

Welcome the Greensboro Ice House US Figure Skating Basic Skills Learn to Skate program!

On behalf of the Greensboro Ice House staff we thank you for your participation in our Basic Skills Learn to Skate program. We happily pro-rate tuition for skaters interested in registering late – please invite family and friends to join in on the fun!

Some important information:

Learn to Skate Class Cards:

All enrollees should pick up their “Learn to Skate class card” from the Learn to Skate table located at the front lobby of the rink.

The class card serves as skaters’ admission pass to classes and must be presented each week at the Learn to Skate table.

Skaters enrolled after 6pm the day before scheduled classes are set to begin, will receive their class card on the next class day (the following week) in order to give us time to make the class card. Class cards for skaters pro-rating and registering after the first class week, will also be available at the next class date.

Class Card Benefits:

8 complimentary public skate “punches” are included on the class card, which serve as free admission to 8 public sessions.

This benefit (at least a \$48 value!) is included with the hope that students will utilize these free skating opportunities to work on skills taught in classes.

Developing a feel for the ice along with concentrated practice of maneuvers are keys to finding success and progressing in the sport.

Traditionally, one complimentary public skate “punch” is included per class week, but an extra “punch” has been added for a total 8 complimentary admissions for 7 weeks of classes as a Thanksgiving bonus!

The expiration date of the class card has also been extended, beyond the end of the semester, to allow skaters to continue to use their card during Thanksgiving week!

The card should be retained once all 8 free sessions are used as skaters will continue to need it to check in to classes.

The card should also be retained since once the 8 sessions have been used, skaters are eligible for reduced admission (just \$3!) for subsequent public session skating.

Skate rental **is not** included with either the 8 free skates or the reduced admission skates.

FREE skate rental **is** provided for classes

Enrolled skaters enjoy 10% off in our Pro Shop. Please let us know if we can size students for skates! Purchasing skates saves money (as skate rental is not included with either the 8 complimentary or subsequent reduced-admission, public sessions) and owning skates helps to ensure optimal fit, support and consistent sharpening.

Enrolled skaters are eligible for \$0.25 soda drinks from the “eatery” upon presentation of a current class card.

US Figure Skating Basic Skills Books:

US Figure Skating Basic Skills books will be distributed week 3 to all **new** students.

US Figure Skating provides Basic Skills books **once** during the duration of a student's participation in the Basic Skills program; not at every re-enrollment.

All skaters receive US Figure Skating membership and year badges annually. Level badges are awarded during the graduation ceremony to skaters successfully **passing** their class level (Basic 1, for example).

Make-up Policy:

Enrolled students will be permitted up to two make-up class opportunities on the alternate class day. Classes are held Tuesdays & Saturdays.

Skaters are permitted a **maximum of 7 classes** ~ if students reach 7 classes prior to the end of the term (by misusing make-up classes), they will not be permitted to take the remaining classes without paying additional fees.

Make-up classes are permitted through the 5th week of classes only in order to ensure cohesive classes during week 6 (Progress Reports) and week 7 (Graduation).

Please make every effort to attend class on during weeks 6 & 7 in order to have the Progress Report administered by skater's regular instructor and in order to participate in graduation ceremonies with your class.

While every effort will be made to administer a Progress Report for skaters who miss week 6, we cannot guarantee that it will be administered during week 7 due to the additional activities / graduation ceremony that take place during that last class. Please let us know if there are special circumstances that preclude skaters from attending on these dates and we will do our best to accommodate.

Learn to Skate Calendars:

New this semester! Learn to Skate Calendars have been developed to help track events and highlights of the semester! Calendars are posted on our website (www.greensboroice.com) and parents are encouraged to check regularly for updates.

A December calendar will be distributed later in the semester with additional details regarding the "Heart of the Holidays" show, an announcement for two Basic Skills Workshops (12/) to try new moves, learn different skating "tricks", see skating friends and maintain skills during the holiday break! The December calendar will also provide info regarding a 3-Class Intro to Skating session in December (12/5, 12/12 & 12/19 – just \$25!) for folks interested in trying skating during our peak season!

Make-up Day / Time:

To help plan for make-up classes, please note the following regarding class times :

Snowplow and hockey classes meet from 10:45am-11:15am on Saturdays / 5:45-6:15pm on Tuesdays.

Basic 1-8, Freeskate and Adults meet on from 11:15-11:45am on Saturdays / from 6:15-6:45pm on Tuesdays.

Basic 1-8, Freeskate students and Adults are invited to arrive 30-minutes prior to the start of class time to take advantage of the complimentary practice ice immediately preceding classes.

Practice Ice:

Basic 1-8 skaters, Freeskate students and Adults may take advantage of the complimentary practice during the 30-minutes immediately preceding their scheduled class.

The complimentary time is for skaters enrolled in our classes *only* and the time is to be used for concentrated practice.

Please, no horseplay for the safety of our skate school participants.

Shoes are not permitted on the ice.

Snowplow students and hockey enrollees do not have this additional practice time and the reduced tuition reflects this.

Holiday Show:

This year's theme is, "Heart of the Holidays."

The show will be held on Sunday, December 13th with an *approximate* start time of 4:45pm.

Holiday Show information and applications will be distributed during week 2. Detailed show information provided in application packets.

Holiday Show applications are due and rehearsals begin week 3.

Late show applications will be accepted, however, skaters are strongly encouraged to participate from the start as rehearsal time is limited.

We hope that with your participation we can make our Learn to Skate program a successful step in the development of figure skaters and hockey players of all ages! We ask that you keep our #1 goal of "FUN" in mind. While we want the Skate School to be a step in the developmental process of figure skaters and hockey players, the main idea at this stage is to develop FUNdamentals and to instill in the students a passion for ice sports.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, compliments or concerns. I can be reached at 852-1515. Thank you again for your support and we will see you on the ice!



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