

Finding a Private Lesson Instructor

Finding a private lesson instructor also referred to as "pro" or "coach", can be hard work. How do you get one? When do you need one? We hope our information below can help you in finding your perfect coach.

When are you ready to advance beyond the group lesson environment? Private lessons are for people who are interested in competing, testing or someone who just likes the personal attention.

Your relationship with skating instructors usually begins when you take your first group lesson in a Learn-to-Skate program. Group lessons are taught by several of our instructors. During your time in these programs you will have the opportunity to meet and work with several different instructors. Use this time to observe them – their techniques, their personality, their teaching and interpersonal skills, and of course, their compatibility with your interests.

When you select a pro to become your teacher, do not make this decision lightly – skating costs a lot of money, takes a lot of your time and you only live once. Hopefully, your group lesson time will have helped you to form some initial ideas. Talk to other skaters (and parents) who have been skating a while to see what their experiences have been like, “interview” those instructors that you have an interest in, watch them working one-on-one with their students.

Be aware that there is a limited amount of ice time and instructor’s schedules will fill up. You may not be able to make arrangements with your first choice. So when you have made your decisions, talk directly to the pro involved to see if you can “get together”.

If you are still having trouble deciding on a coach, ask the arena skating director or another skating parent to help. Our arena has many qualified coaches that are looking for students!

At the Mount Clemens Ice Arena and Fitness Center, we pride ourselves on our people. We believe our coaching staff is the backbone to our program. If you are interested in contacting any member of our coaching staff, please contact **Mindi Swallow** at mcsk8@jrvmanagement.com or 586-307-8202 ext. 307.