

# Chilly's Guide to Skating Academy

Welcome to Vacaville Ice Sports' Skating Academy!



### **SEMESTER #5 2025!**

Tuesday 8 weeks	Thursday 8 weeks	Friday 8 weeks	Saturday <mark>7 weeks</mark>
8/19/25-10/7/25	8/21/25-10/9/25	8/22/25-10/10/25	8/23/25-10/7/25
			NO CLASS ON SAT AUG 30TH

#### **Basic Information**

- Skating Academy runs all year round. When one class ends, the next semester starts the week after!
- If you sign up late, we automatically pro-rate! The price will adjust in your cart. Signing up for the full semester is only available the first 4 weeks of class (in a 8 week semester).
- If the skater is a beginner ages **5** & under, they will be in the Tots class! If they are ages **6-15**, they will be in Pre-Alpha. If they are ages **16+** they will be in the Adult/Teen Beginner Skills class
- If you unsubscribe from our emails, please note that you will miss important information about Academy schedule changes
- One of the best ways to move up in Skating Academy is coming to practice! It is important for the skater to practice what they learn in class on their own time (public skating or freestyle for more advanced skaters).

#### What should the skater wear?

- Long Pants (snow pants are highly recommended for tots!), long socks (only 1 pair for the correct fit), gloves, and layers that allow for movement
- Helmets recommended a bike helmet works!
- Skill badges During your first or second class, your child should receive a skill badge with their name on it. Please be sure to wear this to <u>every</u> class! This is how instructors track their progress and how the skater receives stickers for a job well done!
- Extra pads if wanted such as knee and butt pads volleyball knee pads work great!
- Rental skates are included in your class, but we recommend getting your own skates. Email <a href="mailto:vacavilleskate@iceoplex.com">vacavilleskate@iceoplex.com</a> to set up a fitting appointment!
- If you purchase skates elsewhere, make sure to get them sharpened before using them.

## Should I sign-up for drop-in classes or the full semester?

- If you will miss 2 or more classes during the 8 week semester, please sign-up for drop-ins
- Most full-semester classes come with public passes (see chart below), so if you cannot come practice on public sessions, then I also recommend drop-ins.
- The number of public passes received is decreased if you sign up after the first week (-1 for if you sign up for 7 weeks, -2 for 6 weeks, and -3 for 5 weeks of class)
- <u>Public passes</u> are redeemable at any of our public sessions (not usable during special events or Winter Wonderland), and the 100% discount can be used online at checkout or in person at the cashier booth. To redeem in person, just let the cashier know your skater's name and that you'd like to use your Skating Academy public skate passes. Make sure to use them within the semester, as they do expire. Registration is required.
- The benefits of signing up for the full semester are public passes, recital participation, and progress reports
- o Beginner level drop-ins do not participate in Recital

#### **Price List and Public Pass Information**

Class	Full Sem Total (Based on 8 weeks)	# of Passes	Drop- in Rate	Classes in this category
30 Min Regular	\$176.00	6	\$12.50	Tot, Pre-Alpha, Alpha, Beta, Gamma (Tues/Sat)
40 Min Regular	\$176.00	4	\$16.50	Delta, FS 1-6, Adult Skills (Tues/Sat)
60 Min Regular	\$176.00	0	\$25.00	Homeschool (Thursday's) - All ages, all levels Friday Early Release (on public, 45 min class)
Synchro Programs				Email Skating Director to join
Theatre on Ice				Email Skating Director to join
45 Min Off Ice	\$132.00	0	\$18.75	Off-Ice Conditioning

## **Make-up Policy**

- o 8-week Full Semester skaters can make-up <u>one class</u> per semester
- o In order to make-up a class, you must first miss a class
- To take advantage of your one make-up class, simply show up on the day you want to do a make-up (must be AFTER you have missed a class), and tell the cashier you are there for a make-up class. Please ask the cashier for a make-up badge to give to your coach on the ice
- The cashier will need the class date you missed and this will be verified by the Skating Director

#### **Make-up Policy Continued**

 If you did not miss a class and try to attend a make-up, you will be charged for an additional class. The card used to purchase the full semester will be automatically charged for the drop-in

