CENTRAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Frequently Asked Questions

1) When will the rinks open?
Weather permitting, the skating season opens late November-early December and runs through early March. The temperature must stay below 40 degrees for up to four days for the rinks to open.

Daily status of the rinks can be found on the Wheaton Park District site at: **wheatonparkdistrict.com/rainoutline**.

2) What hours will the rinks be available for skating?
Monday-Friday | 11A-8P
Saturday | 11A-8P
Sunday | 11A-6P
Scheduled School Days Out* | 11A-8P
Holidays | Closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and open 11A-3P on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

3) Will I need a reservation?
Reservations are required for the 2025/2026 season, except during weekdays from 11A-3:45P.** Pre-purchased timed-entry tickets are required weekdays from 4-8P, weekends for all open hours, during school closures* from 11A-8P, and Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 11A-3P. All skaters on the ice weekdays during non-reservation hours** must vacate the rinks at 3:45P unless they have a 4P reservation for that day.

4) Will the ice rinks be supervised?
The ice rinks will be supervised during the following hours: Monday-Friday 4-8P, Saturdays 11A-8P, and Sundays 11A-6P. Supervised hours will change on weekdays when there is a holiday or District #200 school day off. Rinks will be supervised from 11A-8P on school days off and 11A-3P on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

5) Where are the ice rinks?
The rinks are located at the Central Athletic Complex at 500 S. Naperville Rd., just north of Roosevelt Rd. between Main St. and Naperville Rd. The rinks are located on the west side of the building near the multipurpose outdoor fields. *We recommend entering the ice skating area from E. Illinois St. on the north side of the rinks.*

6) How much does it cost to skate?
Wheaton Park District residents are free with a valid Wheaton Park District ID.

During pre-purchased timed-entry ticket hours:
– Nonresident Adult (18-54) | $7
– Senior (60 & Over) | $5
– Children (17 & Under) | $5
*Online processing fees are additional.

7) Can I rent skates onsite?
Skate rentals are not available onsite, but skates are required to enter the rinks.

8) Is there an age restriction?
There is no age restriction for skating, but children 12 years and younger must be actively supervised by a responsible person 16 years of age and older.

Please also consider your health before skating. Pregnant persons or those with medical conditions are advised to exercise extreme caution.

9) Where can I park?
We recommend parking in the parking garage located at Willow St. and Cross Ave., just north of the complex.

10) Are there restrooms available?
Yes, standard portable restrooms will be available.

11) Are food and beverage allowed at the rink?
Food and beverage are allowed at the Central Athletic Complex, but no food or beverage may be brought onto the ice. Please clean up after yourself and dispose of any trash in the garbage cans.

12) Is there a concession stand onsite?
No. Mariano's is located next door to the complex and does offer a coffee bar, to-go food options, hot beverages, and snacks.

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Pre-purchased timed-entry tickets are required Monday-Friday 4-8P**, Saturdays 11A-8P and Sundays 11A-6P. Pre-purchased timed-entry tickets are also required 11A-8P on all school days off.*

Reservations can be made up to 7 days in advance at **wheatonparkdistrict.com**

* Dist.#200 Schools will be closed on the following days in the 2025/2026 school calendar: November 24, 25, 26, 28; December 22, 23, 26, 29, 30; January 2, 5, 19; February 16, 27.
** If a holiday or scheduled District #200 school day off falls on a weekday, all open hours will require a reservation.

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13) Can the rinks be used for hockey?
Yes. Hockey may **ONLY** be played on the smaller rink.

The larger rink will **ALWAYS** be reserved for open skate. No hockey sticks, pucks, shooting devices or hockey are allowed.

14) How often is the ice resurfaced?
The Wheaton Park District Parks Services Department will resurface and groom the ice as needed.

15) What type of clothing should I wear?
Ice skating is an outdoor activity and our rink is in the open. We advise patrons to dress warmly and appropriately for the weather.

16) What do I do with personal belongings?
The Wheaton Park District is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Only essential items that can stay on your person should be brought to the ice skating complex. All additional items should be left at home or locked safely in your car.

17) Are pets allowed?
Pets are welcome to the complex, but absolutely no pets are allowed on the ice. They're not to be left unattended under any circumstance and must remain on a leash at all times. The police will be called if a pet is found unattended in the park.

18) I am in a wheelchair; can I go out on the ice?
Wheelchairs are welcome on the ice. You will need to be accompanied by an aide able to walk the ice in rubber-cleated spikes or skate with you in ice skates.

19) Are smoking and alcoholic beverages allowed onsite?
Per Wheaton Park District Park Ordinance, no smoking or alcoholic beverages of any type are allowed on the property of the Central Athletic Complex. Those found not complying are subject to prosecution to the full extent of the law, including fines.

20) Can I rent one of the rinks?
Renting of the ice is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cost is $300 per hour. Contact Adam Lewandowski at **630.510.5141** or **alewandowski@wheatonparks.org** for more information or to reserve your space.

ICE HOCKEY RINK RULES

- No slap shots or lifting of the puck.
- No checking/hitting, roughhousing, fighting, pushing, slashing, hooking, high-sticking, or stick-lifting.
- Participants must have helmet, gloves and sticks of their own.

OPEN SKATE RINK RULES

- Wheelchairs are permitted on the ice, if accompanied by a person wearing skates or ice cleats.
- Participants must keep moving.
- Rough-housing, excessive speeding or weaving through other skaters is forbidden.
- Tag and other games are prohibited.
- No jumps, spins, figure or backward skating.
- **No sticks, pucks, shooting devices or hockey allowed.**

SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK

QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding the rules, regulations, and use of the ice, please contact the Community Center Front Desk at **630.690.4880.**