on patch there are some general rules that skaters and coaches are expected to follow.

- Skaters must have passed Learn to Skate Level 6 to skate on patch
- Socialising should be carried out off the ice not during patch
- Skaters that fall should get up as soon as they can and not lay on the ice
- Coaches and skaters are to be courteous to each other
- All coaches are responsible for the safety of their pupils in a lesson
- Skaters using patch are responsible for themselves
- Skaters in a lesson on the music have right of way provided it is safe to do so
- Coaches and skaters are not to stand in the middle of the ice
- Please do not stop and restart music as there are others waiting to use the music
- Coaches take priority on the music
- For safety please practice spins responsibly and not in the flow of traffic
- Coaches should locate themselves around the perimeter of the ice unless carrying out specific coaching tasks such as choreography or demonstrating
- There will be NO poor behaviour for example kicking the ice or foul language
- Skaters in a lesson on the music with right of way are allowed to call out in a polite manner (NO SHOUTING) if their path is blocked
- Coaches are not permitted to shout except for extenuating circumstances
- Group lessons are only to be run with a maximum of 2 skaters per coach no larger groups in conjunction with multiple coaches are permitted on patch
- Please wear suitable attire when skating i.e. sportswear. Denim is not permitted and hair must be tied back

- Mobile phones should only be used on the ice as a training aid or in case of an emergency
- If any skater or coach does not adhere to these rules they will be asked to leave the ice by the Head of Skating
- The Head of Skating will have the final decision on any matter relating to patch

**Please sign below to indicate that you have read, understood and agree to adhere to the patch rules and etiquette as outlined in this document.**

Name of Skater (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent (Printed) *if skater is under 16* \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_