

FAQ'S and Class Tips:

What to wear?

1. Dress in warm light layers that will all allow freedom of movement. Turtlenecks with sweatshirts, warm-up pants, and light-weight coats are great. Avoid bulky snowsuits or snow pants.
2. Mittens or gloves are a must! Helmets are required at our rink for safety reasons for all our Beginner Skaters in Tot 1-4, Pre-Alpha and Hockey 1-4 levels.

Skates?

We have rental skates available as part of your package. We recommend for beginner skaters and those looking to play Hockey in the future, that they first learn to skate on a figure skate and blade. It makes the learning experience a whole lot easier, and once a skater has learned to skate forwards and backwards with great balance, then the transition to a hockey blade is so much easier! Take our word on this, your child will learn at a much quicker pace.

Wear thin cotton socks or tights inside skating boots for best fit. Wearing thick socks is not recommended. Boots should fit snug and have a little wiggle room of the toes. Boots can run big, so the best way to test size no matter where you are getting your skates is to have the skater unlace the boot and slide foot in all the way to the front of boot with toes flat until they are touching top of boot. Then tell skater to bend their knees and if you can stick a finger in their skater behind their heel, it's too big. It's the best way to judge a proper fit and your skating experience will be better on the ice.

When can skaters advance into Learn-To-Play Hockey?

We recommend you complete all Hockey 1-4 levels in our Learn-to-Skate to be a stronger Hockey Player. But once you receive your Beta Testing Badge (which is equivalent to Hockey-3), you will be able to advance into learning the sport of Hockey.

*Our Skating Director will set up an evaluation for any skater looking to enroll in Learn-To-Play if they have a lot of skating experience, but have never taken group lessons or earned Badges for completion of levels. If approved, you will be able to sign up for Learn To Play. Keep in mind, it is in your skater's best interest, if our Skating Director recommends a few private lessons or a full Session of Learn-To-Skate in order for the skater to be the best player they can be.

Trial for Tots?

3 year olds are accepted into our Learn to Skate Program, however we understand as Professionals that some small children are simply not ready to be away from their parents on the ice. So, for the **first week of Sessions only**, we offer a Trial for Tots to come in and pay \$10 for that Session to try out lessons and see if they are happy and comfortable with lessons and the ice. You can then register them for the full session if they like it. If they don't like it, we recommend waiting until the next Session starts to try again.

Class Tips:

1. Please arrive 15-30 minutes before your scheduled class. On the first day of classes, 30 minutes will give you enough time to check in, receive your name tag, get your skates on and meet your Instructor in your designated area you will be assigned to.
2. Parents, please do not stand near the ice entrance. Please allow our Instructors to help your child onto the ice and off the ice for safety reasons.
3. Be supportive of your child's progress and praise them for their hard work and efforts!
4. All skaters progress at their own rate. Do not compare your child with the others because skating is different for everyone. We do evaluations throughout our sessions and also give a mid-point Progress report so you are up-to-date on your child's progress.
5. All skaters will be tested and given badges when they are ready to move to the next level. A skater can be tested at week 6 or some will not be ready until week 12. If a skater is tested early enough in the Session, they will be moved up to the next level within that Session to continue onto advancement.
6. No gum, food or candy on the ice due to safety hazards!
7. Please use your practice time wisely after class as it's free ice time included in your Session Package.

***Please feel free to contact Beth, our Skating Director for any of your concerns or questions. She will be available for 20 minutes after classes are over for a quick meeting.**

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