



Private Lessons Information

Private lessons are an alternative to group lessons. Here are the details.

1. All skaters need to have either a Learn to Skate USA membership or a full membership with U.S. Figure Skating, whether they are in group or private lessons.
2. A private lesson consists of two components: ice time and the coach. Arrangements for both are made by the parent in consultation with the coach. This differs from Learn to Skate group lessons, where lesson time and coach are assigned by the program.
3. The cost of a private lesson is also in two parts: the fee for the ice and the fee for the coach. The walk-on fee for ice time for a private lesson is 25 minutes and costs \$12 for PPFSC members. (There is a special rate that PPFSC charges to skaters who are participating in the Learn to Skate program, which is \$10.) This fee is paid per lesson directly to the Club. The fee for the coach is paid directly to the coach. Private lessons are typically \$30-\$35 for a private lesson, depending on the coach. (This is an approximation; fees can be higher or lower, depending on the coach.) Based on these amounts, a 25-minute private lesson will cost about \$42-\$47.

Sometimes it is possible to have two skaters combine for a semi-private lesson taken at the same time. Whether or not skaters can share a lesson is up to the coach. Generally, it would be necessary for the skaters working at about the same level. In situations like this, the coach's fee usually would be shared by the skaters. However, each skater would need to pay the \$12 walk-on fee for ice time.

4. The advantage of private lessons over a group program is that skaters usually progress faster. There is greater flexibility in the schedule with private lessons. Group lessons have the advantage of being less expensive than private lessons.

Club officials can provide assistance with arranging a private lesson.