

HINTS FOR SHOW SUCCESS

Please remember the entire focus of our show is to have fun. We are not putting on a Broadway production and this is not the Olympics. It is okay if your child is not perfect, sometimes they fall and sometimes they forget their routines, not a big deal. Just tell them to smile and have fun, remember that most of the audience is made up of parents and adoring relatives.

- **Costumes**

- Try your costume on as soon as possible, alterations are your responsibility.
- Alterations may be made for a better fit, but may not change the costume.
- If you need alterations before picture, you can use clips and/or pins if needed.
- Costumes should NOT be ironed. Hang them in a steamy bathroom to take our wrinkles.
- Costumes can be worn only during – pictures, dress rehearsal and shows.
- We have tried to keep costumes modest, however if your skater feel too exposed or cold, a nude colored leotard worn underneath is an option.
- Bra straps should not be seen under the costume.
- If your skater has boots that do with their costume, you will need to cut them apart on the bottom and add Velcro or matching duct tape to reconnect them.

- **Tights**

- All skaters are required to purchase their own nude or suntan colored tights. Skating tights are warmer and less prone to runs than purchasing tights at a local store.
- No over the boot tights will be allowed, unless directed by a coach.

- **Skates and Guards**

- All skaters will be required to have hard skate guards. Skaters walk on a cement area at the rink and guards prevent from accidents as well as prevent dulling of the blades.
- Skates should be sharpened about two weeks before the show.

- **Schedules and job duties**

- Rehearsal Schedules and Photo schedules are in the show packet.
- Each family is responsible to volunteer (see the assignment sheet)
- All Rehearsals, Photos, and shows **are mandatory**. Schedules do change from time to time and updates will be emailed out and posted via the web <http://winonafigureskating.org>
- Thursday night rehearsal: There will be snacks provided, but we know that kids need to eat something decent for dinner. Please bring in something from Subway (or fast food of choice) or something from home for your child to eat if you choose. On Thursday night there will be a lot of traffic in and out of the dressing rooms. However, during the shows we ask that parents and friends stay out of the dressing room corridor. (Please refrain from bringing sticky items and items containing nuts, due to allergies).
- During dress rehearsal the skaters will have a chance to sit in the bleachers and watch the show. This will be their only opportunity to actually see the show; during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday shows they will not be allowed outside their locker rooms.

- **Locker Rooms**

- ONLY ASSIGNED ROOM MONITORS AND COACHES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE LOCKER ROOMS WITH THE SKATERS DURING THE SHOWS. There will be coaches trying to get skaters lined up for their numbers and many freestyle skaters hurrying back and forth changing for different numbers.
- No beverages other than water will be allowed in the locker room. All water must be in a sealed container (typically water is provided by the club.)
- Activities to keep your child occupied are great – we recommend games, puzzles, etc. Winona Figure Skating will not be responsible for broken, lost, or stolen items, including but not limited to electronic games, iPods, etc.
- *We highly encourage bringing a laundry basket for belongings, blanket, robe, slippers, barrettes are preferred as bobby pins tend to work their way out, hairspray, extra tights, hard guards, soft guards/soakers, extra laces, clothes hangers for costumes – Label personal items.*

Practice, Dress Rehearsal, and Show Days:

- Please SIGN IN and SIGN OUT your skater in each day.
- Please provide a parent/guardian cell phone number in case you need to be contacted by a locker room monitor.
- There will be monitors in each dressing room. It is not the monitor's job to entertain your child.

Tickets will be available for purchase during the last week of show practice. Parents working will not be required to purchase a ticket for that show.

Blankets on the bleachers – Blankets placed in the bleachers for the shows need to be occupied 15 minutes prior to the show or they will be removed so we can accommodate as many viewers as possible. Any blankets left on the bleachers after each show will be removed and placed in the lost and found box. Please be considerate of all people coming to the show – if you had a great seat for one show allow someone else to enjoy that seat at another show.

Out The Door Checklist

- Skates
- Guards
- Costume(s)
- Tights
- Bathrobe
- Hairbands, brush, spray, gel
- Hairbrush
- Extra Clips (Preferably **NO BOBBY PINS**)
- Things to do
- Water bottle
- Healthy snacks
- Extra skate laces
- Smiles 😊