Freestyle ice time is for scheduled private one-on-one lessons and independent skilled skating. Freestyle sessions allow experienced skaters extra practice time to fine-tune their skills. Skaters can work independently on various skills or receive a scheduled private lesson from an outside instructor.

Skaters below the level of Learn-to-Skate USA’s Basic 4 must be in a lesson with an instructor in order to skate during Freestyle ice time. Skaters below Basic 4 level, who are not engaged in a lesson with a private coach, may be asked to leave the ice, but are welcome to attend our rec skates. We reserve the right to require skaters to show acceptable documentation demonstrating that they meet or exceed Learn-to-Skate USA’s Basic 4 level.

**RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

All skaters must fill out a current assumption of risk form at the front desk before skating.

1. All persons using the arena do so at their own risk. Ohio University and its employees will not be held responsible for any damage, personal property loss, or injury to any persons, either on or off the ice, nor will Ohio University and its employees be held responsible for failure of any person to obey the rules.

2. All Freestyle skaters must be at or above Learn-to-Skate USA’s “Basic 4” skill level or be in a private lesson with an outside coach. For more information on Learn-to-Skate USA’s Basic Skill Level, visit the Basic Skills-FUNdamentals document here.

3. All skaters must purchase a multi-visit pass or pay the walk-on rate BEFORE getting on the ice. Skaters must check in and out when getting on and off the ice with the Ice Monitor. Skaters who do not check out may be charged for the full session. Skaters paying the walk-on rate must bring their receipt on the ice with them.

4. All skaters and patrons must comply with rink regulations as posted. No eating, drinking, smoking, chewing gum, headphones, money, or any other loose objects will be allowed on the ice. Drinking water is the lone exception. The Ice Monitor on duty will enforce these rules.

5. Parents/Guardians are responsible for the welfare of their children at all times. The parent or guardian of a child is expected to have read and discussed these rules with their child. If a parent sees their child failing to follow the rules it is expected that the parent will intervene.

**PERSONAL CONDUCT**

1. Skaters shall not skate in such a manner, nor do anything else, that might endanger themselves or any other skater. More experienced skaters must ensure that they do not threaten the safety of less experienced skaters on the ice. Less experienced skaters
should stay to the edges of the ice, unless in a private lesson, to ensure more experienced skaters are able to practice jumps and spins safely.

2. Skaters and visitors are to act courteously towards other skaters, employees, and visitors. Any verbal threats, cursing, or other inappropriate behavior will be reported to management. Anyone deemed by the Ice Monitor on duty to have violated this rule shall have their behavior documented and, depending on the nature and severity of the incident, may be given a warning and an opportunity to improve their behavior. Violation of this rule may result in loss of Freestyle privileges.

3. Skaters should be ready to work. Socializing should be done off ice or in a hockey box where those socializing are not in the way of others who are skating. If any skaters or patrons are causing a disruption to other participants, then the Ice Monitor will address the concerns and may remove the patron/skater from the facility.

4. Sitting or climbing over the boards is prohibited.

5. Skaters and others shall not obstruct the entrances to and from the ice surfaces. Skaters should look both ways when entering and re-entering the ice from the entrances or from positions along the barrier.

6. Skaters and others should not interrupt a private lesson in progress. However, private instructors may not claim, or block off a section of ice, and should recognize that all skaters need access to the entire ice surface. Recognizing the flow of skaters and avoiding skating patterns of others is the responsibility of the private instructor to ensure skater safety.

7. All skaters participating in a Freestyle session must observe the ice and general safety rules by watching out for those around them, anticipating where jumpers will land, and not loitering in the jump corners. “Jump corners” refers to the corners of the rink in, or around the faceoff circle, which is marked in the ice surface. Skaters must become familiar with and not interfere with jump patterns.

8. Skaters should be observant and watch out for fallen participants. If a skater falls and an injury occurs where a skater may not be able to get up due to injury, the Ice Monitor will attend to the fallen skater and provide assistance.

9. When the jump harness is in use, skaters must remember that the skater in the jump harness cannot get out of the way quickly. Cones must be utilized when the jump harness is in use to properly mark the skater’s path. The skater using the jump harness is the only one who can use the cones during this time.

10. Both hockey and figure skaters are allowed on the ice during freestyle. However, no hockey nets or pucks are permitted.
11. Stationary props are not considered loose objects when being utilized as part of a figure skating routine and may only be on the ice during the routine. Skaters must check with the ice monitor before using stationary props. The prop must be returned to an off-ice location when not being used.

12. Loose objects used for instructional purposes such as cones, buckets, or other similar items are not permitted on the ice during ice hockey skating instruction.

**MUSIC**

In order to play music for a program, a skater must bring a copy of their music on a device that can be connected to our sound system via Bluetooth (cell phone, ipod, etc.). Please check in with the Ice Monitor to have your music played. All music must be appropriate without vulgar language or lyrics. The Ice Monitor has the right to refuse any music that they deem inappropriate.

1. Music will be played on a first come, first served basis. The order of music will be written by the Ice Monitor at the beginning of each freestyle session as skaters arrive.

2. The first five minutes of any Freestyle session is dedicated to general warm up. Individual skaters’ program music may not be played during this time.

3. Skaters whose program music is playing have the right of way. They will be given a colored belt to wear while their music is playing so they can be easily identified.

4. Private Instructors who are giving lessons have priority regarding requests for individual programs. Private Instructors will coordinate this with the Ice Monitor. If a Private Instructor’s student has already practiced their program, and time does not permit them to practice the program a second time, the Private Instructor’s request for a second individual program will not be given priority.

5. If there are no music requests for programs during a Freestyle session, or all requests have been exhausted, it is the Ice Monitor’s choice whether to play music or let the rink be silent. Ice Monitors have discretion to choose what music to play, when to play music, and at what volume level music will be played.

The Ice Monitor has discretion to interpret and enforce all applicable policies and rules as they deem appropriate.