



ICE DANCE WEEKEND | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What dances should I know?

The three Preliminary dances are enough to get started. They are the Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango and Rhythm Blues. You'll be busy enough if you can also skate the Pre-Bronze dances (Swing Dance, Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango).

What is the mix of dances?

Last year, it was: Preliminary 21%, Pre-Bronze 20%, Bronze 18%, Pre-Silver 15%, Silver 11%, Pre-Gold 7%, Gold 6% plus a couple of international dances per request.

Do I need to have experience partnering?

Not really, but of course it helps. It's easy to learn to partner the first few dances.

Must I come with a partner?

No, everyone is encouraged to dance with different partners.

What if there are too many women skaters and not an equal number of men skaters?

We skate two flights of each dance. That is, each dance is skated twice in a row to different songs. Those who didn't skate the first flight have priority for the next.

How crowded is the ice?

We start at both ends of the rink to get people skating. After a couple starts, the next should wait at least one full measure before starting. For safety, we do not allow multiple couples to skate side by side.

I've never partnered. Can I skate solo?

Yes, but skaters are encouraged to skate with a partner. Solo skaters may start only after all couples have started. Practically, the ice will be filled with couples during a Preliminary dance. There will be ample opportunity to solo Gold dances.

Is this event only for adults?

No, we have had skaters as young as 14 years old.

How can I gain experience social ice dancing?

Attend one of Starlight's social ice dance sessions. Check out the weekly schedule on Starlight Ice Dance Club's website: <https://www.starlighticedanceclub.com/>

Must I be a member of Starlight Ice Dance Club?

Absolutely not. You can be a member of any club or no club at all.

How good of a skater do I need to be?

You must be capable of doing the elements of the dance. Preliminary dances are all forward. Bronze dances require three turns and mohawks. Skate only the dances you feel comfortable doing.

Can I attend just part of the weekend?

Yes, choose any combination of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sunday is a good time to get your feet wet. The first hour on Sunday is all Pre-Silver dances and below.

Can I bring my coach?

Yes, but everyone who skates must register and pay. We have a discount program for coaches who bring one or more students. For safety, we do not allow coaching or practice during an ice dance session.

What kind of music do you skate to?

Generally, the first flight of each dance is traditional or official ice dance music. The second flight is often more modern or non-traditional.

What is the attire?

Men usually wear dress slacks and a dress shirt while women often wear dance length dresses or freestyle skating dresses. However, feel free to wear whatever clothes are comfortable for skating.