

2008 RESEARCH

MUNICIPALITIES	HELMET POLICY	USE OF SKATE MATES/SPEED SKATES, OR LONG BLADES	SHINNY HOCKEY	OUTDOOR FACILITIES THAT ARE SUPERVISED, WHAT RULE/SIGNS POSTED FOR COMMUNITY USE	POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OR STANDARDS
<b>Ajax</b>	CSA approved hockey helmet are recommended for all recreational skaters	Skating aids are permitted in designated areas only. You must provide your own.	CSA approved hockey helmet is mandatory, face mask is recommended. Hockey equipment is optional. Provide players with a kit re: goalie in box √	Rules of conduct are posted.	Standard information listed in the Leisure Skating information program registration guide.
<b>Ottawa</b>	It is highly recommended that all skaters wear a CSA approved helmet during all skating session.	Allow the use of long blade during the day time skates, when attendance numbers are lower then weekend skates. Also have long blade skating sessions which are not advertised to the general public. They do allow E-Z gliders in some arenas and are used by public skate and family skate.	Only modified pucks are allowed for shinny hockey sessions as provided by the City of Ottawa. A CSA approved helmet with full facemask, gloves, a neck protector and stick are mandatory for shinny hockey. Goalies must be in full equipment gear. √	Facility operators must create and post their 'Rules of Conduct' signage. Rules of conduct are a positive risk management tool. Advising of the 'assumption of risk' with any skating sport is a good defense and may help avoid litigation.	Standard information listed in the Leisure Skating information program registration guide.
<b>Markham</b>	CSA approved hockey helmets are recommended for all recreational skaters.	The use of any skating aid should not be permitted on the ice surface during public skate programs under any conditions.	CSA approved hockey helmets are mandatory for adult shinny. Minimum age for shinny - 16 years. Hockey helmets are mandatory. √	Rules of conduct are posted.	Standard information listed in the Leisure Skating information program registration guide.
<b>Mississauga</b>	CSA approved hockey helmet is mandatory, face mask is recommended	Only equipment specifically designed as a skating aid will be permitted during the times designated for physically or intellectually challenged skaters. The maximum or time slots when skating aids are permitted is 40 participants. Maximum ceiling for participants for public skating time slots where hockey equipment (sticks & pucks) and or speed skates are permitted is 30 (the same as shinny hockey).	CSA approved hockey helmet is mandatory, face mask is recommended. Hockey equipment is optional. √	Rules of conduct are posted.	Standard information listed in the Leisure Skating information program registration guide.

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<b>Oakville</b>	CSA helmets are suggested for all leisure skaters.	This has not been an area in which they have had much experience in concern from participants and really have no rule in place.	Helmets, face cages, gloves and elbow pads are highly recommended. Self-organized non-contact hockey for 18 years or older. Wearing protective hockey equipment is recommended.	Rules of conduct are posted. Outdoor rinks will be run by neighbourhood teams, weather permitting.	Standard information listed in the Leisure Skating information program registration guide.
<b>Oshawa</b>	CSA approved helmets are strongly recommended to be worn by all skaters, especially children 6 and younger	Skating aids are permitted in designated areas only. You must provide your own.	Participants must wear full hockey gear, including CSA approved hockey helmets. Goalies will be admitted for free. ✓	Rules of conduct are posted.	Standard information listed in the Leisure Skating information program registration guide.
<b>Pickering</b>	The City of Pickering strongly recommends that all skaters wear a CSA approved hockey helmet for their own safety and protection.	Everyone on the ice must wear skates.	All participants must wear a CSA approved helmet. ✓	Rules of conduct are posted.	Standard information listed in the Leisure Skating information program registration guide.
<b>Vaughan</b>	Helmets are recommended for new skaters and children under the age of 8.	Skating aids are permitted in designated areas only. You must provide your own.	Helmets are mandatory for all shinny participants. Face guards are mandatory for youth and for children in part-time shinny program. Elbow pads and shin guards are highly recommended. ✓	Rules of conduct are posted.	Standard information listed in the Leisure Skating information program registration guide.
<b>Brampton</b>	Helmets are strongly recommended for all recreational skaters.	Skating aids are permitted in designated areas only. You must provide your own & only when attendance numbers are low.	Helmets and facemasks are mandatory for all child/youth shinnies & helmets are mandatory for all adult skaters (facemasks recommended) ✓	Rules of conduct are posted.	Standard information listed in the Leisure Skating information program registration guide.