

## “What to Expect” Checklist for Learn to Skate USA at Hertz Arena

Welcome to our exciting Learn to Skate USA group class program. Below is a brief description of how our program runs during the 8 weeks of classes. Our mission is to offer every child/adult a chance to experience the joy of ice skating. Here at Hertz Arena our learn to skate program allows beginner skaters a chance to grow into their full potential of hockey or figure skaters.

### **ON DAY 1**

- Please bring gloves, long socks, warm clothing, a helmet (Mandatory for ALL beginners), skates (if you have your own), and your skater!
- Please try to be early (15 minutes) if it is your first time lacing up skates
- Stop by the Learn to Skate table to pick up your envelope with your public skate card in it
- If you are new to the program please **make sure your skater is registered with learn to skate usa for liability insurance (\$16.25) at [www.learntoskateusa.com](http://www.learntoskateusa.com) prior to the start of their 1<sup>st</sup> class.** Registration covers July 1-June 30 each year.
- Please take a moment while the class is going on to read the paperwork inside the envelope. The letter explains our goals of the program along with the proper procedure for making up any missed classes.
- For beginner skaters we recommend that all skaters rent figure skates to start. These skates make it much easier for the skater to learn their balance. After they have achieved proper balance on their own, the skater can progress into hockey skates if that is the type of skating they want to focus on.
- Once your skater is all geared up please bring them to the ice surface. (Younger skaters might want to visit the restroom first!)
- Once class is ready to begin the coaches will meet the skaters at the lobby doors and escort them out to the ice. At this point feel free to have a seat and sit back and watch the class. At the beginning of class all coaches will evaluate all skaters and move them to the appropriate group according to skating ability.
- Once the first class is over your skater can stay out and free skate for an additional 15 minutes. We do ask that only skaters registered for the class in the session be on the free skate ice. (Sorry, no parents) Private lessons may be given during the 15 minute free skate by coaches on the private lesson staff sheet. To set up lessons, contact the coach personally. Lesson fees are paid at the recreation window. No ice cost for the 15 minute free skate time.
- At the end of the class your skater will be given a sheet with their coaches name on it. The goal is to have the skater with the same instructor for the 8 week session. If you need to speak with the instructor feel free to do it prior to or at the end of class.