

Club Partner Policy

Coaches, parents and skaters ... every year the club struggles with the dilemma of balancing the needs of each skater to dance with the club partner with the actual time available.

We have struggled to make this policy fair to everyone and to ensure that the partner needs/ requirements were addressed. The Club Partner Policy is:

- A list will be developed once the skating season has started that states what dance level each skater is working on (Low or High). Once this list has been established, it will be used to define the rotational schedule for the remainder of the skating season.
- A skater working on their Junior Silver dances and higher should be seen at least once at the beginning of the skating season by the partner.
- If a skater, who is working on their Junior Silver and higher dances, is ready to try their dance at an upcoming Test Day then they should skate with the partner every time the partner comes to the arena.
 - The exception to this rule is if there is a Low Test Day scheduled before the next High Test Day. In this instance, the partner will skate with all skaters trying Low dance tests. (If there is still ice time available, then the partner will skate with Junior Silver or higher skaters based on the rotational schedule.)
- If, after the partner has skated with all the Junior Silver and higher skaters, there is still ice time available, the partner will skate with the remaining skaters based on the developed rotational schedule.
- When the partner plans to be at the arena, a schedule will be posted on the boards, listing the order and time each skater will have with the partner.
- If you are scheduled to skate with the partner and can not make it, please advise the Program Director as soon as possible so that another skater can take your place and so the club can maximize the partner's time while he is at the arena.
- If you are scheduled to skate with the partner and are not at the arena, your lesson will be given to the next skater on the rotational schedule and your name will be put back in **at the end of the rotational schedule**.
- As a guideline, the schedule will be along the lines of 10 minutes per skater at the senior bronze level or lower and 15 minutes per skater at the junior silver level and up.
- On the last practice day before a test, only skaters trying tests will be seen by the partner. (If there is still ice time available, then the partner will skate with the Junior Silver or higher skaters based on the rotational schedule)
- Last practice before a test day, as a guideline, and depending on how many skaters are trying, lessons could be 5 minutes per dance for preliminary and junior bronze level, 10 minutes for senior bronze and junior silver level and 15 minutes for senior silver and gold level. If time permits, if a skater is trying 2 dances, and if time permitting, the lesson could have 5-10 minutes extra for the subsequent dance.

- It is the Program Director's responsibility to develop the schedule for the partner and to notify all coaches, as early as possible, of the schedule. Each coach will be responsible for advising their skaters.
- The skaters on the schedule will always be rotated so that it is not always the same skater starting with the partner.
- If you are not registered to skate on the day the partner is at the arena:
 - a Low dance test skater will be permitted to get on the ice five (5) minutes before their partner lesson time
 - a High dance test skater will be permitted to get on the ice ten (10) minutes before their partner lesson time
 - guest skating fees will apply
- The priority and main focus of the club partner is to skate with members of our club. If it should happen that the partner still has some time to spare at the end of the session, and that there are skaters from another club looking for time with the partner, then time can be scheduled accordingly.
- The priority and main focus of the club partner is to skate with members of our club who intends on testing with our club partner at the next test day.
- If the partner is coming on a day you are not scheduled to skate, you should be at the arena at least 45 minutes early in case the schedule has changed or is running early.

Coaches

- If you know that a skater will not be there on a day the partner is scheduled to come, please inform the Program Director. The Program Director will take this into consideration when the next schedule is done so that the skater does not go to the end of the rotational list (as would happen if they missed a lesson with the partner).
- We need your cooperation and honesty to ensure this policy works and is fair for everyone. If you have a skater who is truly not ready to try skating with the partner, then please do not enter their name for the rotational schedule. By putting the names of only skaters who need to work with the partner, we can try to ensure everyone is seen by the partner.
- If your skater does to want to skate with the partner, please inform the Program Director.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The Executive Committee