#### **Class Semester Layout**

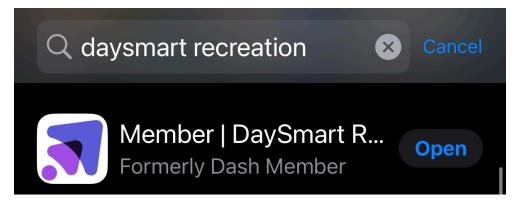
- Week 1-5: Learn skills and receive stickers on your Skill Badge as you pass elements. If you receive all of your stickers in the first 4 weeks, you will move up to the next level.
- Week 6: Test elements to see if you have mastered the maneuvers.
- <u>Week 7:</u> Finish Testing Elements and receive your Progress Report. Your Progress Report will tell you what class to sign-up for in the next semester. Start recital choreography!
- Week 8: Recital and Bring a Friend!! Finish learning your recital routine and perform it near the end of class time. Don't forget to dress up in accordance with the theme. Invite your friends and family to watch you perform! Bring one friend this week to try skating for the first time for free! This is only for new skaters that do not already participate in our programs. Beginner classes will continue learning during recital at the end of the ice
- This semester, Tuesday progress reports and ribbons will be given out on 9/30, with recital on 10/7
- Saturday progress reports and ribbons will be given out on 10/4, with recital on 10/11

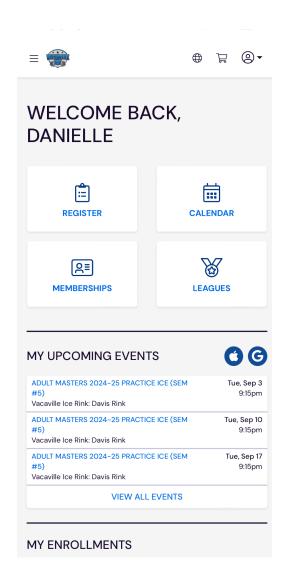
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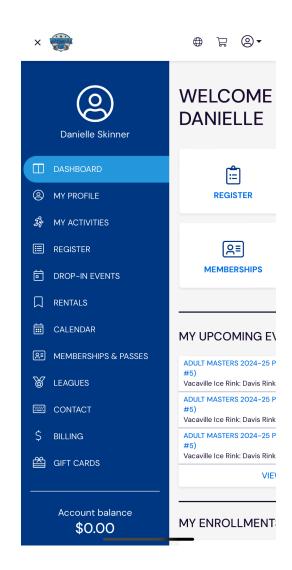
 Daysmart is a rink management app where you can register for classes, public, and other rink

events

- I recommend getting the app!
  Make sure to select "Vacaville Ice Sports" as your rink.
- Check the app for your schedule







## **Skating Teams**

- Skating in a team environment is vital for the development of a skater
- We have a skating team for every age and ability!
- The 2 main options for team skating are Theatre on Ice and Synchronized Skating. While both are a fun way to skate with friends, they are different programs
  - Synchronized skating, often called "synchro", is where a team of 8 to 20 skaters perform together. The team makes various shapes together on the ice, and performs different elements while in synchronization. We have multiple teams for different ages and skill levels
  - Theatre On Ice (TOI) is about telling a story on ice! This is more performative with costumes and props and there are no requirements/limits on age or skill level

If you are interested in joining either of these teams, please email the Skating Director at <a href="mailto:vacavilleskate@iceoplex.com">vacavilleskate@iceoplex.com</a>

#### **Private Lessons**

- Private lessons are a great way to work on your skills while also attending group class
- Fill out a private lesson request form on our website under Figure Skating → Private Lessons if you are interested
- Private lesson rates are paid directly to coaches. Ice time must be paid for separately (i.e. public skate)

## **Competitions & Shows**

- Competitions and shows are both a great way to showcase your skating skills and have fun!
- o For all ages and abilities
- Next Competition: California Classic at Vacaville Ice Sports, Saturday 11/15 - Sunday 11/16. This is an ISI National Event, and is going to be a blast!
- Get set up with a Private Lesson coach to choreograph a routine



