



Frequently asked Learn to Skate Questions

Q. What do we need to wear:

A. Your clothing should be warm, in layers with gloves/mittens. The temperature in the rink and on the ice is approximately 45 degrees... even in the summer.

Q. Do we need a helmet?

A. Yes, we require a helmet (a bike helmet will suffice).

Q. Do we need to own skates?

A. No, top of the line rentals are available in all sizes for \$5.50 per session. Many parents rent the first few sessions and then purchase a pair when they feel their child is ready.

Q. Can my two children take lessons on the same day?

A. Yes, we separate children by age/skill level. Your children will be in different classes with different instructors on the same day. We usually have a separate adult class as well, so you could take a lesson the same day/time as your child.

Q. How many students per instructor?

A. Class size is generally limited to 7-8 per instructor.

Q. Are Learn to Skate classes available year round.

A. Yes, we generally run classes in eight (8) week cycles. We have a Fall, Late Fall, Winter, Late Winter, Spring as well as Summer Learn to Skate sessions.

Q. What days do you have Learn to Skate Classes?

- **Learn to skate** for ages 4 through adults are usually held on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday Mornings.
- **Tot only classes for ages 2-5** are usually held on Tues./Wed. mornings and early afternoons.
- **Adult "only"** classes are held on Friday at 10am.

Summer sessions vary.

Tots (ages 4 or above*) and adults who can not attend the above classes may enroll in Wed./Sat. Learn to Skate classes.

***-Children ages 3 and above need prior approval from our skating director.**

Q. If my child wants to play hockey, should they enroll in a Learn to Skate Class?

A. It's hard to play hockey if you can't skate, therefore enrolling in a learn to skate class is a good idea.. Learn to Skate or equivalent is a pre-requisite for our Little Islanders or Hockey 101 classes. The only exception is for children age 2-4 who may enroll in our Thursday morning Tiny Tiger class without prior skating experience.

Q. What's the next step after Learn to Skate?

A. Our Learn to Skate **Bridge Program is for basic skill level 4 and up**. After completion of the top level of our Bridge program, skaters are ready for Freestyle ice sessions.