

When can I hire a private coach? The Winona Figure Skating Club allows members at the skating level of Basic Skills 4 to skate on Basic Skills Practice Ice with a private coach.

When can I start Synchronized Skating? Synchronized skating begins with skaters who have passed Basic Skills 6 and higher, we offer a Synchro Class, Beginner Synchro Team and Open Juv Team. The teams require a try out in the spring of the year.

What is Lower Level and Upper Level practice ice? Lower Level practice ice is available to skater in Basic 7 and higher, who have not tested any level higher than pre-preliminary freeski. Upper level practice ice is available to skaters who have tested higher than pre-preliminary freeski.

When should I think about Competitions? Speak with your coach about competitions. Competitions are available to all levels from Snow Plow Sam through the Olympic levels.

What is testing and how do badges work? Winona Figure Skating Club offers test sessions in group lessons every 5-7 weeks. Group lesson skaters will be notified of test sessions and should bring the book they were given during their initial year of membership. Once a group lesson test is passed, the skater receives a badge. Skaters can also earn badges after Basic 4 by contracting with a private coach and having their coach test them on an as needed basis.

After my badge tests what do I do next? Skaters who contract with a private coach will work on Moves in the Field (MIF) and Freestyle tests. A skater must pass their MIF test prior to taking a Freestyle test.