

Music Playing Policy 2022-2023

Music is an integral part of figure skating. Music is essential for warm up, stroking 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. In previous years we have asked each family to play twice per season per session registered. However during the pandemic, we have limited the number of music players and have asked for music volunteers to play for the season. Each session will also have a backup music person to contact if you happen to be unavailable to attend. This season we will continue with full season music volunteers, and hope that you will consider volunteering for the season. Music training will be provided to anyone that requires it.

Please contact the STARSkate Director at starskate.mksc@gmail.com to volunteer for music playing. It is a very important part of the figure skating experience at MKSC.

Please review below the Music Player Instructions

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 sessions 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.
- **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 always take priority.](#)**
- **Skaters should not be requesting music without a Coach**

Freestyle

- Announce “**Freestyle**”
- 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 freestyle.
- 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. (remove sheet from plastic folder to do this)
 - Provide all Skaters with Solos 2 opportunities to have their solo music played.
 - **A Skater’s solo should not be played more than twice unless requested by a coach.**

Dance or Dance and Skills

- Announce “**Dance**” or “**Dance and Skills**”
- Follow the instructions on the Session Sheet
- Announce **Name of Dance, Double click** Dance folder in itunes to find:
 - The different folders for the dances – ie. STAR 2-5 Dances (ISU), STAR 6 to Gold, Diamond
 - Please play from these folders unless a coach requests specific other music.
 - 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.

Skills

- No music is required.

Stroking or Conditioning/Edges & Turns

- No music is required. Coaches will play music from the boards.