

Equipment and Skate Sharpening

Purchase leather skates (avoid plastic) that provide sufficient support around the ankle to prevent them from flopping from side to side. Boots should be one size smaller than your regular shoe size.

Wear only thin socks or tights. Thick socks mean that you have to lace the boots tighter to get support, thereby cutting off your circulation. Also, thick socks retain perspiration, which then gets cold and makes your feet even colder. Plastic boots have a similar effect in that they do not “breathe” and thus retain moisture.

Boots should be laced tightly at the ankle so that the heel does not move up and down. However, lace the toes and top somewhat looser so that you do not cut off your circulation and so that you can bend your knees.

The blade on a skate should be of good quality steel. Cheap blades cannot be sharpened and when dull will lose their edges and cause the skater to skid sideways. To keep the edges on blades, wear guards on them when not on the ice.

Clothing should be warm but not so tight that it keeps you from bending and stretching. A hat will often keep you warmer than too many layers of constrictive clothing.

It is strongly recommended that children wear a helmet for safety.

The following places can provide for your equipment needs. Please call first for an appointment.

Daron Hendrickson Phone 908-359-5890 - 145 Orchard Road, Skillman, NJ 08558

- Sell and rent used hockey and figure skates
- Skate Sharpening
- weekends by appointment, weekdays 4 pm – 6 pm but always call ahead

Charles Fetter, Phone 610-952-0817

- Skate sharpening

Stan Houston, Phone 215-681-5764

- Buy, sell and rent used **FIGURE** skates

PDS also sharpens skates by filling out a form and leaving them near the bathroom entrance way. But please note, no Board Member has a key to the skate room and you must make arrangements with PDS to pick up your skates when the room is open!!!!