



MKSC STARSkate Music Playing Policy

Music is an integral part of figure skating. It is essential for warm up, stroking sessions, solos and ice dance. This is a crucial aspect of the figure skating experience at March-Kanata Skating Club (MKSC). At Mlacak Arena, we are fortunate to have a heated music room overlooking the ice surface where volunteer 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 STARSkate sessions. We will have one to two music players per session, with each playing for half of the season. The two music players will also serve as backups for each other. If the on-duty music player is unavailable to attend, please directly contact your backup to ask for help.

Music training will be provided to anyone who requires it.

If you have questions about playing music, 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 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 may request music without a Coach however, best practices should have skaters checking in with their coach before requesting music.**

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.
(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 folder to find:

- o The different folders for the dances – ie. STAR 2-5 Dances (ISU), STAR 6 to Gold, Diamond
- o Please play from these folders unless a coach requests specific other music.
- o 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

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