

Grafton Figure Skating

Basic Skills Bridge Program FAQ

What is the Basic Skills Bridge Program?

The Basic Skills Bridge Program is a way for Basic Skills skaters to try out skating on a more individual basis. Skaters in the Bridge Program purchase private advanced ice time for Saturday mornings only. During this time they can practice their skating skills and set up a private lesson with a certified United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) coach (any private advanced coach). They will also be able to compete in different events at Basic Skills Competitions which are held in various cities in the region. These competitions offer events from Snowplow Sam all the way through levels beyond Basic 8.

When can/should my skater be in the Basic Skills Bridge Program?

The Basic Skills Bridge Program is mainly meant for skaters working on Basic Skills Badges (Basic 2 and above) who have an interest in developing their skating skills during one-on-one coaching time, and/or who are interested in competing in competitions for Basic Skills Levels. Skaters in the Bridge Program are encouraged to participate in Basic Skills Group Lessons.

What kind of lessons are given during the Basic Skills Bridge Program?

Skaters take one-on-one lesson(s) from a USFSA Certified coach, in the skating world this is referred to as a private lesson. Private lessons are given during the Bridge Program Saturday morning ice time.

When does my skater practice?

When a skater is in the Bridge Program, they purchase Saturday morning ice time through Grafton Parks & Rec. This time is available for your skater to practice and is when private lessons take place.

What are the fees for The Basic Skills Bridge Program?

The yearly fees for the Bridge Program are: USFSA Basic Skills Membership \$12*/skater (only if not enrolled in Basic Skills Lessons); and ice time \$150/skater. There are additional fees when registering for competitions. Please contact the coach directly for their private lesson rates.

Why does my skater have to be a USFSA member?

All skaters on the ice need to be a member of USFSA for liability reasons. Also, in order to participate in USFSA sanctioned exhibitions (Grafton Ice Show) and USFSA sanctioned Basic Skills Competitions, you need to be a member of USFSA. (Skaters enrolled in Basic Skills Group Lessons will have their membership taken care of through that program.)

How do I sign up for the Basic Skills Bridge Program?

Please contact Grafton Parks & Rec to sign up/purchase ice time for the Basic Skills Bridge Program. USFSA Basic Skills membership for the Basic Skills Bridge Program (if not part of Basic Skills lessons) will be done through Grafton Parks & Rec.

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 the Basic Skills Bridge Program will allow them to plan for your skater when making a lesson schedule.

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*membership prices are for the 2015-2016 skating season and are subject to change for the 2016-2017 skating season