

# PRIVATE LESSONS AT THE FRANKLIN PARK ICE ARENA

*Private lessons* are a great way to learn quickly while having fun. As with any learning situation, a student may progress more rapidly because of the one-on-one focused attention.

Each instructor acts as an independent contractor and sets his/her own rate. Instructor fees are dependent on experience, teaching credentials and professional accreditations. Generally, the range is \$15-\$30 per half hour. Lessons may be 15, 20 or 30 minutes in length depending on scheduling and the age/attention span of the skater. Students pay the coach directly for the lesson and pay the ice arena for use of the ice.

You will want to arrange your lesson for a convenient time. Lessons may be scheduled on the free Skating School practice times as long as the skater is presently enrolled in our program and is at the appropriate level. Privates are not allowed during our high traffic free practice times. Lessons may also take place on one of our freestyle sessions for a fee if the skater is at Delta or above. Students Gamma and below can only be on the ice with a coach. Because of this we offer half hour freestyle sessions for our Gamma and below skaters. Be careful not to schedule lessons during overlapping freestyle sessions because you would then be charged for both sessions. Private lessons *may never* be scheduled on an evening or weekend Public Skate sessions unless cleared with management in advance and may be cancelled at any time for safety reasons.

The Park District of Franklin Park Skating School has a strict policy requiring that its instructors do not directly solicit private lessons. This policy is based on ethics as outlined in our professional organizations. It is also based on the philosophy that parents and skaters are the decision makers regarding the purchase of this service. If you feel that you have been approached by one of our staff or by a guest/visiting professional for the purposes of soliciting your skater for private lessons, please contact our Arena Manager at 847-671-4268.

## Hockey Skating Private Lessons

*Seventy-five percent of the game of hockey is skating!* Many hockey skaters take private lessons to improve their skating skills. One on one lessons with a private coach can help improve backwards skating, turns, edges and speed. These sessions are for skating only, no sticks or pucks; but hockey gear may be worn.

## Getting Started and Selecting a Coach

Now that you have read over the material and have definitely decided that you would like to begin private lessons, what's next? We would like to make the following suggestions:

1. Determine your skating goals. Do you want just a few lessons so that you can pass your class or do you want to have a lesson every week? Will you want to test within the ISI *weSkate* program so that you can compete or be a soloist in one of our ice shows?
2. It is suggested that you observe as many of our teachers during classes or while teaching private lessons as possible so you can pick one that seems like a good fit for your child. Many times parents ask for the group instructor because she/he is familiar with the child. Either way you can request a specific instructor or we will try and match one for your needs.
3. Now you are ready to complete the *PRIVATE LESSON REQUEST FORM*. You may pick one up at the front desk or find it on our website. Please turn it in the completed form to the front desk staff and a Skating School representative will contact you within 5 business days. Please make sure to fill out both sides of the form and include a phone number and email address. A complete schedule of freestyle contract ice can be found at the front counter or on our website [fpice.com](http://fpice.com).

## Reasons to Take Private Lesson

- 👉 To work on the more difficult skills within a class level
- 👉 To progress more rapidly through personalized training and individualized attention
- 👉 To prepare for group lesson testing
- 👉 To improve your hockey skating skills
- 👉 To prepare for testing and earn badge recognition within the Ice Skating Institute (ISI) *weSkate* program
- 👉 To become more involved with the ISI Recreational Figure Skating Club at the Franklin Park Ice Arena
- 👉 To prepare for and to have a coach assisting at local, ISI recreational competitions
- 👉 To test and compete within the USFS (United States Figure Skating) organization
- 👉 To help you reach your skating potential or to help prepare you for *Specialty and Solo Ice Show Tryouts at the Franklin Park Ice Arena*



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