

Grafton Figure Skating

Private Advanced FAQ

What is private advanced?

Private Advanced (PA) is for figure skaters who are working towards taking tests through the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA). They are also able to compete at Figure Skating Competitions in the area.

When can/should my skater be in private advanced?

If your skater is interested in competing at figure skating competitions they can join PA whenever they want, regardless of what Basic level they have passed. If your skater has passed Pre-freeskate through Grafton Parks & Rec Lessons and they would like to continue skating, they can join PA. Your skater does not have to pass Pre-freeskate to join PA.

What kind of lessons are given during private advanced?

Skaters take a lesson(s) from a USFSA Certified coach one-on-one, in the skating world this is referred to as a private lesson. Private lessons are given during ice time. If your skater would like more than one lesson a week, they must let coaches know prior to the schedule for the season being completed.

When does my skater practice?

When a skater is in PA they purchase a chunk of ice time. Anytime there is ice for PA your skater can come to practice. During these ice times is when private lessons are given.

What are the fees for private advanced?

The yearly fees for private advanced are: USFSA Membership (60* for first family member, \$25* for each additional family member); Border Blades Figure Skating Club (BBFSC) Membership (\$25*/family); ice time (\$400*/skater). There are additional fees when registering for competitions and testing. Coaches will also have private lesson rates.

Why does my skater have to be a USFSA & BBFSC member?

All skaters on the ice need to be a member of USFSA for liability reasons. Full membership details are available at usfsa.org. In order to participate in USFSA sanctioned exhibitions (this includes the Grafton Ice Show) you need to be a member of USFSA. Also, to participate in USFSA sanctioned competitions and test you need to be a member of USFSA as well as a member of a Figure Skating Club (Grafton skaters are members through BBFSC). More information on BBFSC can be found at borderblades.org

How do I sign up for private advanced?

USFSA & BBFSC memberships are completed on the BBFSC website (borderblades.org). To sign up/purchase ice for PA, select the Grafton page on the BBFSC website (borderblades.org). If you wish to fundraise a portion of your Ice Fees, there is an option to do so. This figure could change each year.

When should I contact a coach for private lessons?

Right away. Contacting a coach as soon as you know you want to be part of PA will allow them to plan for your skater when making a lesson schedule.

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*membership prices reflect the 2019-2020 skating season and are subject to change for the 2020-2021 skating season