

Common Questions

When should we hire a private coach?

Answer: Anytime while your skater is in Learn to Skate. The levels get harder as they move up and if they are struggling with a level or skill, a private lessons will help them master the level/skill faster. When your skater starts working in the higher basic levels or beginner freestyle levels we highly recommend adding a private coach.

How do we hire a private coach?

Answer: If your skater has a coach that they would really like to work with you can ask them directly or, if you are unsure you can contact the Mentor Ice Arena's Learn to Skate Director and they can connect you with the coaches that have availability.

When should my skater join the figure skating club?

Answer: your skater can join the club at any time while in Learn to Skate. We just recommend that you make sure that your skater really loves skating. Often times skaters hire a private coach to help guide them into the club.

When should I get my child their own skates?

Once your skater is committed to skating, you may want to invest in your own skates. Purchase your skates from a pro shop that deals professionally with boots and blades and work to find a good fit. Be prepared to spend at least \$150 on reliable skates. Used skates will work too, especially when you are starting out. If you buy used, check the boots support level and blade for remaining "sharpening life." Also, check the Mentor Figure Skating Club for used equipment re-sales.

Where should we purchase our figure skates?

Most figure skaters in the area go to Skaters Edge located in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Call to make an appointment:

(440) 995-3343

Address:

5648 Mayfield Rd
Lyndhurst, OH 44124

What should my skater wear?

When starting out we suggest dressing them in warm athletic clothing, gloves, and a bike helmet. Helmets are mandatory at the Mentor Ice Arena for anyone who is 10 or under. The Ice Arena also rents skates for beginners.