



Northbrook

ON ICE

SPECIALTY TRYOUTS 2024

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

OPEN TO SKATERS IN FREE SKATE 5 & UP

WELCOME TO TRYOUTS!

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 15 – Code #23177

Parents and skaters are responsible for the information contained in this packet. If you have any additional questions, please call 847-291-2993.

NORTHBROOK-ON-ICE

Mandatory attendance dates are listed below. Please do not tryout unless you are able to make all of the listed dates.

Saturday, January 20	1:10pm – Ice Show Specialty Tryouts	Fee: \$45/skater – Closed to the public
Saturday, May 4	8am-6pm – Dress Rehearsal	
Sunday, May 5	8am-6pm – Dress Rehearsal	
Tuesday, May 7	6-9pm – Tech Night – Full Show	Closed to the public
Thursday, May 9	NEW! 6:00pm – Sensory Show	
Friday, May 10	7pm – Ice Show	
Saturday, May 11	11am & 4pm – Ice Show	
Sunday, May 12	1pm – Ice Show	

TRYOUT CONFLICTS

Occasionally, conflicts arise that prevent a skater from attending the tryout. If this occurs, the skater should alert the Northbrook-On-Ice Director Ice at least two months prior to the tryout. If skaters have an absolutely unavoidable conflict, family emergency/death, or serious illness/injury requiring hospitalization, please contact the Program Supervisor immediately: Ania Lopez at alopez@nbparks.org.

AVAILABLE ROLES

Skaters can earn a role as an extra character, line leader, key character, duet, 1-night soloist, or 2-night soloist. Specific details about each role are detailed below. Music is assigned by the Northbrook-On-Ice Director. Icettes are only eligible to receive a soloist role.

2-NIGHT SOLO

Soloists are responsible for their own costume after receiving style/color guidelines from the Director. Solos are choreographed by the coach of choice, at the skater's expense. Skaters who receive a solo must perform at least one jump (axel or above) and one spin in their solo during the show and must demonstrate these skills during their tryout. 2-Night Soloists are permitted to perform in one afternoon show and one evening show.

1-NIGHT SOLO

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DUET

Duets may be formed if an appropriate match is made according to the results, similarity of skaters and selected music. Two skaters will be selected to skate together showcasing their freestyle skills. Skaters will be responsible for paying a costume fee (\$145) and are required to attend all rehearsals scheduled for their role.

KEY CHARACTER

This small group of skaters will perform in a select group number in all performances. Skaters will be responsible for paying a costume fee (\$145) and are required to attend all rehearsals scheduled for their role.

LINE LEADERS

Groupings and level selections are determined by the Director. Skaters are needed to assist beginner levels (Toddler, Snowplow Sam, Basic 1&2 and Basic 3&4) in their routines. Line leaders generally do not demonstrate their skating ability in these group numbers; however, their roles are critical to the success of the show. Skaters are responsible for a costume fee (\$139) and are required to attend all rehearsals scheduled for their role. This year, skaters who are interested in being line leaders do not need to try out.

EXTRA CHARACTERS/SPECIALIZED PARTS

Skaters may be used as background characters in all of the shows. They may appear during or between group numbers. Extra characters generally do not demonstrate their complete skating ability, but they are an important aspect of the show. Skaters may be required to provide their own costume, wear a rented costume or pay a costume fee (TBD). Skaters are required to attend all rehearsals scheduled for their role.

ELIGIBILITY

Each tryout participant must meet the two listed requirements to remain eligible for a specialty role in the 2024 production of Northbrook-On-Ice. Skaters choosing to participate in the freestyle ice option should refer to “Freestyle Ice Eligibility Option” below.

REQUIREMENT 1

Skate in a group number –
Upper Level, Dancettes,
Jr. Icettes, Icettes

REQUIREMENT 2

Free Skate Skating School class
at the Northbrook Sports Center
with 80% attendance rate for
Winter Session 1 and Session 2

OR

4 hours/week of freestyle ice at
the Northbrook Sports Center
with documented freestyle logs

FREESTYLE ICE ELIGIBILITY OPTION

Skaters choosing to participate in freestyle ice for eligibility must inform the Director prior to the start of the 2024 Winter Skating School session beginning on Monday, January 8. Freestyle ice time will start to be counted as of Monday, January 8. Eligible weeks coincide with Skating School session dates (concluding March 23). Skaters may complete additional hours on some weeks to make up for a loss of hours during others. A practice log can be found at the end of the tryout packet and must be stamped for every entry by the Ice Monitor. **Skaters must participate during regular season freestyle ice. Winter break freestyle ice, public skating, cosmic, team practices and rehearsal hours are not eligible.**



TRYOUT GUIDELINES

GROUP/SKATING ORDER

Tryout groupings will be determined by grade level and skating order will be selected at random by the Director. Results of the random draw will be sent to the designated email on file on Wednesday, January 17 by 5pm.

TRYOUT TIMES

Tryouts are scheduled to begin at 1:10pm. All skaters should arrive at least one hour before their warm-up time. Please check in at the Community Room. All skaters should clear their schedules during the listed blocks of time, along with time before and after the tryout, to ensure no conflicts during tryouts and to accommodate for time changes that may occur.

