

Amherst Skating Club Return to Ice Guidelines

The Amherst Skating Club (“ASC” or the “Club”)) in compliance with the guidance from the United States Figure Skating Association (“USFSA”) and the Northtown Center at Amherst, is mandating the following return to ice guidelines (the “Guidelines”) for all employees, skaters, coaches, parents/guardians, and board members participating in activities at the Northtown Center.

By participating in ASC’s activities, you are acknowledging that you understand that we are in the midst of a global pandemic and that notwithstanding all of the precautions that we are taking to minimize risk of exposure, Covid-19 is highly contagious and ASC cannot guarantee that you will not come into contact with it during activities at the Northtown Center. By participating in ASC activities, you are agreeing to comply with the Guidelines. These Guidelines shall remain in effect until rescinded by ASC’s Board of Directors.

- 1) All registration for Club ice sessions or learn to skate sessions shall be done on-line or via mail and all payments for membership fees and ice shall be made through the ASC website or mailed to the ASC office at the Northtown Center.
- 2) Because of the need to ensure compliance with New York State’s 25-person limit for ice rinks and for ease of record keeping necessary for contract tracing, skaters must pre-purchase ice, no walk-ons will be allowed. In addition, switches will be limited and subject to pre-approval. The Board, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to modify the new switch policy as conditions change.
- 3) Per the Northtown Center guidelines, skaters and coaches are required to enter and leave the facility as a group for each ice session. Skaters shall arrive 15 minutes before their ice session and will be escorted inside by a coach. Skaters, coaches, and anyone entering to participate in the ASC activity must wear a mask when entering and exiting the facility or when in any common area. In the event that you are late, you may be unable to enter the building and will forfeit your ice session.
- 4) Skaters shall arrive dressed for practice and shall limit the personal effects that they bring into the Northtown Center. Pursuant to the Northtown Center’s policy, no skate bag shall be allowed in the building. Only small bags with personal effects (e.g. music, towel to wipe skates, tissues) shall be allowed. Skaters must exit the building as a group following the end of their ice session.
- 5) Coaches and skaters may elect to wear face masks when on the ice, but are not required to do so unless participating in Learn to Skate. All coaches, volunteers, and participants in Learn to Skate must wear a mask at all times. When not worn, skaters and coaches shall be responsible for keeping their face masks in a bag or in their pocket. If not wearing a mask, skaters and coaches must maintain physical distancing. If physical distancing is not possible, skaters and coaches should consider wearing masks or not practicing a skill or move that requires physical contact at this time. Coaches and skaters are expected to use their best judgment and be conscientious of the risks presented by in-person contact.
- 6) When rehearsing a performance on ice skaters are now expected to wear their own ribbon or tie. One will be provided to you by the ASC and it is your responsibility to bring it to each ice session. Please be respectful of any coach or ice monitor who will play your music and ensure you are keeping your music in a sanitary manner (e.g. not in the same bag as your dirty tissues).

- 7) Before arriving for an ice session or to perform work in the ASC office, all ASC employees, coaches, skaters (and any parent or guardian who shall accompany him or her as permitted by the Northtown Center guidelines) shall perform a wellness check. As part of the wellness check, the individual must take their temperature and be able to answer “no” to the following CDC screening questions:
- a. Have you traveled outside of New York State to any hotspots as identified by the NYS Office of Governor;
 - b. Have you experienced Covid-19 symptoms in the last 14-days;
 - c. Have you taken a Covid-19 test that resulted in a positive in the last 14 days;
 - d. Have you come into close contact with anyone who you are aware has Covid-19 in the past 14 days?

If the response to any of the above questions is “yes” or if their temperature exceeds 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, the skater/coach/parent/guardian/employee is **not** permitted to come to the Northtown Center. Timely notification shall be made to the ASC President, coach, or skater.

ASC further expects that any skater who has traveled to a designated hot spot will quarantine for the 14-day period as mandated by NYS and shall inform their coach of any anticipated missed sessions. Refunds for missed ice due to Covid-19 shall be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Any questions or concerns regarding these Guidelines shall be directed to the ASC President in writing at info@amherstskatingclub.com.

By signing below, you confirm that you have read and agree to comply with the above Guidelines.

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature of Parent: _____
(for any skater under the age of 18)