

# Amarillo Ice Skating School

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Skates & Attire

#### - **Do we need to buy skates for the skater?**

Yes, it would be the best. We do have access to rental hockey style skates, but their condition does not allow for any continuous use. For figure skates, we recommend to purchase:

1. Riedell skates – Red Ribbon model and higher, which are sized the same as street shoes, or get ½ size bigger to leave some room to grow.
2. Jackson skates – Mistique, Artiste or Marquis models - (children: buy 1 size bigger than shoe size, adults: same as shoe size, or ½ size smaller).

Our coaches and coordinator can help you determine the size and type.

#### - **Where do we buy skates?**

1. Online retailers, there are a lot of them, but here are a few that we've tried:  
skatebuys.com                      usaskates.com                      sharperedgeskates.com  
skates.com                          rainbosports.com                      skatmall.com
2. Skating pro-shops in large cities: Dallas, Oklahoma City, Colorado Springs, Denver, Albuquerque.
3. Play It Again Sports – occasionally, gently used or Softec model skates
4. Fellow skaters – gently used, outgrown skates. See link on our website.

#### - **What other equipment does a skater need?**

- Young beginning skaters need to wear a helmet – bike helmet, skate helmet, hockey helmet – any of these will work.
- Skate guards.
- Appropriate clothing – see below.
- Jump rope and tennis shoes for warm up exercises.
- A water bottle may be kept behind the boards.
- A small towel to wipe skates dry after skating.

#### - **How should the skater be dressed?**

- Comfortable, stretchy slacks or warm up pants. Avoid tight jeans, shorts, Capri's and excessively wide, baggy pants (as these may get on the way or tangle with skates).
- A wind breaker or light jacket for warmth. Polar Tec fleece works well.
- Long-sleeved shirt under the jacket
- Thin socks or nylon tights for best skate fit.
- Gloves and hats are optional, but helpful, just avoid long scarves

**It is necessary to report to the ice arena at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled class. This time is necessary for an off-ice warm up and for putting on skates, so the student is ready for class at a scheduled time.**

There should be no food, drinks, or any other items on the ice.

Only coaches may be allowed on the ice without skates. Please, take notice and respect posted rink rules. They are there for everybody's safety.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, or any other issues, please, do not hesitate to contact AISS coordinator: Svetlana Petrey - home 359-5507, cell 678-3815

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We should be able to find a solution as long as we communicate in calm and courteous manner that is non-disruptive to the lessons.

Good Skating!