



Public Skating Policy

Policy Statement

Public Skating is defined as a regularly scheduled skating program, which is offered to the public with or without an admission being charged for admittance. It may or may not be a program completely sponsored by the Township directly or through another community sponsor. Public Skating is governed by the procedures set out in this policy.

Purpose

This policy reflects the Township of Cavan Monaghan's commitment to providing and maintaining a healthy and safe environment for all its employees, residents, visitors and stakeholders. It provides guidelines for enforcement, clarity of permitted activities and practices that will ensure a pleasant experience for all.

Procedures

Skaters' Rules of Conduct

All patrons who participate in public skating programs must respect the following rules:

- Children 9 years and under must be accompanied and supervised by a guardian 14 years or older.
- Skaters should be in a constant flow during public skating and travel in the same direction as all skaters.
- No food or drink on the ice surface.
- No horseplay/games.
- No skating backwards.
- No figure skating maneuvers.
- No erratic/excessive speed skating.
- No balls/pucks/chairs/pylons/strollers/sticks or any other item which may interfere with the safety of any skater while on the ice surface.
- No headsets, cell phones or hand held electronic devices are to be used while skating.
- No carrying of children is permitted.
- No sitting on the boards.
- All participants must be wearing skates while on the ice surface.
- The use of CSA Approved helmets designed for ice skating are strongly recommended.

- The use of approved skating aids will be permitted on the ice during applicable general public skating programs.
- Excluding helmets, hockey equipment is not permitted.
- Wheelchairs are permitted on the ice surface once the wheels have been cleaned.
- Persons accompanying those in wheelchairs or ice sledges must wear skates and be skilled skaters.
- Township Staff are to be respected and are responsible for enforcement of rules at all times.

Rules of Conduct will be posted within the Public Skating Facility.

Township Staff Supervision

General public skating programs will be supervised at all times by staff who are trained in First Aid and CPR. No person under 16-years of age shall be allowed to act as a skate supervisor. On-ice supervisors, when assigned, are required to wear CSA Approved hockey helmet at all times.

Music

The music being played as background effect should be chosen and approved by Township Staff. Any music brought by the public with no cover or list of songs will not be played for public events. It is not acceptable for any person to wear headphones or listen to a personal music source while public skating.

Skating Aids

No person will enter on to the ice surface during any public skating program unless on ice skates. Street shoes will not be permitted on any ice surface. Skating aids approved by Township Staff may be used.

Illumination Levels

All surface lighting will be operated to its full capacity during public skating events.

Ice Load Capacity

“Occupant Load” is controlled under Section 3.1.16 of the Ontario Building Code. Section 3.1.16.1. Occupant Load Determination does not speak directly to ice skating activity. Table 3.3.16.1 of the Code suggests that ice skating activity may be classified under “exhibition halls other than those classified in group E” requires 30.1 feet per-person. This calculation combined with the “public corridors intended for occupancies in addition to pedestrian travel” of 39.8 feet per person will be the basis for ice load capacity in our facilities.

Ice Load in the Cavan Monaghan Community Centre shall not exceed 140 persons at any one time during public skating sessions.

Admission Fees

Any public skating program that charges an admission must submit HST on these fees. Admission charges for public skating will be established as part of the User Fees and Charges By-law for the Township of Cavan Monaghan. Recommendations for these fees are submitted to Council for approval.

Alcohol

Any person under the influence of alcohol is not permitted in the Cavan Monaghan Community Centre.

Ice Resurfacing

The ice surface will be resurfaced at the discretion of facility staff, based on usage patterns, participant numbers, ice conditions and safety considerations. In general the ice will be flooded every 50 minutes. No person will be permitted on the ice during resurfacing.

Township Staff will:

- Ensure no persons are on the ice prior to, during or until the ice resurfacer is off the ice and the access door is closed.
- Ensure all ice surface doors are closed.
- Ensure that no foreign matter is on the ice surface before or after the flooding process.
- Evaluate ice conditions.
- Evaluate the boards, glass and any other area that the public has access to for poor or dangerous conditions.

Leisure Skating Session Descriptions

Skating sessions that are specific to one group or organization may include exceptions to specific sections of the Skaters Rules of Conduct and other guidelines listed within the Public Skating Policy. Not all leisure skating programs may appear on the schedule on a regular basis, but are provided for in the case of schedule changes.

Adult Skating

Adult Skating is a General Public Skating Session designed for participants a minimum age of 19 years or older. Skaters' Rules of Conduct will apply.

Youth Skate

Youth Skate is a General Public Skating Session designed for participants 13 to 19 years of age only. Skaters' Rules of Conduct will apply.

Puck & Stick

Puck & Stick is an adult based program that allows the use of pucks and sticks only.

- Patrons of “Puck & Stick” must be a minimum age of 45 years or older.
- Pucks will not be raised above the knee and shooting the puck with excessive force will not be permitted (slap shots).
- There are no goalies on the ice during Puck & Stick.
- CSA Approved Hockey Helmets are required.

Adult Pick-Up Hockey

Adult Pick-Up Hockey is an adult based non-contact scrimmage session.

- Patrons of “Adult Pick-Up Hockey” must be a minimum age of 25 years or older.
- Shooting the puck with excessive force will not be permitted.
- Physical contact is not permitted.
- Goalies are permitted on the ice, provided they are wearing full goalie gear.
- CSA Approved Hockey Helmets are required.
- Hockey Equipment is strongly recommended.

Kids Pick-Up Hockey

Kids Pick-Up Hockey is for children 8 to 12 years of age and is a non-contact scrimmage session.

- Shooting the puck with excessive force will not be permitted.
- Physical contact is not permitted.
- CSA Approved Hockey Helmets are required.
- Full hockey equipment must be worn at all times while on the ice surface.

Parent & Preschooler

Parent & Preschooler is for young children and a supervising adult to skate together.

- Children must be 6-years of age or younger to participate in this program.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult on the ice surface.
- Adults must be at a ratio of no more than 3 children to each adult.
- No carrying of children is to be permitted.

Adult Exercise & Skate

Adult Exercise & Skate is for adults 25 years of age or older is a social skating program.

- General Public Skating around the perimeter of the ice surface is welcome during this program.
- Activities including skating backwards, changing direction, dancing and group exercise are permitted.
- Music may be provided by the participants but is played at the discretion of Township Staff.
- Jumping is not permitted.

Application

Enforcement of this policy is at the discretion of the Director of Economic and Community Development, or their designate, and Staff on duty at the time of the skate. This policy should be reviewed on an annual basis with recommendations for change being presented to Council during the off ice season. (April to September)