



## Learn To Skate Protocols & Guidelines

\*All new protocols will be followed through the month of June & *tentatively* July

### Social Distancing Guidelines / Class Protocols - **UPDATED 6/16/20**

- Midwest's Learn to Skate classes will be conducted in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating and Learn to Skate USA recommendations.
- Skaters are strongly encouraged to arrive dressed to skate before entering the main doors. If possible, skates should be put on before entering the building. (Remember: skate guards **MUST** be worn when walking from the car to the rink)
- For the time being, we will not allow skaters to borrow gloves from the "glove box". Please plan accordingly and bring your own pair; **skating gloves are highly recommended for ALL LTS participants until further notice.**
- Before taking the ice, skaters must contain their belongings (shoes, socks, water bottle etc...) inside their skate bag. **Skate bags must be kept in the rink at a designated area. If possible, please keep your personal belongings in the car during class. Until further notice, we are limiting the number of people in our lobby.**
- Rental skates are available to use if needed and will be sanitized after each use.
- Our bleachers will have seating areas marked 6 feet apart for social distancing. **As of June 12th, spectators & siblings may sit in the bleachers during class.**
- Live Barn Video Subscription: If you would like to watch your skater's class remotely, you can watch via Live Barn. There should be a free trial option available, let me know if you have any questions.
- **During LTS Class:** Coaches and class assistants will wear face masks and skating gloves during class. They will refrain from physical contact with students (ex: holding hands, repositioning arms, assisting skaters to stand, etc...) unless absolutely necessary.
- Coaches will section off areas on the ice and utilize adjusted lessons plans to adhere to social distancing standards.
- There will be no use of water fountains in the facility. **If skaters bring a water bottle, it MUST be clearly labeled.**

### Entering/Exiting Class Structure - **UPDATED 6/16/20**

- When entering the facility, skaters will go through the main entrance and proceed straight into the ice rink to lace up skates (if they are not already on). \*Rental skates must be picked up at the skate counter prior to entering the rink.
- Once inside the rink, skaters will be shown a designated waiting area before taking the ice.
- Skaters will enter and exit the ice at staggered times.
- After class, **all rental skates must be removed in the rink and placed into a large yellow "Skate Rental" bin to be gathered for sanitation.**
- **Skaters & spectators will EXIT through Midwest's SOUTH DOOR in the ice rink. We will have employees / skate coaches there to facilitate pick up.**

### Class Attendance/Absence

- All skaters previously enrolled in classes since March, 2020 are encouraged to catch up on their makeup classes! Please note, skaters must be currently enrolled in class to attend makeup classes. Also, due to the volume of makeups anticipated - PLEASE schedule your makeup at least 24hrs in advance! Please contact Stephanie or call the main office at 219-558-8811.



### **General Comments**

Since skaters have been off ice for over two months, all classes will spend the first few weeks reviewing skills. Some training techniques may vary at first, but we will strive to provide students with a fun and challenging experience on the ice! I ask for your patience as we all move forward together!

We want everyone to feel safe and prepared to resume classes at Midwest! If you have any concerns, please let me know! You can email me at [mticskatingdirector@gmail.com](mailto:mticskatingdirector@gmail.com).

Thank you and look forward to seeing everyone back on the ice!

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Peters, Midwest Figure Skating Director