

VRCA Outdoor Rink

Rink Guidelines

SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK

1. No skating during Olympia (Zamboni) flooding.
2. Shooting and shinny only in the hockey rink.
3. Helmets and padding strongly recommended.
4. No alcohol, smoking or chewing tobacco permitted.
5. Please keep facility clean.
6. Lights turn off at 11pm.

For questions or concerns contact: facilities@vrca.community

Call 911 in case of emergency



Hockey Rink

Used primarily for shinny hockey, the rink is enclosed by boards and a fence and contains 2 NHL regulation sized hockey nets. This is the only skating surface where shooting and shinny should be executed. Please shoot and play with caution to the level of the participants. Absolutely no slap shots are permitted when young skaters are present. It is STRONGLY recommended that you wear a helmet and appropriate padding when in the hockey rink.

All ages are welcome to play at any time. More advanced players should respect and include all participants no matter their skill level.

Skating Oval

The skating oval surface goes around the outside of the hockey rink. Please exercise caution as corners are blind and young children and novice skaters often use this part of the rink. Maintain a safe speed and avoid stopping and changing directions. Hockey play should be limited around the oval and absolutely no shinny or shooting is allowed. If the facility is very busy, the Oval should be limited primarily to leisure skating. It is STRONGLY recommended that you wear a helmet.

Skating "Pond"

The skating pond is in a large "L" shape and has enough space for many skaters to enjoy a variety of skating activities within reason. No shinny hockey or shooting is allowed on the pond. Casual hockey play including passing and stick handling is acceptable within reason. If the facility is very busy, the Pond should be limited primarily to leisure skating with minimal hockey play. It is STRONGLY recommended that you wear a helmet.

Hours of Operation

The rink is equipped with an automated lighting system in the evenings, and remains on until 11pm. It is not recommended to skate after 11pm and best to wait until daybreak to resume activities.

Closure

If a sign is posted indicating the rink is CLOSED, or if the lights are OFF in the evening, or the main hockey rink is padlocked shut at any time, the volunteers have deemed the ice surface too warm or dangerous to skate on. Please respect these indicators and stay off the ice. If the lights are off before 11pm, they were manually switched to that mode and the rink is closed. It is NOT a mistake.

Olympia Ice Resurfacers (Zamboni)

Our volunteer operated Olympia ice resurfacers (commonly called a Zamboni) is the primary reason for the high quality ice our volunteers are able to deliver to you each year. That being said, it is very dangerous to be skating while our volunteers are using it to clean and resurface the skating surfaces. The Olympia is large and the drivers view is obstructed much of the time preventing them from seeing skaters, especially children. This is also applicable when the Olympia is entering and exiting the garage and dumping snow. The VRCA is not responsible for injuries or death in the event you allow yourself or children to skate in front of the Olympia. It is EXTREMELY dangerous to be on the ice with the Olympia ice resurfacers! Violators will be asked to leave the ice, and the ice resurfacers will not clean the ice until all persons are clear.

Security

The facility is now under video surveillance for the sole purpose of monitoring vandalism and any other illicit behaviour. If you witness illicit behaviour, please contact the Calgary Police Service. If a significant situation occurs and/or the police are involved, please notify facilities@vrca.community so we are made aware, and we will review video recordings if applicable.

Volunteers

Here's your chance to become a "Zamboni" driver!

It takes a tremendous amount of volunteer work to build and maintain the ice each year, so we are always looking for help to lighten the load and increase the quality of the facility. If you or someone you know would like to join our amazing team of volunteers, please complete the Outdoor Rink Volunteer Signup form on the VRCA website.