



## HIRING A PRIVATE COACH

Private or Semi-Private Coaching is available on all sessions and is required for all skaters skating in Sessions A to D. These lessons are given during the skater's session. Typically, a skater will receive 15 minutes of private coaching and spend the remaining time practicing or participating in a group lesson(s) if offered in the program.

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### HOW DO I CHOOSE A COACH?

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It is up to the skater and their parent(s) to contact a coach directly to inquire about private lessons. This arrangement is independent of the Club. The OSC executive endorses all our coaches equally and will not recommend a specific coach.

It is important that your skater is comfortable with and can take instruction well from his/her private coach, so discuss with your skater whom they would prefer. To choose a coach, we suggest that:

- you talk to other parents and skaters,
- observe the coaches on the ice on how they instruct/work with other skaters,
- review coaches resume (available on the Oshawa Skating Club website - [www.oshawaskating.com](http://www.oshawaskating.com)),
- talk to the coaches in person on an individual basis.

When you hire a coach, the agreement is made between the skater, their parents and the coach. The Club assumes no responsibility for private lessons arranged between the coach and the skater or for the fees incurred as a result of this agreement.

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### WHAT SHOULD YOU CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING A PRIVATE COACH?

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- Think about availability
  - Does the coach have time?
- How many sessions per week will your skater register for?
  - How many lessons per week can the coach provide?
- How much does the coach charge?
- Does the coach's philosophy match that of your skater?
  - Each coach has different approaches and attitudes toward teaching, competition, tests, etc.



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### **WHAT TO EXPECT?**

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Typically, private lessons are 15 minutes long, with the remainder of session dedicated to practice. Lesson time can be shortened or lengthened occasionally on request, if the coach has time in their schedule. Where skill level is similar, lessons can be shared between skaters.

As a skater progresses, they may work with more than one coach, to cover a range of disciplines i.e. skills, dance, etc.

Coaches bill monthly for private lessons and parents pay the coach directly.

If a skater is absent for a lesson, it is their responsibility to give the coach adequate notice. Each coach has his/her own policies regarding cancellation and missed lessons.

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### **HOW DO I MAKE A COACHING CHANGE?**

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At some point you may wish to make a coaching change. When the decision is made to do so, it is best to approach the new coach to find out if they can accommodate your skater. After establishing this, you would then notify your current coach of your intentions to change.

All outstanding fees must be paid to the previous coach before lessons with the new coach can begin.