

Grafton Figure Skating

Learn To Skate Bridge Program FAQ

What is the Learn To Skate Bridge Program?

The Learn To Skate (LTS) Bridge Program is a way for LTS skaters to try out skating on a more individual basis. Skaters in the Bridge Program purchase 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 also have the option to be able to compete in different events at LTS Competitions which are held in various cities in the region. These competitions offer events from Snowplow Sam all the way through Freeskate levels.

When can/should my skater be in the Learn To Skate Bridge Program?

The LTS Bridge Program is mainly meant for skaters working on LTS 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 LTS Levels. Skaters in the Bridge Program are encouraged to participate in LTS Group Lessons.

What kind of lessons are given during the Learn To Skate 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 (\$175 for 2019-2020). This time is available for your skater to practice and is when private lessons take place.

What are the fees for the Learn To Skate Bridge Program?

The yearly fees for the Bridge Program are: Learn To Skate USA Membership approximately \$55*/skater (only if not enrolled in LTS Lessons – if skater has a Learn To Skate number membership is \$25); and ice time \$175*/skater. There are additional fees when registering for competitions. Coaches will share their private lesson rates.

Why does my skater have to be a Learn To Skate USA member?

All skaters on the ice need to be a member of Learn To Skate USA or USFSA (private advanced) for liability reasons. Also, in order to participate in LTS sanctioned exhibitions (Grafton Ice Show) and LTS sanctioned LTS Competitions, you need to be a member of LTS. (Skaters enrolled in Grafton LTS Group Lessons will receive a slight discount from Grafton Parks and Recreation since membership will be taken care of through Border Blades.)

How do I sign up for the Learn To Skate Bridge Program?

Learn To Skate membership can be purchased on the BBFSC website (borderblades.org). Ice may be purchased on the Grafton page of the BBFSC website (borderblades.org). A portion of Ice Fees may be fundraised that option is chosen.

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

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