

Music Playing Policy

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the music playing policy for the 2020-2021 season will be reviewed.

Music is an integral part of figure skating. Music is essential for warm up, stroking/conditioning sessions, solos and ice dance. At Mlacak Arena, we are fortunate to have a heated music room overlooking the ice surface where the music players work with the coaches on ice to play music for each STARSkate session.

We rely on the families and friends of our skaters to play music on their skater's sessions. Music duties are usually done by a skater's parents, however skaters, grandparents, siblings and friends often help out as well. How often each skater is responsible for playing music is dependent on how many sessions they skate on.

To minimize the burden on families of skaters who skate on our less populated sessions, we have limited the number of times that each skater is responsible to play music to twice per session, per season.

Music Sign-up Instructions: (we will need to limit the number of music players this season)

Last year's instructions

- Once you determine the sessions for which you are registering your skater, please go into the Music Sign-up Sheet and sign-up to play music twice on each session that your skater will be skating. So if your skater skates twice a week -example Tuesdays and Sundays, you will be expected to play 2 Tuesdays and 2 Sundays over the course of the season.
- Skaters who skate on the Junior Session on Wednesdays will be asked to play more often on Wednesdays in exchange for not having to play on the other busier sessions as we currently only have 7 skaters registered for that session.
- If one of the sessions on which your skater is skating is full and it is possible for you to play music on another session instead please sign-up to play for that session instead...
- Please note that while we have set the minimum requirement at twice per session, if each skater only plays twice, we will not have music for all sessions. Once everyone has signed-up for the minimum number of sessions, you will receive an appeal to register for additional sessions if possible.

For instructions on how to play music on a STARSkate session please see the detailed instructions below.

If you have any questions please contact the STARSkate Director at starskate.mksc@gmail.com.

Music Player Instructions

- Instructions for each session are included in the Music Binder, set-up by the day of the week. There is a separate tab for each of the disciplines on that session with instructions.
- Open the binder to the correct day of the week and the correct session and follow the instructions on each of the tabs.
- If you are the first skating session of the day, you will need to turn on the computer. Once the computer boots up, you need to click on the I-tunes icon to launch the music folder.
- **Open window** to ensure volume is adjusted on microphone and music. From the music room with the window open you should be able to hear the music but it should not sound loud. If you stick your head out of the window you will have a good idea of what it sounds like in the rink.
- **Announce:** Press and Hold down Orange button on microphone.
- **SIGN IN** at start, in the music player binder on the desk.
- **Coach requests:** Please watch for the coaches. A Coach will come to the side of the boards, listen for the opening of the board's door. ****Coach's requests take priority.**
- **Skaters should not be requesting music without a Coach**

Edges&Turns

- Announce "**Edges&Turns**"
- No music to be played during this time.
- For **Dance/Edges&Turns** session please follow Dance directions below.

Freeskate

- Announce "**Freeskate**"
- Play warm-up music (approx. 10-15 minutes). Do not always start with song #1.
- Turn to the session day in music binder, ex. Tuesday Junior freeskate.
- Skaters with **SOLO music** will be identified on the list. Start from the top.
- Announce **Skater Name** (only ones with SOLO music) and look at the ice for skaters response. **Hand up for Yes, Wave arms for No.**
 - If Yes, open the indicated Solo folder (ie. Junior) on the left side of the itunes window and double click on the skater's name. Music will play.
 - Place check mark against Solo name, Place an R for refused.
 - Provide all Skaters with Solos 2 opportunities to play their Solo music. **A Skater's solo should not be played more than twice unless requested by a coach.**

Dance or Dance/Edges&Turns

- Announce "**Dance**" or "**Dance/Edges&Turns**"
- Turn to Dance Session in binder, ex. Tuesday Junior dance.
- Announce **Name of Dance**, **Double click** Dance folder in itunes to find:
 - The different folders for the dances – STAR 2-5 Dances (ISU) STA to Gold
 - Alternate between the different levels of Dances – play 1 STAR 2 and then 1 STAR 5
- Play each dance for about **1 minute**. Check off dances as you play them.

Stroking or Conditioning/Edges & Turns

- Play warm up music QUIETLY. Open Warm-up music folder on left hand side of itunes
- Coaches may decide to play music from the boards.