



OXIST code of conduct

We hope that you will enjoy skating at our club session. To help you feel at home (and to keep all of us safe on the ice), here is an outline of the session and a summary of our code of conduct. In general, courtesy and common sense should prevail at all times.

The session lasts for 90 minutes and is split half-way through by a short dance interval.

1. During the session:

- (a) Beginners and inexperienced skaters are very welcome at OXIST. More advanced skaters should remember that not everyone will be able to stop rapidly or take avoiding action where necessary.
- (b) At all times, you must be aware of other skaters, especially those skating backwards.
- (c) Skaters in lessons have priority on the ice.
- (d) If you are standing still on the ice, please stay close to the barrier and be aware of approaching skaters.
- (e) Please leave the ice if you wish to chat, to avoid obstructing other skaters.

2. Dance interval: the dance interval occupies 10-15 minutes of the session.

- a) If you are not familiar with ice dance, please leave the ice completely when the session is called.
- b) Couples have priority over solo skaters. However, slower skaters should give way to stronger skaters in the queue, even if this is a couple giving way to a stronger solo skater.
- c) Dancers should be well-spaced, in order to avoid crowding. When starting or joining a dance, please leave a gap of at least four beats (two pushes) after the dancer in front of you has gone before you start skating.
- d) Only the dance that has been announced may be skated unless explicitly stated otherwise by a committee member (e.g. pairing a Silver Samba with a Riolado Samba).
- e) OXIST is a good opportunity to learn and practice basic pattern dances. You can ask someone to show you during the practice time, or arrange to partner or follow a more experienced skater.
- f) If you are not dancing, please leave the ice and stand well away from the gates
- g) If you are dancing with your coach, you must still follow the dance as called.

3. Music:

- (a) Music is provided by the OXIST committee, and is played throughout the session, except during the dance intervals when pattern dance music is played
- (b) Members may request to play their programme music and skate their routine once after the dance interval, for example, if preparing for a competition or test. There is a small fee to be paid to the club (currently £1).

4. Lessons

- a) Only members may take private lessons during OXIST.
- b) Lessons should not take place during the dance interval.
- c) Please be respectful of those taking lessons, and watch out for their coaches (usually wearing a red coach's jacket).

5. Safety.

- a. Please be observant at all times of where you and other skaters are positioned on the ice.
- b. Mobile phones should not be used on the ice.
- c. Please do not bring food or drink onto the ice.
- d. Hats and scarves are not permitted on the ice.
- e. Games, such as tag, are only permitted as part of a session organised by the committee.
- f. The rink safety rules must also be followed at all times.

6. Complaints:

We hope all skaters will be able to enjoy the session. Experienced and inexperienced skaters, members and guests, have equal rights to skate at OXIST. If you are concerned about the behaviour of a skater on our session, please speak to a committee member rather than addressing the skater directly, particularly where junior skaters are involved.

If you are found to be in breach of these rules, the committee reserves the right to ask you to leave the ice.