# Learn to Skate & Preschool Skate Frequently Asked Questions

## Program Overview

1. We offer classes for children who are 3 years old though Adults.
2. Contracts are 8 weeks long.
3. Classes are 30 minutes long.
4. We have 4 contracts per year.
    a. Summer- late June, July & early August
    b. Fall- mid October, November & early December
    c. Winter- January & February
    d. Spring- March & April
5. Class sizes are small 10:1 plus and an assistant.
6. We use the Learn to Skate USA curriculum. It is a national organization.

## Questions

**What is the youngest age for participants?**

We accept skaters as young as three years old, however they must be potty trained. Also, they must be motivated to skate with a group. We do not accept children before they turn 3.

**Can parents skate with their child?**

No, only registered skaters can be on the ice.

**When can the skaters practice?**

Skaters are encouraged to take advantage of Ramsey County's free public skating ice. Information is available on their website.

**What level should my child sign up for?**

a. Skaters who are new to our program should register for Intro to Skating if they are age 6 and under or have never been on the ice. Skaters who are 7 and older (provided they can march on the ice) should register for Basic 1.
b. During the first couple weeks of class skaters will be evaluated to make sure they are placed in the class that best suits their skill level. The instructor will notify you and/or change the zone color on your child's name tag if a class change has been made. Please note we may not notify you directly if the class time does not change.
c. At the end of the session each participant will receive a personalized evaluation which will include information about the next level for your skater.

**My child has skating experience. What level should they register for?**

a. If your child has been evaluated by another registered Learn to Skate USA program, you will start with the level after the level they mastered. Please understand that we are focused on building skills for success. If a skater is missing a fundamental skill, we may move that skater to a lower level.

b. If your child has no formal lesson experience, please start with Intro to Skating or Basic 1. We will evaluate and move skaters as their skill level warrants

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**Do you accept late registrations?**

Yes, late registrations are accepted through week 3 of the session for beginners and at any time for more advanced skaters if space is available.

**Are lessons pro-rated for missed classes?**

No, the class contract is sold as a package and not individual classes.

**Do you offer make-up lessons?**

Make-up lessons are not offered at this time due a large enrollment.

**Do you offer rental skates?**

Yes, but we only offer them at our Highland location. They are available first come, first served. There is no charge for rental skates but this is subject to change.

**Do you recommend wearing helmets?**

Yes, helmets are strongly recommended for beginners. Choose a sport helmet with a rounded back.

**How do I contact my child's coach?**

Coaches do not have much time in between classes. You may send an email with your question to the LTS Consultant at LearnToSkateUSA@StPaulFSC.com (capital letters are not needed but included to make it easier to read.

**When does registration for the next contract open?**

Registration typically opens 30 days prior to the start of the contract. We ask current participants to wait to register until they receive their evaluation on the final day of class so they can enroll in the most beneficial class for the skater.

**How many LTS contracts are offered each season?**

We currently offer 4 contracts per year. Fall starting in October, Winter starting in January, Spring starting in March and Summer starting mid- June.

**What is the skating season? Why do I have to renew my LTS USA membership now?**

All skaters participating in Learn to Skate classes must be members of Learn to Skate USA which is the organization that provides our curriculum, patches, registers our skater's tests and provides us with Insurance. This is done on a yearly basis. The season runs July 1st through June 30th. Memberships for the next season will be collected at the time of the summer class registration.

**Is there public skating offered at Phalen or Highland Arenas?** Ramsey county offers open skate at Charles M. Schulz Highland Arena, TCO Sports Garden, Aldrich Arena and sometimes at Phalen. The schedule can vary. Check their website for more information. https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/parks-recreation/ice-arenas-fieldhouse/skating-programs/open-skate