

Schenectady Youth Hockey Association  
Ice Skating Lessons

Frequently Asked Questions

***What if I have to miss a class?***

We do not offer pro-rated fees or refunds if you have to miss one, two, or three lessons in a session. However, during the sessions when we offer lessons on both Saturday and Mondays, if you have to miss one of your regular lesson days, you are welcome to come on the opposite day (ie, on Monday, if you registered for Saturday, or vice-versa) and use the free-skate side of the ice for the full hour. When you arrive, you may also ask the director, Patti Tashman, if there might happen to be room in an appropriate lesson group for your skater. We cannot guarantee a make-up lesson, but if there is room in an appropriate class, she will add you to that lesson group for the night.

If you have to miss 4 or more lessons due to illness or accident, contact Linda Zahnleuter to request a credit to be applied to future lessons.

***May 3 and 4 year olds take lessons?***

We have found that the best way to know if the program is right for very young children is to let them try it. Skaters should be able to watch and listen to the instructor and then be able to follow the directions given by the instructor. If you register a 3 or 4 year old, and either you or the director decide after the first class that it is too early for them to be out there, we will refund your registration fee. If you decide your child is not ready and want a refund, you must notify the director or Linda Zahnleuter of this before the second session.

***How big are your lesson groups?***

Working as best we can within the group of people who register for each session, we try to group skaters of like abilities and like ages together, and keep class sizes under 10 - 12 skaters per instructor.

***What time will my lesson be?***

On Saturdays, we offer lessons at 12:20, 12:50 or 1:20. We ask all skaters to arrive in time to be ready to skate by 12:20 on the first day of the session. On Mondays, lessons are offered at 6:00 or 6:30 pm. When you are not in your lesson, you are welcome to use the free skate side of the ice to practice. Lesson times and groups are determined by the Director based on enrollment and are not available prior to the first day of class.

***How will my child find their lesson group?***

There will be a name tag for each skater in the lobby when you arrive. On the bottom of the name tag will be your lesson time. Name tags are color-coded to correspond with colors posted on the glass going around the rink to help skaters locate their lesson group. There will be helpers available to assist skaters find their lesson group. Lessons times will be the same time each week.

***Can I go on the ice with my child?***

Parents wearing skates are welcome to join their children while they are on the free-skate side of the ice, which is at the end closest to the lobby doors. No one is allowed on the ice in street-shoes. If a parent registers for lessons as well as a child, please be aware you will most likely be in separate lesson groups.

***Can siblings also use the free skate side of the ice?***

Siblings of participants may skate on the free-skate side of the ice at the discretion of the Director, and must be accompanied by a parent on the ice. This is not intended to be a public skating session. Siblings who interfere with or are a distraction to participants who are practicing will be asked to leave the ice.

***What do we need to bring or wear?***

You may use either figure or hockey skates for lessons. If you don't own skates, rentals are available for \$3/session. If you plan on renting, please arrive an extra 15 minutes before class.

We recommend all skaters wear a helmet (bike, ski, hockey) and thick gloves or mittens. Most skaters are comfortable wearing a ski jacket or several loose layers. Children may wear snow pants.

