

Information about Skates

Having the right skates and the right fit can make all the difference for skaters.

Skates purchased from a big box stores/ Dumhams/MC Sports are fine for recreational use. They are great for beginner skater or skaters in the Basic levels skating once per week. They are also ok for beginner skaters interested in basic competitions. However, if your skater is interested in solo competition, a competitive team, testing or jumping we encourage a better skate. Recreational skates simply aren't made to withstand lots of practice and jumps, these skates may break down in the ankle and the heel of the boot may separate causing safety concerns.

Models for Entry Level Skaters:

There are many brands of skates available, most of our skaters wear Jackson or Riedell skates. Jackson's tend to be a little less expensive than Riedell's.

Jackson:

Mystique/Artiste - Good for Basic Skills, beginning competitor

Classique - Good for beginning jumps

Freestyle - Good for single jumps

<http://www.jacksonultima.com>

Riedell:

119 - Emerald - Good for Basic Skills, beginning competitor

133- Diamond- Beginning Jumps

223 - Stride - Single Jumps

229 - Edge - Single Jumps

<http://ice.riedellskates.com/>

* Usually, the higher the number the firmer the boot, at a higher level, boot/blades are sold separately.

Skate Swap:

At the beginning of each season we have a skate swap sale. If you have items to sell during the season, they can be posted on our website.

Skate sharpening: Quality Sharpening is key. There is also a man that works locally that does a great job. If anyone needs skates done I can usually drop them off and have them back the next day - he charges \$10. Skates should ideally be sharpened for every 10 hours of use. Please plan accordingly so skates are in top condition for competitions and performances. The Petit Center does a good job, appointment recommended.

Skate Care: Skates should NEVER be stored in hard walking guards, blades should be thoroughly dried after skating and stored in soaker guards. Skates should ideally be removed from a skate bag and allowed to dry between uses. Rusty blades can seriously impair a skaters ability and can be a safety concern. Coaches may ask skaters to leave the ice if skaters are not safe. If skate have a wooden/leather sole it's important to seal the sole, many skaters use Snow Seal. Make sure screws attaching blade to boot are tight(good to carry screw driver in skate bag). Skates should be cleaned and polish to keep them looking good and protecting them. Monitor skates for wear/tear, breakdown, loose screws, ripped laces, ect.

Locations for Purchase:

-The Sheboygan Lakers Pro Show

-Rainbo Sports at the Petit Center- sometime have used skates available. Recommend calling to ahead and making appointment.

-Facebook Group- Figure Skating & Dance Buy, Sell, Trade- it's mostly skaters in the West Bend, Ozaukee, Milwaukee area. Skates, bags, dress, ec. It's a closed group please let me know if you would like me to add you.

Please remember there are no silly questions, we are here to help.