



Pixies Competitive Skating Team 2025-26

The SQSA Parade Pixies skating team is for skaters that range within strong Pre Alpha – Freestyle 2, ages 5 – 11. Skaters should be skating independently. The Pixies curriculum builds on skating skills learned in the skate school, teaches fundamentals of choreography and skating to music, allows for peer collaboration and competition, and offers the experience of competing and performing. *Skaters from other clubs / Learn to Skate programs are welcome to join!*

Skaters MAY be split into 2 - 3 groups within the team based on skill level and experience. The team will learn and train a 4-minute program set to music. Costumes that fit the theme will be provided, and the program will be performed at our annual home competition (late Feb/early March) and our annual Spring Ice Show in early May. *See calendar below for dates.*

There is a Fall session and a Winter session. Skaters must commit to both sessions in order to join the team. Two payments are required: a Fall 2025 payment (due at registration) of \$345 and Winter 2026 payment of \$345 due before Winter session begins in January. *Session dates are below on calendar.*

Fees include: ice time, coaching, choreography, costumes, props, competition entry fee and ice show registration fee (for the Pixies number). THERE ARE NO REFUNDS if your skater decides to drop out.

Skaters are also required to register for a Learn to Skate class (at their current level) either Tuesday or Saturday, or be enrolled in private lessons with a coach. This ensures that skaters continue to make progress and continue to develop their individual skills.

Important Information:

- **Practices** are on Tuesdays from 4:45-5:30 at Parade Ice Garden, with 30 minutes on the Studio Rink, followed by 15 minutes of performance practice on the South Rink (big rink). *See schedule below for dates.*
- **Attendance Policy:** Unless a skater is sick or has a conflict with a school or religious event, they are expected to be at practice. Because this is a TEAM, skaters are responsible for contributing to the success of the team.
- **Behavior Expectations:** Coaches will discuss the need for respectful and orderly behavior with the team. Respect for coaches and teammates, along with non-disruptive behavior is a MUST from everyone. To ensure that practice time is productive and healthy for all, disruptive team members may be asked to “sit out” for part / all of a practice.
- **Two big performance opportunities:**
 - **BOLD ICE Competition:** Feb 28 – Mar 1, 2026; held at Parade Ice Garden. There be one performance that weekend. The actual event day & time are TBD, but we anticipate it to be late afternoon/evening of Friday, Feb 28. We will confirm date/time when the competition schedule is released in mid-February.
 - **Annual Spring Ice Shows** – 3 Shows: 5/1 (7pm) & 5/2 (2pm & 7pm). There will also be a dress rehearsal on Thursday, 4/30. This event is also hosted at Parade Ice Garden. There will be 1 or 2 “refresher” practices in mid April (TBD; after Pixies practices end in March) to prepare for the ice shows.

Schedule Summary for the Family Calendar:

- Tuesday Practices, 4:45-5:30pm: Fall Session: 10/7/25 - 12/9/25 (10 weeks) and Winter Session: 1/6/26 - 3/10/26 (10 weeks)
- Late February 2026 TBD: Dress Rehearsal for Bold Ice Competition @ Parade Ice Garden
- Feb 28 - Mar 1 2026: Bold Ice Competition @ Parade Ice Garden; Exact time TBD; likely Friday late afternoon, 2/28
- April 6, 2026 (tentative): Ice Show Picture Night (recommended; but not required)
- Late April 2026 TBD: one or two “brush up” practices for the ice show @ Parade Ice Garden
- April 30, 2026: Ice Show Dress Rehearsal @ Parade Ice Garden (tentatively 4:00 - 7:00pm)
- May 1, 2026: Ice Show #1: 7pm @ Parade Ice Garden, North Rink (arrival time approximately 6:15pm)
- May 2, 2026: Ice Show #2: 2pm @ Parade Ice Garden, North Rink (arrival time approximately 1:30)
- May 2, 2026: Ice Show #3: 7pm @ Parade Ice Garden, North Rink (arrival time approximately 6:30)