

## 6 Simple Tips for Blade Care:

1. 1. Wear blade guards as soon as you leave the ice or rubberized surface to avoid scraping or chipping the top layer of chrome off your blades, leaving the steel underneath vulnerable to corrosion from moisture.
2. 2. When you remove your skates and take off your guards, wipe the blades and mounting surfaces dry. This prevents screws from rusting and your boot leather from rotting. Use blade soakers to protect your blades as they return to room temperature.
3. 3. Wipe blades again after letting them sit for a couple minutes because water droplets (condensation) will form on your blades as they return to room temperature.
4. 4. When it's time to store blades in your skate bag, always put them in soakers. These help to draw off any remaining moisture and protect blade edges while inside your bag. Also, don't store your blades in hard guards. Hard guards hold moisture against the metals surface of blades and can cause rust damage.
5. 5. Make sure your blade guards are in good condition, and replace them when necessary.
6. 6. Finally, have your blades sharpened regularly by a trained technician for best results.