

FARGO PARK DISTRICT SKATING PROGRAM

If you have any questions please contact Laura C. Jacobson at 701-239-9364. Please leave a message with a daytime and evening number.

Classes:

Adult & Tots - These classes are for the beginning skater ages 2-5. Skaters participate in the class with a parent (parent must wear skates). Classes meet once a week for 45 minutes for six weeks. Skaters will work on Pre levels 1-3.

Beginners 1 - These classes are for the beginner skater 5 years and above who have never taken lessons before or has passed Pre Levels 1-3. Skaters will work on Level 1. This class meets once a week for 45 minutes for six weeks.

Beginners 2 - These classes are for the beginner skater 5 years and above who has passed Level 1. Skaters will work on Level 2. This class meets once a week for 45 minutes for six weeks.

Intermediates - These classes are for skaters who have completed Level 2. Classes are held once a week for 45 minutes for six weeks. Skaters will work on Level 3 and Level 4.

Advanced - These classes are for those skaters who have completed Level 4. Classes are held once a week for 45 minutes for six weeks. Skaters will work on Level 5 & Level 6.

Novice Patch - This class is for the skater who has completed Level Six. These skaters will work on Level Seven, Level Eight, Freestyle 1-3, and Dance 1-2.

Private lessons may be taken after the skater has passed Level Four. Contact Laura Jacobson at 701-239-9364 for further information on competitive skating with the Fargo Park District program or check our website at www.fargoparks.com.

Skates: (Fargo Park District does not have skate rentals)

- Hockey or figure skates are okay.
- Double bladed skates are not accepted.

How skate should fit:

- Big toe brushes the end of the skates.

How skates should be tied:

- Skates should be tied tight. They will loosen as the child skates.

Skate Guards:

- Skate blades shouldn't be stored with the guards on because the blades will rust.
- Skate guards should be used to go from the bench in the rink to the ice surface and back to the bench.

Sharpening Figure Skates:

- If average use is on indoor ice, they should be sharpened 1 or 2 times a season.
- If used on the outdoor ice, they should be sharpened 3 or 4 times a season.

Sharpening for Hockey Skates:

- Hockey skates need to be sharpened every 5 or 6 uses.

*All these numbers depends on the size of your skater.

*The Outdoorsmen is the only business in town with advanced training in figure skating sharpening. Scheels, Play It Again Sports and Southwest Arena have skate sharpening.

Dress:

- Mittens or gloves are required in every class.
- Hats are suggested for adult and tots and beginners for good protection of the skater's head.
- Legs and arms have to be covered.
- A couple pairs of sweat pants are better than snow pants.
- As the weather gets colder outside, the temperature of the rink also gets colder, so dress warm.

Information:

Information will be online at www.fargoparks.com.

Testing:

- The dates are on your email confirmation. **These dates will be the only time for testing.**
- Test results will be handed out the last day of classes for the session.

Make-ups:

- Each skater is allowed one make-up class per session. Choose a class and let the instructor know you are making up the class.

Class Behavior:

- Skaters can not eat candy or chew gum during class.
- Parents please make sure that your skater takes a bathroom break before class.
- During class, the parents are encouraged to watch but not to interact with the skater through the glass while the class is going on. The teachers need to have full attention of the whole class to learn.
- Please help the instructors encourage school like listening skills while in skating classes. Inappropriate behavior at skating can be dangerous. Time outs will be given if a skater is not behaving appropriately. Remember this is for safety reasons.

Ice Show:

- Everyone enrolled in any one skating class during any of the sessions, at any of the three rinks, is eligible to be in the annual Fargo Park District Ice Revue.