

Amarillo Ice Skating School

Frequently Asked Questions

Skates & Attire

- Do we need to buy skates for the skater?

Yes, it would be the best. We do have access to rental hockey style skates, but their condition does not allow for any continuous use. For figure skates, we recommend to purchase:

1. Jackson skates – Mystique, Artiste, Classique or Marquis models OR ST models (Soft Tech figure skates). Please see Jackson sizing chart below or visit www.kinziescloset.com
2. Riedell skates – models 119, 133 and higher OR 615, 625, 725 SS Please see Riedell sizing chart below or visit www.kinziescloset.com

Our coaches and coordinator can help you determine the size and type.

Please, do NOT buy vinyl skates such as Glacier, Lake Placid, or “American”. They do not provide adequate ankle support.

- Where do we buy skates?

1. Online retailers, there are a lot of them, but here are a few that we’ve tried:

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| www.northerniceanddance.com | www.newskates.com | www.figureskatingdeals.com |
| www.sharperedgeskates.com | www.skatebuys.com | www.usaskates.com |
| www.rainbosports.com | www.skatmall.com | www.discountskatewear.com |

2. Skating pro-shops in large cities: Dallas, Oklahoma City, Colorado Springs, Denver, Albuquerque.

3. Fellow skaters – gently used, outgrown skates. See link on our website.

- What other equipment does a skater need?

- Young beginning skaters must wear a helmet – skateboarding or snowboarding style or a hockey helmet.
- Adult skaters are strongly encouraged to wear wrist guards.
- Skate guards for walking in skates while off ice.
- Appropriate clothing – see below.
- Jump rope and tennis shoes for warm up exercises.
- A water bottle may be kept behind the boards.
- A small towel to wipe skates dry after skating.

- How should the skater be dressed?

- Comfortable, stretchy slacks, leggings or warm up pants. Avoid tight jeans, shorts, Capri’s and excessively wide, baggy pants (as these may get on the way or tangle with skates).
- A wind breaker or light sweater/jacket for warmth. Polar Tec fleece works well.
- Long-sleeved shirt under the jacket
- Thin socks that will cover ankles or nylon tights for best skate fit.
- Gloves are optional, but helpful, just avoid long scarves

There should be no food, drinks, or any other items on the ice.

Only coaches may be allowed on the ice without skates. Please, take notice and respect posted rink rules. They are there for everybody’s safety.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, or any other issues, please, do not hesitate to contact AISS coordinator: Svetlana Petrey - home 359-5507, cell 678-3815

Email: svetlana@skateamarillo.org

We should be able to find a solution as long as we communicate in calm and courteous manner that is non-disruptive to the lessons.

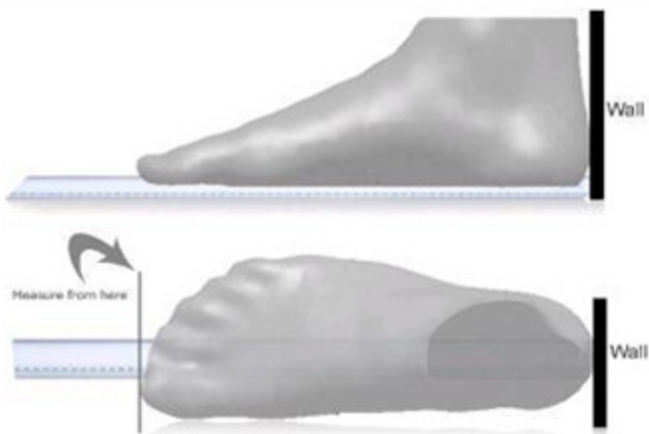
Good Skating!

Jackson Skates Sizing Chart

Girl's and Boy's		Women's		Men's	
Foot Length in Inches	Skate Size	Foot Length in Inches	Skate Size	Foot Length in Inches	Skate Size
5	6	8 11/16	4	9 1/8	4
5 3/8	7	8 13/16	4.5	9 1/4	4.5
5 11/16	8	9	5	9 7/16	5
6	9	9 1/8	5.5	9 5/8	5.5
6 7/16	10	9 5/16	6	9 13/16	6
6 1/2	10.5	9 1/2	6.5	10	6.5
6 11/16	11	9 5/8	7	10 1/8	7
6 13/16	11.5	9 13/16	7.5	10 1/4	7.5
7	12	10	8	10 7/16	8
7 1/8	12.5	10 1/4	8.5	10 5/8	8.5
7 5/16	13	10 1/2	9	10 3/4	9
7 1/2	13.5	10 7/16	9.5	10 15/16	9.5
7 5/8	1	10 5/8	10	11 1/8	10
7 13/16	1.5	10 13/16	10.5	11 1/4	10.5
7 15/16	2	10 15/16	11	11 7/16	11
8 1/8	2.5	11 1/8	11.5	11 5/8	11.5
8 5/16	3	11 5/16	12	11 3/4	12
8 7/16	3.5	11 7/16	12.5	11 15/16	12.5
		11 5/8	13	12 1/16	13

How to measure Jackson skates

To measure the length of your foot, place a tape measure on a flat surface up against a wall. Stand on the tape measure with your heel against the wall. If you use a ruler, take into consideration that most rulers have a gap where there are no measurements. Look down and take the measurement from your longest toe. To measure the ball circumference of your foot, measure around the widest part of the ball of your foot with a cloth or tailors measuring tape.



Riedell Ice Skates Sizing Chart

Youth Skate Sizes		Adult Skate Sizes	
Foot Length in Inches	Skate Size	Foot Length in Inches	Skate Size
5 3/16	6	8 7/8	4
5 1/2	7	9	4.5
5 7/8	8	9 3/16	5
6 3/16	9	9 3/8	5.5
6 3/8	10	9 1/2	6
6 11/16	10.5	9 11/16	6.5
6 13/16	11	9 7/8	7
7	11.5	10	7.5
7 3/16	12	10 3/16	8
7 3/8	12.5	10 3/8	8.5
7 1/2	13	10 1/2	9
7 11/16	13.5	10 11/16	9.5
7 7/8	1	10 7/8	10
8	1.5	11	10.5
8 3/16	2	11 3/16	11
8 3/8	2.5	11 3/8	11.5
8 1/2	3	11 1/2	12
8 11/16	3.5	11 1/16	12.5
		11 7/8	13

How To Measure For Riedell Ice Skates

To measure the length of your foot, place a tape measure on a flat surface up against a wall. Stand on the tape measure with your heel against the wall. If you use a ruler, take into consideration that most rulers have a gap where there are no measurements. Look down and take the measurement from your longest toe. To measure the ball circumference of your foot, measure around the widest part of the ball of your foot with a cloth or tailors measuring tape.

