

## Our Professional Staff

The Franklin Park Ice Arena is committed to quality in its group class and private instruction offerings. We are proud to have a variety of staff available for our programs:

**FULL INSTRUCTOR**—may teach group and private Learn-to-Skate and Freestyle levels

1. Is at least a high school graduate;
2. Has a *minimum* of two years teaching experience and/or has satisfactorily completed the Franklin Park Ice Arena Skating School Student Teaching Program at both the LTS and FS levels;
3. Has completed the ISI District 8 Coaches Education Program or passed the PSA (Professional Skaters Association) Basic Accreditation exam;
4. Holds a minimum of a silver rating in the ISI Judging certification test structure; and
5. Maintains a minimum of one professional skating membership and a valid liability insurance policy.

**LEARN-TO-SKATE INSTRUCTOR** may teach group and private Tot-Beta or Tot-Delta level skaters

1. Is at least a high school graduate;
2. Has a minimum of two years teaching experience and/or has satisfactorily completed the *Learn-to Skate* portion of the Franklin Park Ice Arena Skating School Student Teaching Program.
3. Has completed the ISI District 8 and the ISI National Instructor Training Program at the appropriate levels;
4. Holds a minimum of a bronze rating in the ISI Judging certification test structure; and
5. Maintains a minimum of one professional skating membership and a valid liability insurance policy.

**STUDENT TEACHER**—may assist within the Skating School program

1. Is at least 16 years of age;
2. Has tested a minimum of the ISI FS 4 level;
3. Is in the process of completing the Student Teaching Program; and
4. May teach Tot through Pre-Alpha private lessons *only* through special programs.

## Reasons to Take Private Lessons

- 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 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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All About...  
Private Lessons



A little personal attention can help you skate to your potential!

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# How do Private Lessons Work?

**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 Gamma or above. If the student is Beta or below, the skater may remain on the ice *only* during the lesson time. Full session rates for the ice apply in any case. 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 Public Skate sessions unless cleared with management in advance and may be cancelled at any time for safety reasons.

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## Important Note

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.

Thank you.

## 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. Read about our instructor levels and observe as many of our teachers during classes as possible. Watch them coach other private students so that you can match your skater’s personality to that of

the coach. Many times parents ask for the group instructor because she/he is familiar with the child. Sometimes that person is a good fit, but before making the request, we still recommend a *look around*. We have many qualified staff.

3. Now you are ready to complete the **PRIVATE LESSON REQUEST FORM**. You may pick one up and turn it in at the front desk. The Arena Manager will call you within 5 business days and you’ll be on your way!!!



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