

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons by the Professional Coach of your choice are available on Skate Canada StarSkate Sessions. Private lessons help to supplement the learning and technical knowledge of the skater participating. One on one instruction is sure to improve the skater's absorption of a lesson. Private lessons are based on a 10 or 15 minute time block and the cost is the responsibility of the skater. Each coach has her own fee structure based on her qualifications, knowledge and experience. Once a skater is receiving private lessons that coach assumes the responsibility of that skater, and is therefore his or her Base Coach (see below.)

Our Professional staff for the 2013 - 2014 season:

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Private coaches are not absolutely necessary for skaters. A skater without a private coach will be evaluated by the club coach to see if they are ready for test days. The club wants to remind parents that skaters may be receiving different numbers of private lessons and that if some skaters seem to be progressing faster than others this could be the reason. Our club strives to provide a larger amount of group coached sessions than many other clubs so that skaters can progress further without as many lessons. Many clubs offer no group sessions to StarSkate skaters. Due to the highly technical nature of this sport many things can be learned faster with a private lesson.

THE BASE COACH

The base coach is a very influential person in a young skater's life. The more advanced a skater becomes in her/his skating, the more intense the relationship between the coach and the skater. It is the coach's task to develop the skater's potential by communicating to the skater, knowledge and wisdom gained through experience. The relationship between the parent and coach must be one of full cooperation. A billing and payment system must be arranged between a coach and parents. The club, however, urges all parents to pay their private lesson bills. Club membership can be denied to skaters who haven't paid their private coach. With the severe lack of coaches in our area we want to keep the ones we have here!