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PRIVATE LESSON INFORMATION

FOR

CANSKATE AND ICE STARS

Many parents indicated on their application forms that they were interested in information on private lessons.

I thought a notice to all answering many of the questions I have received through the years would be helpful.

Lessons are given by a professional coach during the session you have registered on.

The booking is made for the entire season. A good time to try privates is spring school (6 weeks in April-May) because you can make a short term commitment to try out the experience.

The lesson is usually 15 minutes. It may rotate each week within the time frame of the session. Your professional will let you know if this will be the case.

We recommend no more than a 15 minute lesson on Canskate because we feel it is important for the skater to be part of the group experience also. Ice Stars may book more time due to their higher level and longer sessions.

Professional rates vary from approximately \$6.00 to \$11.00 per 15 minutes depending on the number of years experience, qualifications, personal skating background, educational and certification levels.

You may establish with the professional how you want to make payment. In most cases the professional will issue you a bill once at the end of each calendar month. Most coaches don't bill for a lesson if you notify them 24 hours ahead if you aren't going to be there or if your child takes ill. Ask your professional their policy on this.

Professionals can teach and at the same time test and assess so the skater can always be up to date on where they stand on a badge.

The following are some of the reasons skaters take private lessons:

- 1) Some young skaters learn better when they are one on one rather than in a group setting. Skate Canada allows us to group up to 10 skaters together.
- 2) If a skater shows talent they may want to excel and accelerate quickly through the Badges and into a specialized area such as figure skating, hockey or ringette at a very young age.
- 3) A skater who wants or requires additional one on one instruction.
- 4) A skater who shows fear of the ice and needs individual encouragement to develop confidence.
- 5) An older beginner (most beginners are 5-6 years of age) who feels out of place in a group with younger skaters and doesn't want to work in the group. With individual attention they can usually catch up quickly.

The process for booking private lessons is to put a request in to me. Once I have hired the necessary number of professionals to cover my group teaching, I see who is available to give privates and will contact you as a parent. If you don't hear from me by phone or email there are no lessons available that season.

I hope I have managed to answer any questions you might have had. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me .

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