

# 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. Jackson skates – Mystique, Artiste, Classique or Marquis models - (children: buy 1 size bigger than shoe size, adults: same as shoe size, or ½ size smaller).
2. Riedell skates –models 115 RS, 121 RS, 133 TS and higher, get ½ to a full size smaller than street shoe size.

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:

[www.sharperedgeskates.com](http://www.sharperedgeskates.com)

[www.skatebuys.com](http://www.skatebuys.com)

[www.usaskates.com](http://www.usaskates.com)

[www.figureskatingdeals.com](http://www.figureskatingdeals.com)

[www.rainbosports.com](http://www.rainbosports.com)

[www.skatemall.com](http://www.skatemall.com)

2. Skating pro-shops in large cities: Dallas, Oklahoma City, Colorado Springs, Denver, Albuquerque.
3. Fellow skaters – gently used, outgrown skates. See link on our website.

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

- Young beginning skaters must wear a helmet – skateboarding or snowboarding style or a hockey helmet.
- Adult skaters are strongly encouraged to wear wrist guards.
- Skate guards for walking in skates while off ice.
- 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, leggings 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

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!