

LEARN TO SKATE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Who can join Learn to Skate?
- A. Learn to Skate is designed for the skater of any level or age. Children 4 & 5 will begin in the Snowplow Sam classes where they will learn the basic beginner skating elements. Children 6 and older will start in the Basic 1 program and progress through 8 basic levels that eventually lead to freestyle classes. We also offer Adult Learn to Skate for adults of any level.
- Q. I have a child that has never taken skating lessons before but would like to play hockey. Can I put them in Learn to Play Hockey or Flyers Future Stars?
- A. We recommend that all children complete at least two levels (Basic 2) of Learn to Skate before starting any of our hockey programs. This will get your child comfortable on the ice and teach the basic skills that are necessary for hockey (forward and backward skating and snowplow stops). Often a child will fall behind or feel inadequate if they have not learned the proper skating techniques.
- Q. How long should it take for my child to complete the whole Learn to Skate program?
- A. Every child is different and each child has his own strengths and weaknesses. It is our main goal to make sure each child is proficient in all the elements of the level before progressing. The Learn to Skate program is designed to be completed over several years.
- Q. I see my child playing games in class, isn't this a waste of time?
- A. Games are a great way to make children feel comfortable on the ice. Often it is easier for a child to relax through having fun. Games are also a good way to teach balance, coordination and cooperation.
- Q. Can I watch my child's skating lesson?
- A. Of course! Parents are encouraged to watch skating lessons from the bleachers as to not distract their child from the learning process. The player's benches should not be a place to sit and watch. We ask that parents stay off the ice during their child's lesson. If you wish to join your child after the lesson there is a nominal fee and skates are required.

Learn to Skate Policies and Suggestions:

Make-up Policy: Due to our dedication to keep class sizes down, we will be unable to issue make-up classes.

Refund Policy: No refunds will be given. The only exception to this rule will be our Snowplow Sam program. Any Snowplow Sam student canceling after the first or second class will be charged a \$10.00 processing fee and \$10.00 per class fee. After the second class there will be no refunds.

Level Evaluation: During the first two weeks of class our professional staff will evaluate skaters based on age and ability to ensure they are in the correct class.

Helmets: Helmets are optional, but highly recommended, especially for tots and beginners

Skates: Should be comfortable but snug. Skates should be slightly smaller than shoe size

Clothing: Warm, layered, comfortable clothing and gloves (sweaters and sweatshirts are preferable to bulky jackets)