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## **Public Skating and Shinny Policy**

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### **1.0 Policy Intent**

The City of Cold Lake aims to offer affordable and outstanding recreational opportunities to its citizens and community organizations. Included in these opportunities are public skating, parent and tot, shinny and stick n' puck sessions. The conduct of these programs is set out in this policy.

### **2.0 Purpose**

The purpose of the Public Skating and Shinny Policy is to:

- 2.1 Reflect the City of Cold Lake's commitment to providing and maintaining a safe environment for facility users.
- 2.2 Assist facility staff in running effective and enjoyable programs.
- 2.3 Provide guidelines for appropriate behavior as well as enforcement.
- 2.4 Provide fair, equitable and accessible ice programs that will reduce the risk of injury and/or liability.

### **3.0 Policy Statement**

The City of Cold Lake shall ensure the safety and enjoyment of all patrons of public skating, shinny, and stick n' puck programs by outlining expected behavior of patrons and staff.

### **4.0 Managerial Guidelines**

#### 4.1 Definitions

- 4.1.1 "Public skating" is a scheduled skating program offered to the general public and designed to offer skating opportunities to patrons of all ages in an unstructured leisure setting. It includes adult skating and family skating programs. Public skating is not considered a 'learn to skate' program.

- 4.1.2 “Shinny” is an unsupervised informal scrimmage session with zero contact. Shinny is a semi-organized game using one puck.
  - 4.1.3 “Stick n’ puck” is an ice session providing opportunity for participants to work on basic stick handling, shooting and skating skills.
  - 4.1.4 “Parent and Tot” is an ice session meant for young children with little or no skating experience to develop their initial skating skills in the accompaniment of their parents or supervising adult.
  - 4.1.5 “City” refers to the City of Cold Lake
- 4.2 This policy applies to any person entering the ice surface with respect to all City organized public skating, shinny, parent and tot and stick n’ puck programs.
- 4.3 All patrons who participate in City arena programs must abide by the following rules:
- 4.3.1 Violent or abusive behavior will not be tolerated towards patrons or staff. City staff shall be respected at all times.
  - 4.3.2 No participants are to enter the ice surface area until the Zamboni is off the ice and the Zamboni door is closed.
  - 4.3.3 No alcoholic beverages, drugs or individuals under the influence of alcohol or drugs are permitted during on-ice programs.
  - 4.3.4 All surface lighting will be operated to its full capacity during public skating, parent and tot, shinny, and stick n’ puck.
  - 4.3.5 Background music for public skating will be chosen and approved by City staff. Music brought by the public with no cover or list of songs will not be played for public events. No background music shall be played during shinny or stick n’ puck sessions.
- 4.4. All patrons who participate in public skating programs must abide by the following rules:
- 4.4.1 Skaters shall travel in the same direction as all other skaters and do their best to remain in motion.
  - 4.4.2 Occupant load shall not exceed 150 skaters for public skating. Should City staff deem the program to be at or near occupant load, additional skaters may be refused access to the rink for that session.
  - 4.4.3 All participants must wear skates or shoes.
  - 4.4.4 No food or drink is permitted on the ice surface.
  - 4.4.5 Figure skating maneuvers and erratic or excessive speed skating are not allowed.
  - 4.4.6 CSA approved hockey helmets are strongly suggested.
  - 4.4.7 Carrying of children is not allowed on ice surface.
  - 4.4.8 No sitting on boards or loitering.
  - 4.4.9 No throwing snow.
  - 4.4.10 No balls/pucks/sticks/chairs/pylons or other items which may interfere with the safety of any skater are permitted on the ice surface. Approved skating aids, ice sledges, or wheelchairs may be permitted at the discretion of staff and only in a cordoned off area. Such equipment

- must be cleaned before entering ice surface for the safety of other skaters.
- 4.4.11 No horseplay/games in any area of the facility.
  - 4.4.12 Children under the age of 13 must be under the care and control of an individual above the age of 16 at all times.
- 4.5 All patrons who participate in parent and tot must abide by the following rules:
- 4.5.1 All participants must wear CSA approved hockey helmets.
  - 4.5.2 Occupant load shall not exceed 150 players for parent and tot. Should City staff deem the program to be at or near occupant load, additional players may be refused access to the rink for that session.
  - 4.5.3 All beginning skaters 8 years and under must be accompanied on the ice by an adult.
  - 4.5.4 Approved skating aids are permitted.
  - 4.5.5 Shoes are permitted on the ice.
  - 4.5.6 All participants must stop at the front reception for payment and to receive wristband.
- 4.6. All patrons who participate in shinny must abide by the following rules:
- 4.6.1 A minimum of a CSA approved hockey helmet and hockey gloves are required.
  - 4.6.2 Occupant load shall not exceed 40 players for shinny. Should City staff deem the program to be at or near occupant load, additional players may be refused access to the rink for that session.
  - 4.6.3 Physical contact is not permitted.
  - 4.6.4 Slapshots, raising the puck above the knee, and shooting the puck with excessive force is not permitted.
  - 4.6.5 Unless otherwise stated, participants must be 10 years of age or older.
  - 4.6.6 Participation may be further limited to specific ages based on such themes as family shinny, youth shinny, or adult shinny.
  - 4.6.7 Shoes are not permitted on the ice.
  - 4.6.8 All participants must stop at the front reception for payment and to receive wristband.
- 4.7. All patrons who participate in stick n' puck must abide by the following rules:
- 4.7.1 A minimum of a CSA approved hockey helmet and hockey gloves are required.
  - 4.7.2 Occupant load shall not exceed 40 players for stick n' puck. Should City staff deem the program to be at or near occupant load, additional players may be refused access to the rink for that session.
  - 4.7.3 Physical contact is not permitted.
  - 4.7.4 Shooting the puck around the boards is not permitted.
  - 4.7.5 No more than one puck per player.
  - 4.7.6 No scrimmages, game play, or formal instruction permitted.
  - 4.7.7 Training aids are not permitted.
  - 4.7.8 Shoes are not permitted on the ice.

4.7.9 All participants must stop at the front reception for payment and to receive wristband.

4.8 City recreation staff will follow the “three strikes you’re out” procedure to enforce the above rules. After two verbal warnings, staff may eject the offender from the facility. Any participation fees paid will not be refunded. In the event of an ejection, an incident report is to be completed and submitted to the Recreation, Programs and Services Manager. City recreation staff will ask to see wristbands for activities that require them. The wristband must be easily visible and on the participant.

**5.0 References**

- Risk and Rinks – Doug Wyseman (Jubilee Insurance Agencies)

**6.0 Persons Affected**

- All City recreation staff, public skating participants, and the general public are affected by this policy.

**7.0 Revision/Review History**

- Section(s) 1.0, 4.1.1, 4.1.4, 4.2, 4.3.4, 4.4.3,4.4.13, 4.5, 4.5.2, 4.5.6, 4.6.7 4.6.8, 4.7.8, 4.7.9 & 4.8 amended January 11, 2022.
- Managerial Guidelines - Section 4.4.10 – November 18, 2022

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