

Specialty Class Guidelines

Specialty classes offer a unique opportunity to our figure skating community. Classes progress skills by helping skaters develop edges, transitions, gliding moves, jumps, and spins. Specialty classes can be a fun, low-stakes environment where skaters can learn new skills together and see them demonstrated by more advanced skaters. Group lessons can be more affordable than private lessons. Here are a few guidelines for making specialty classes productive for everyone involved:

- Mixed level classes are taught to the level of the highest skaters. Be sure to read class qualifications before registering.
- Higher level skaters should line up in front to go first. When in doubt, use Skating Skills level. Change order if consistently being caught or passed.
- Leave plenty of room between each skater before starting your pattern
- At the end of the pattern, return to the starting point by going around the edge of the rink close to the wall... do not cut through the pattern or stop at the end of the pattern
- Pass to the outside of slower skaters
- If an exercise feels too easy, you can make it more difficult by adding arm variations, concentrating on extension, or skating more quickly
- It is traditional at the end of class to hold hands in a circle and take a bow before being dismissed by the coach. This is a gesture of respect and appreciation for both the coaches and your fellow skaters.
- On-Ice Etiquette is the same as for our Freestyle Sessions Participant Code of Conduct found on our website. Socializing or horseplay on group classes will not be tolerated. For safety reasons, all on-ice participants must pay attention and be aware of all coaches and skaters. Skaters are expected to train – wasting time is wasting money!