TRYOUT ATTIRE

- For females: Any color/style practice dress, tank top, or leggings (no rhinestones on any apparel item)
- For males: Black skating slacks and a fitted shirt of any color/style (no rhinestones on any apparel item)
- Hair should be neatly tied back away from the face
- Performance make-up
- No jewelry should be worn (only small stud earrings acceptable)
- No gloves are permitted
- No underwear should be visible
- Hard guards required while in the Community Room

CLOSED TRYOUTS

Northbrook-On-Ice is a production rather than a recital. A high level of objectivity through experienced judges has been retained to ensure equality for all skaters. The Northbrook-On-Ice Director and other Sports Center staff will be present at the tryouts to work the door, input scores, play music and take notes on each performance. No parents or coaches will be allowed in “A” lobby or in “A” rink, as tryouts will be closed.

JUDGES

The judging panel typically consists of past/present ISI/USFS coaches, past Icettes, soloists and Northbrook-On-Ice participants.



TRYOUT FORMAT

This year, the Northbrook-On-Ice tryouts will be structured, choreographed performance programs. Judges will be focusing on the skater’s movement in time to music, expression of the music’s style and rhythm, and artistic ways that highlight the intensity, tempo and other characteristics of the music. Music selections can be one piece or a mixture of songs (not exceeding the time limit). All music selections should be roughly 1:30 in length. The performance program should include the following:

1. A least two jumps (one must be from Freeskate 5 or higher)
2. At least one spin
3. At least one gliding maneuver
4. A combination of steps and turns that covers approximately half the ice length
5. Music *should not* exceed 1:45
6. Performance piece *should not* be a program that has been used for competition this season

Skaters will be divided up into warm up groups and will be given five minutes to warm up. Once the warmup is over, the first skater will enter the ice and take their starting position, while the other skaters wait in Locker Room 6. Once all the skaters in the first warm up group finish skating, the second group of skaters will take the ice for their warm up. This process will repeat until all the skaters have skated.

SCORING

Since this is not a technical competition but a show by nature, scores are not solely awarded to the highest level skaters. Skaters must be proficient in their technical abilities as well as in their ability to entertain and perform. Judges will be looking for skaters who show their personality and strongest skills while having a great time on the ice. Scores within a set point range will be awarded by judges based on the categories below.

CATEGORIES WITH WEIGHTS

Technical (50%): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jumps (15%)• Spins (15%)• Extras (10%)• Pattern (10%)	Presentation (50%): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretation/Artistry (25%)• Entertainment (25%)
Bonus Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of years of participation in Northbrook-On-Ice (0.10/yr)• Northbrook Park District Residents (0.10)	
Deductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorrect attire (-0.20)	

RESULTS

On the day of tryouts, the judges' scores are immediately entered into a spreadsheet. Calculations are double-checked and judges' scores are reviewed for inconsistencies and/or bias.

PLACEMENT RESULTS

Specialty role results will be emailed to the main contact of each household on Saturday, January 20 by 10pm.

NO CONTACT PERIOD

The Northbrook-On-Ice Director and staff will NOT be available for contact regarding matters of specialty role tryouts or results from Friday, January 19 until Tuesday, January 23.

PARENT/SKATER CONFERENCES

If you have questions/concerns after the results are posted, we would like to speak to you in person. To receive feedback on the skater's tryout and to review judges' comments for future growth, please call 847-291-2993 to schedule an appointment. Conferences may be requested between Tuesday, January 23 and Monday, January 29. Please allow up to two weeks after this deadline for comments to be prepared and distributed.

GENERAL TRYOUT TIPS

FOR SKATERS

- SMILE!!!
- If you make a mistake, do not panic! Show your ability to handle mistakes graciously and with confidence. Pick up where you left off and keep yourself calm and relaxed.
- Be energetic and always show enthusiasm.
- Eat healthy and be sure to get plenty of rest.
- Talk to past/present skaters who have tried out. They are an excellent source of information.
- Include all moves full out every time you practice.
- Feel good about the way you look, it will be easier for you to concentrate on what you need to do.
- Make eye contact with the judges.
- Have confidence in yourself.

FOR PARENTS

- Encourage your skater to be realistic about their chances. Ask for honest feedback from your coach about your skater's strengths and weaknesses.
- Find the balance between optimism and pessimism. Being overly optimistic puts extra pressure on each skater; being too pessimistic will discourage them from trying their best.
- Prepare your skater for the possibility that he/she will not get the part they desire.
- Discuss how your skater should handle success, the importance of integrity and how to console others who may not have received the part they wanted.
- Remind skaters that earning roles in past years does not guarantee parts in subsequent years.
- A fall does not mean the skater did not do well. It is how they handle themselves! Attitude, smiles and personality on the ice can go much further than a mistake.

QUESTIONS

If we have missed something or should you have any additional questions, please call 847-291-2993. If the question is general and applies to all parents or skaters, the question and answer will be emailed to all registered skaters.

FREESTYLE ELIGIBILITY LOG

SPECIALTY ROLE NOI 2024

***Winter break freestyle ice, public skating, cosmic, team practices and rehearsal hours are not eligible.
Skaters must average 4 hours of freestyle ice/week at the Northbrook Sports Center.
All entries must be verified by the Ice Monitor the same day that freestyles are skated.***

Name: _____ Supervisor Approval: _____

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1/8/24	1/9/24	1/10/24	1/11/24	1/12/24	1/13/24
1/15/24	1/16/24	1/17/24	1/18/24	1/19/24	1/20/24
1/22/24	1/23/24	1/24/24	1/25/24	1/26/24	1/27/24
1/29/24	1/30/24	1/31/24	2/1/24	2/2/24	2/3/24
2/5/24	2/6/24	2/7/24	2/8/24	2/9/24	2/10/24
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3/4/24	3/5/24	3/6/24	3/7/24	3/8/24	3/9/24
3/11/24	3/12/24	3/13/24	3/14/24	3/15/24	3/16/24
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