

# LEARN TO SKATE USA

~Endorsed by US Figure Skating, USA Hockey & US Speed Skating~

## SEPTEMBER SERIES – 2018

~Hosted by the Graf Rink and instructed by Merrimack Valley Skating Club certified coaches~

\*Applications will be accepted through September 6<sup>th</sup> or until space is no longer available. Sign up early to avoid missing out!

\*All skaters will be registered with Learn to Skate USA for a flat fee of \$20/year (7/1/18-6/30/19). Please see next page for more information.

\*Confirmation calls will not be made. You will only be contacted should there be a question regarding your registration.

\*All new skaters to this program must be wearing a helmet. Returning skaters age 6 & younger must be wearing a helmet.

### Sunday 4 – 4:50pm:

September 9<sup>th</sup> – October 21<sup>st</sup> 7 weeks \$126 + \$20 registration fee (payable one time 7/1/18 – 6/30/19)

New skaters to this program (Age 3 & up-including teens and adults), Returning skaters: Snowplow Sam 1-4, Basic 1-6, Adult 1-6, Pre-Free Skate-Free Skate 6

### Thursday 6 – 6:50pm:

September 13<sup>th</sup> – October 25<sup>th</sup> 7 weeks \$126 + \$20 registration fee (payable one time 7/1/18 – 6/30/19)

New skaters to this program (Age 3 & up), Returning skaters: Snowplow Sam 1-4, Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate-Free Skate 6

Learn to Skate USA lessons are open to all boys and girls (at least 3 years of age), as well as adults, who are interested in learning the fundamentals of skating. New skaters are evaluated and placed into a group during the first week of class. The class ratio will be 12 skaters or less to each coach while the 3 and 4 year old groups will be 8 skaters or less to each coach. Hockey skates are acceptable through Basic 4. After Basic 4 a skater can move into a Youth Hockey program or stay with this program to develop figure skating skills. Parents are not allowed on the ice with the students unless taking a lesson during the 4pm adult class. No hockey sticks or pucks are allowed on the ice. Skaters are given a 5-minute warm up followed by 45 minutes of instruction. The last class of the series is used as an evaluation day and skaters are able to earn badges with each level mastered. **Badges are available for purchase for \$2 at the conclusion of each series.** Each skater is evaluated in order for the coach to decide if the skater will advance to the next level should they return for another series of classes. Skaters may also be moved up a level during their current series of skating. Please note that there may be more than one badge level within each group.

The MVSC Learn to Skate USA programs run continuously throughout the year. **Pre-registration is mandatory** and reservations will not be taken over the phone. **Applications will be accepted until September 6<sup>th</sup> or space no longer permits.** Returning skaters: If you are unsure of your skating level you may pick the class time that you want and the Director will update your information after reviewing the evaluation results from your last series skated. You will be contacted with any questions regarding your registration. Otherwise, **confirmation calls will not be made.** Your space in class will not be reserved until your registration form and full payment are received. Spaces in class are unfortunately not able to be held for skaters. Classes are taught by the Merrimack Valley Skating Club professional coaching staff. All coaches have successfully completed a comprehensive background screening process through the National Center for Safety Initiatives. **Parents are expected to remain on rink grounds during all classes.** If you need to leave however, we ask that you place another parent in charge of your child and notify the instructors that you will be leaving.

### Equipment Policy

**Double runner blades are not allowed.** Plastic and/or self-adjustable skates are not recommended. All skates should lace up completely (such as Riedell figure skates and Bauer or CCM hockey skates). **All new skaters to this program must be wearing helmets. Returning skaters age 6 and under must be wearing helmets.** The rink does not provide helmets. Any returning skater under the age of 6 who is beyond Basic 2 will have the option of not wearing a helmet but only at the discretion of their parent or guardian. Helmets are not provided by the rink. Hockey helmets are strongly recommended however a bike, ski, lacrosse or skateboard helmet is acceptable as long as it fits tight to the head. Full hockey gear, elbow pads and knee pads are not necessary. Skaters should be dressed warm and hands should be protected with gloves or mittens. **Participants may rent skates from the Graf Rink pro-shop for \$5/pair each class.**

### Refund Policy

Checks will not be cashed until we reach our quota for class. We reserve the right to cancel a class depending on enrollment. You will be contacted with any changes otherwise confirmation calls will not be made. **There will be no refunds or make-ups given due to your own cancellations or conflicts.** There are no make-up classes for any missed lessons. Only medical refunds will be given. A doctor's note must be provided for a medical refund. Public Skating passes will be given out upon request for any class that is cancelled due to reasons beyond our control. Sibling discounts are not available. Skaters are not allowed to switch days of classes and are not allowed to pro-rate class fees due to your own cancellations or conflicts. If possible, please inform your coach ahead of time if you expect to miss the last day of class. **Your \$20 LTS USA membership fee as well as \$25.00 of your registration payment is non-refundable.** Should you decide to withdraw from class you must notify the Director in the front office before the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> class. A pro-rated refund will then be given accordingly. **No refunds will be given after the 3<sup>rd</sup> class of the series.** New skaters will be accepted through the 2<sup>nd</sup> class if space permits and will be charged a pro-rated registration fee.

MVSC reserves the right to combine or cancel classes due to enrollment.

Please contact the Director, Nikki Roberts, at (978) 462-8112 or nikki@thegrafrink.com with any questions.

**Please mail application and full payment (checks payable to MVSC) to:**

Merrimack Valley Skating Club  
Graf Rink  
28 Low St.  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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**Checks should be payable to MVSC** (Merrimack Valley Skating Club). Cash will be accepted if paying in person at the rink.

Pre-registration is still mandatory if you are paying with cash.

## 2018 MVSC Learn To Skate USA – September Series Registration Form

Name of Skater:	Male/Female:
Full Address:	City: State: Zip:
Phone:	Email (Main form of communication):
New Skater to <b>this</b> Program:	Y N
Age:	Date of Birth:
***LTS USA Membership #:	
Highest Level Of This Program Previously Completed (if applicable):	
Parent Names & Phone #'s:	
Emergency Contact Name & Phone #:	
Allergies/medical conditions:	
New skaters – How did you hear about this program?	

**Please check which class you will be participating in:**

     **Sunday 4-4:50pm:**

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**\*\*\*PLUS**

**\$20 Learn to Skate USA Membership for all skaters (Mandatory for all skaters ONCE per skating year):**

One time annual fee covers 7/1/18-6/30/19 regardless of what date you are registering during this year. \$20 should be added to your class fee for your first class of the season. This is a one-time yearly fee that is a Learn to Skate USA program requirement. A membership packet will be mailed to your home address directly from the LTS USA headquarters.

**Pre-registration and pre-payment are both mandatory with all forms of payment:**

     **Check or money order enclosed. Checks should be made payable to MVSC (Merrimack Valley Skating Club).**

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### RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to skate in the MVSC Learn to Skate USA program. I will not hold the Graf Rink, its employees, the MVSC coaching staff or volunteers responsible for any accident or injury incurred while participating in the Learn to Skate USA program or while traveling to or from the Graf Rink. The Graf Rink and/or its employees, coaches and volunteers will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items. I understand that my \$20 LTS USA membership fee as well as \$25 of my registration payment is non-refundable and I have read and agree to the above refund policy.

In order to advertise our program we may use photos and/or skater's names from time to time (newspaper, website, etc.). We do need your consent:

( ) Photo consent and you may use my child's name ( ) Photo consent only, no name ( ) Name may only be printed, no photo ( ) No consent given for photo or name

**Signature** (Parent or guardian signature if the skater is under the age of 18.)

**Date**

**For office use only:**

Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Info: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_