

To: SCW Members, Coaches and Board of Directors
From: Rules and Ice Committee
Date: May 25, 2010
Re: Summer Schedule

Attached is the 2010 Summer Schedule. As always, the previous year's schedule is the starting point for the coming year's schedule. Based on the census figures and program clarification, the schedule has been modified slightly since the last draft. Highlights are:

- 12:30 to 12:50 pm TBD has been sorted out to be a High Level Stroking Class on Tuesday and Thursday and a Spin Class (currently High Level, but working on all Levels) for Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If these sessions are not attended and canceled, the time will be incorporated into the earlier Adult session and the schedule modified.
- 1:00 pm TBD (last year General – All Levels) has been reworked as a Restricted (Adults and High Level on Lesson, others by Exception). Due to the number of National and International Competitors training at SCW, not all the training can be done on the Restricted Sessions. To minimize the impact of these skaters on other sessions, this session has been modified to restrict the total number of skaters on the session. Skaters doing programs will have priority over lessons (lessons yield right-of-way). Exceptions **will** be granted for lower level skaters on an individual basis so two sessions are available midday for our younger skaters.
 - Remember: the 1:00 pm and 1:45 pm sessions were created last year due to a downturn in camps attending SCW during these time slots on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These sessions are subject to preemption if a Camp does schedule on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.
 - Also, not all Tuesday and Thursday Camp slots have been filled for the summer. Please look for posted information in the rink for additional availability if Camps are not scheduled on these days.
- Saturday morning has been reworked to eliminate the Restricted Ice and expand the High Level and Low Level Ice from 2 sessions to 3 sessions.

To address issues of attendance on specific afternoon High Level Sessions and to preserve the quality of the Restricted Sessions, **limits** are being placed on all sessions. These limits are:

Senior/Adult Sessions:	20 skaters
Restricted Sessions:	18 skaters (and inclusion on the Restricted List)
1:00 pm mixed session:	15 skaters (this is likely to change as the session develops)
High Level Sessions:	25 skaters
Low Level Sessions:	30 skaters
General – All Level Session/ Free Style – Any Level:	30 skaters
Dance Sessions:	20 skaters (not including coaches)

The office has the right to enforce these limits. If it becomes apparent that the number of skaters on a session exceeds the limits, please feel free to let the office know so the situation can be addressed.

With the restriction of session numbers, a **priority** has been established for session utilization. The session limitations and priority have been established so that all SCW Members have quality ice and SCW coaches have as much access to the facility as possible for lessons. While we welcome others into the facility, SCW Membership should and does have benefit during particularly busy times. These times seem to have been confined to the 2:40 pm and 3:40 pm High Level Sessions and the Restricted Sessions over the past few years. However, a comprehensive review of priorities and session limits seemed appropriate. The priority for each session is:

SCW Member on lesson with a SCW coaching staff member on appropriate sessions
SCW Member on appropriate sessions
SCW Member on lesson with a non-SCW staff coach on appropriate sessions
Guest* on lesson with SCW coaching staff member on appropriate sessions
SCW Member on lesson with SCW coaching staff member on inappropriate sessions with Exception
SCW Member on inappropriate sessions with Exception
Guest * on lesson with SCW coaching staff member on inappropriate sessions with Exception
Guest* only on appropriate sessions
Walk-ons with non-SCW staff coach
Walk-on

* Guest is a non-SCW Member skater who does not regularly attend SCW that has made prior arrangements with a SCW coach to utilize the facility and that coach or skater has informed rink management or Rules & Ice at least 24 hours in advance. The notice rule does not apply to SCW coaches and their students who have traditionally taken lessons at SCW. If there are any questions, please contact Rules & Ice.

Additionally, if a skater has been put on the Restricted list for all Restricted sessions, then it is expected they will not be on other sessions, unless on lesson or if there are other extenuating circumstances or prior arrangements have been made or an Exceptions have been received.

Restricted Sessions were implemented two years ago to accommodate National and International Level competitors at the Senior, Junior and Novice levels. These sessions were developed by reducing lightly attended Adult sessions and moving lightly attended low level sessions. The number of skaters on Restricted Sessions (and other sessions) is limited for safety and quality purposes. Coaches may request individuals to be placed on the Restricted List. Rules and Ice has the sole responsibility and authority for evaluating which individuals will be placed on the list. If a coach has an individual they wish to be place on the Restricted List, please pass that along to Rules and Ice by June 4th. If a request is not received, the skater may not make the list prior to the start of the Summer Session. When thinking of individuals to be included, criteria is likely to include:

- Members
- Novice and above
- World, Grand Prix, Jr Grand Prix, National, Junior National, Sectional, and/or International competitors
- Probably a minimum of a double axel or at least one triple jumps
- National level Pairs and Dance Teams will also be considered

As with any schedule it does not work for everyone. The schedule will never please everyone: SCW Members or SCW Coaches. However, given the current skating population, based on the census and session economics, it is a reasonable schedule. We seek balance in ice usage and revenue generation. In the recent past, SCW has been flexible to accommodate changes in our Member population. This includes a large influx of ice dance teams several years ago and our current national and international competitors. These changes often offset declines elsewhere.

As a not-for-profit business, our primary goal is to maintain an ice skating facility in North Wilmington that is a community asset with figure skating as the priority, but supplemented with hockey as provided for in Article II of the SCW By-Laws. By continuing to change with the times, we have adhered to our Purpose and I am confident we will do so in the future. I anticipate a large group No-Test skaters will have a larger impact on SCW in the next year or two as they become Members and increase their ice usage. This will necessitate additional changes. Synchronized Skating will become a larger part of the SCW in the future. In the meantime, a number of members and coaches are working to increase adult skating. Hockey will continue to be important to SCW and will be accommodated as required by our By-Laws. Coupled with our current large population of Intermediate and above skaters, scheduling challenges will increase. This is a very good problem to have.

As with all schedules, the Summer 2010 Schedule is subject to change with notice. Actual usage is not always as anticipated and adjustments will be made.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Kirk Seagers
Chairman, Rules & Ice Committee