

## SHARKS ICE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

**BY ENTERING SHARKS ICE AT SAN JOSE, SHARKS ICE AT FREMONT, OR SHARKS ICE AT OAKLAND (EACH A "FACILITY"), SKATERS, GUESTS, AND SPECTATORS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Read and abide by all posted rules, signs, warnings and policies and cooperate with the Facility staff. Note that all skaters, guests and spectators are expected to adhere to USA Hockey, California Amateur Hockey Association ("CAHA"), SafeSport, U.S. Figure Skating, Northern California Junior Hockey Association ("NORCAL"), and Sharks Ice policies and procedures as outlined by each organization, even if they are not members of organizations or leagues otherwise governed by such associations.
2. All participants are required to pay for their ice time prior to entering rink surface, as applicable.
3. Except for children enrolled and actively participating in a skating or hockey program at the Facility, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Parents are responsible to ensure their own and their children's adherence to this Code of Conduct and all Facility rules.
4. Any rented skates or other equipment must be returned to the designated area of the Facility at the conclusion of the skating session.
5. Respect all those at the Facility. Do not physically or verbally threaten or harass any person, including any other skater, spectator, official, coach, or staff member, including through any social media platform. Fighting, use of physical force, obscene, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate language or gestures, or racial, religious or ethnic slurs, and any form of hazing are prohibited. The Facility supports and fully enforces USA Hockey's "Zero Tolerance Policy" regarding conduct, available at <https://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1015130-zero-tolerance-policy>.
6. Do not possess or use any item that could be used as a weapon, including, but not limited to, firearms, explosives, fireworks, chemical dispensing devices, or any clubs, sticks, knives or other object(s) that may be used in any way to inflict bodily injury on another person. Hockey sticks and other hockey and/or ice-skating equipment are permitted, as long as such items are used for their intended purpose.
7. Do not throw or leave objects on the rink surface.
8. Do not discard litter of any kind anywhere, including on the rink surface, except in designated trash receptacles. Rummaging through or removing items from the trash receptacles is prohibited. Spitting is prohibited.
9. Respect the property of others. Do not deface, damage or destroy any property belonging to the Facility, its occupants or other persons in the Facility.
10. Do not lean over or pound on the glass surrounding the rink surface.
11. Do not bring any outside food or alcoholic beverage into the Facility, unless otherwise approved by the Facility.
12. Do not take any food or beverages onto the rink surface or place food or beverages on the surrounding dasherboards or any railings.
13. Alcoholic beverages are permitted only if purchased from the Facility. Alcoholic beverages are only permitted in areas specifically designated for the consumption of alcohol, which specifically excludes exterior and parking areas of the Facility.
14. Smoking or consuming tobacco (including e-cigarettes, vaporizers, chewing and smokeless tobacco) and/or marijuana, are prohibited. Drug paraphernalia and illegal substances are prohibited.

15. Skating under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other controlled substances is not permitted. Persons known to be under the influence of drugs or intoxicating substances may be removed from, or denied entry to, the Facility.
16. Do not stay on or enter rink surface when resurfacing/cleaning or maintenance is taking place.
17. Keep exits to the rink surface clear. Before getting on the rink surface, look for oncoming skaters.
18. Do not sit on floors, rink surface, dashboards, handrails, stairs, trash receptacles or other areas not specifically designated for seating.
19. Be safe. Do not act in a manner that may cause or contribute to injury to yourself or any other person.
20. Be aware of all surroundings while on and off the rink surface as objects, such as hockey pucks and sticks, may leave the rink surface at any time.
21. Use of electronic devices on the rink surface that pose a risk to safety or regular operation of the rink surface may be restricted or prohibited in the Facility's sole discretion.
22. No talking or texting on mobile devices while on the rink surface.
23. Do not use headphones/earbuds while on the rink surface during public skate sessions, freestyle sessions, or hockey activities.
24. Do not bring any animals into the Facility with the exception of service animals (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA")).
25. Inform a Facility staff member if you require accommodations or assistance, we'll be happy to assist.
26. Do not violate any federal, state or local law, rule, regulation, or ordinance.

Violation of the Code of Conduct and Facility rules may result in removal from the rink surface, ejection from the Facility, expulsion from a team or league (if applicable) and/or suspension from the Facility, as determined by Facility in its sole discretion.

The Code of Conduct and Facility rules are in addition to any rules of conduct and deportment that may be applicable to an individual by virtue of involvement on teams or in leagues or activities which have adopted or are governed by other or supplemental conduct rules.

The Facility established this Code of Conduct and the Facility rules in good faith. It is not the intention of the Facility to establish any rule, regulation, or policy that conflicts with the guidelines, policies, regulations, and/or codes of conduct established by USA Hockey,<sup>1</sup> CAHA,<sup>2</sup> SafeSport,<sup>3</sup> U.S. Figure Skating,<sup>4</sup> NORCAL,<sup>5</sup> and/or any other governing body applicable to recreational activities occurring at the Facility. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Facility has the sole discretion to modify, interpret, amend, or otherwise supplement this Code of Conduct and other Facility policies from time to time.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.usahockey.com/resourcesanddownloads>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.caha.com/view.pl?p=guidebook.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.usahockey.com/uscenterforsafesport>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/CodeofConduct.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.norcalyouthhockey.org/Rules.html>

**Assumption of Risk:**

By engaging in skating and/or being present at the Facility, skaters, guests and spectators are deemed to have knowledge of and assume the risk (inherent or otherwise) of skating and being a spectator, which includes but is not limited to the following:

- Injuries that result from collisions or contact with other skaters or other individuals who are on or near the rink surface.
- Injuries that result from falls.
- Injuries that involve objects or artificial structures that are properly on or near the rink surface.
- Injuries on the rink surface, in the spectator area or elsewhere in the Facility that result from being struck by hockey pucks, sticks or other equipment or items, or by other thrown objects.