

Clear Lake Space Rollers Club Rules

Preamble

We the skaters of Clear Lake in order to promote the sport of inline skating in a fun, safe, and responsible manner, do ordain and establish the following guidelines for skating etiquette.

1. Refrain from horseplay, practicing tricks, and reckless skating when skating in a group. Anyone who causes an accident or injury to other skaters because of reckless or careless skating will be fined 50 cents.
2. When skating at the front of a pack or a pace line, you are responsible for the safety of everyone behind you. This means calling out road hazards, traffic, and turns so that the people following you will know what to expect. Likewise, the person at the back should call out when cars are following or trying to pass.
3. Like cyclists, joggers, and walkers, skaters also have the right to use the streets for recreation but we should do so responsibly and safely. Please be courteous to the residents of the neighborhoods that we skate in. Do not be hostile or aggressive toward anyone, even if they do something to rub you the wrong way.
4. Always skate in the right lane unless you are passing and make sure the left lane is clear before you attempt to pass.
5. Do not distract other skaters in the group when crossing dangerous intersections or busy streets such as Clear Lake City Blvd. If you are the first person in a group to reach an intersection, make sure to call out to the skaters behind you whether or not it is safe to cross.
6. Always yield to motorists unless it is plainly obvious that they are yielding to you. In confrontations between cars and skaters, the cars have the last word.
7. Do not litter. This is not just a club rule. This is the law.
8. Do not drink alcoholic beverages in the school parking lot.
9. Protective gear is not required but is strongly recommended; especially wrist guards and helmets. When skating at night, a flashing light should be worn.
10. All skates will start promptly at the time as stated on the schedule. Latecomers are on their own unless someone volunteers to stay behind and wait for him or her.

“Unofficial” Rules

1. If you participate in an organized skating event or tour, you must write a story about your experience for the newsletter.
2. If you wish to stay on the email list, you must skate with the club at least once a millennium. The current millennium ends on Dec. 31, 2000.
3. Falling while skating is prohibited. If you fall, you must say "I meant to do that" or you will be fined 50 cents per fall, which will go into a general club treasury to be used for parties and other important stuff.

4. You must tell everyone you know what a great sport inline skating is.

5. Use the "UPS" method of rounding when referring to distances that you've skated. Always round up. For example if you skated 1.1 miles, then say you skated 2 miles or if you skated 26 miles, then say you skated 30 miles. When referring to the length of time you have skated, round down. For example if, it takes you 47 minutes and 36 seconds to skate 10 miles, then state that it took you 47 minutes.