

ASC Helmet Policy

Pre/CanSkate, AdvancedCanSkate/PreStarSkate, PowerSkate, Parent&Tots, Teen/Adult Programs

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NOTE: A copy of this Policy is also available through the Resources page on the Club website.

- 1) **By accepting this policy at the time of registration, you are agreeing to follow all conditions listed below.**
- 2) We are mandated through our insurance coverage to follow all Skate Canada helmet requirements.
- 3) CSA approved **hockey helmets** are **mandatory** for skaters in:
 - PreCanSkate
 - CanSkate Stages 1–5
 - Advanced CanSkate Stages 1-5
 - PowerSkate A & B
 - Teen/Adult skaters in Stages 1-5
 - **BOTH** parents AND tots participating in Parent and Tot programs
 - Teens or adults volunteering as Program AssistantsSkaters and Parents who have passed CanSkate Stage 5 or higher may be exempted from wearing a CSA approved hockey helmet (verification must be provided to ASC).
- 4) Full face protection (cage) is MANDATORY for skaters in:
 - PreCanSkate
 - Tots in Parent and Tot programs
 - PowerSkate A & B
- 5) Full face protection (cage) is strongly recommended for skaters in:
 - CanSkate Stages 1-3
- 6) **SKATERS/PARENTS WITH OTHER TYPES OF HELMETS (eg. bike, ski, snowboarding, skateboarding, etc.) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON THE ICE. Only hockey helmets** are acceptable for skating, as they are designed to help protect against head injuries occurring on the ice, whether from a fall or a collision. Other types of helmets are not designed for this purpose.
- 7) Hockey helmets and face protectors sold in Canada must meet safety standards set by the CSA (Canadian Standards Association). Hockey helmets must:
 - Have the CSA approved logo (found on the back of the hockey helmet on the outer shell);
 - Be labelled with the date of manufacture; and,
 - Have a chin strap.
- 8) For a hockey helmet to function effectively, it must be in very good working order and be worn properly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Helmets that are cracked, have loose fitting or missing liner pieces, or that have been subjected to a severe blow need to be replaced.
- 9) A hockey helmet should fit snugly to prevent any shifting and maximize protection. Adjust the chinstrap so it gently makes contact under the chin when fastened. For an adjustable helmet, open it to the largest setting and gradually begin to downsize the helmet until a comfortably snug fit is achieved. The helmet should rest on the head so that the rim is one finger width above the eyebrow and the helmet makes contact with the top of your head. The chin strap **MUST BE DONE UP** when on the ice.

10) Skaters with longer hair should have it tied back at the nape of the neck so that it doesn't interfere with the fit of the helmet, obstruct vision or cause a pressure point for the skater. Hair clips under the helmet should be avoided. Hats should not be worn under the helmet unless they are specifically designed for the purpose such as a hockey skull cap or hockey helmet beanie.

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