



Town of Greenwich Department of Parks & Recreation



DOROTHY HAMILL SKATING RINK



Fall/Winter 2024-2025 Program Brochure

54 Years of Family FUN
1971 - 2025

Located off Sherman Ave
on Sue Merz Way, Greenwich, CT 06830

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PUBLIC SESSIONS

Schedule & Fees

**Early season public sessions are scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays & Sundays, September 28, October 6, 12 & 13**

Effective October 14, 2024 to March 15, 2025

SCHEDULE

Monday	12 - 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday	12 - 1:30 p.m.
	7 - 8 p.m.
	8 - 9 p.m. Adults only
Wednesday	12 - 1:30 p.m.
	3:30 - 5 p.m.
Thursday	12 - 1:30 p.m.
Friday	12 - 1:30 p.m.
	3:30 - 5 p.m.
	7:30 - 9 p.m.
Saturday	2 - 4 p.m.
Sunday	2 - 4 p.m.

CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
New Year's Day

AGE

0—4	No charge
5—15	\$8
16—64	\$10
65 + resident	No charge **
65 + non-resident	\$10

FEE

** Proof of residency required for senior residents

Skate Rental

Figure and Hockey Skates rentals are available for a cost of \$6 per pair/ per session. Socks must be worn.

Size Chart

Children	8—4
Women	5—10
Men	5—12
Hockey Skates	Child 11—13 Adult

Skate Sharpening

Only overnight sharpening service is available. Skates must be in by 9 p.m. in order to be available for the next day.

Fee: \$8 for regular sharpening.

Management is not responsible for skates left over 10 days.

You MUST have your receipt ticket to claim your skates.

Inclement Weather Policy

With wintertime comes the threat of severe weather conditions. These conditions can affect the lessons, public sessions, hockey games, and all other programs at Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink. Call **the skating rink at 203-531-8560 prompt #3, the weather hotline # at 203-861-6100** or listen to radio station WGCH 1490 AM for information regarding cancellation of lessons and other events.

SESSION 1 SKATE SCHOOL

Skating School Registration

ACTIVITY NUMBERS: 32201, 32202, 32203, 32205

DESCRIPTION: Group Ice Skating Lessons

AGES: See Guidelines for Available Programs on Page 9

DATES/TIME: 8 thirty minute classes beginning Tuesday, October 15 to Monday, December 16, 2024.

REGISTRATION:

Online registration begins Sunday, September 1, 2024. Online registration is only available to Greenwich Residents. **To register online go to: www.greenwichct.gov/webtrac and sign in to your account.**

Mail-in for non-residents begins Sunday, September 15.

Applications must not be postmarked prior to September 15.

Visit our website for mail-in registration form.

There is no walk-in/in-person registration available.

Registration closes Friday, October 4 or when classes are full.

We accept all major credit cards for resident online registration. There are no refunds and we do not pro-rate fees. Requests for credit will only be considered if received in writing prior to the start of the program. There is a \$20 administrative fee for credits and a \$25 fee for any returned checks.

Skating School Registration continued.

Greenwich residents are required to provide proof of residency once per calendar year for all Parks and Recreation programs. The primary family member is required to provide two current proofs of Greenwich residency. Family members participating in this program who are over 25 years of age require one current proof of Greenwich residency. Family members participating in this program who are under 25 years of age, require a copy of their birth certificate or guardianship on file.

Acceptable Proofs of Residency:

Documents must be current and include resident's name and Greenwich address. Utility bill (gas, electric, oil, water); Cable, telephone, internet, cell phone, Residential lease (12 month minimum); Credit card, checking account, healthcare statement, Driver's license / DMV CT State ID. Visit www.greenwichct.gov/residency.

Non resident primary family member and all participating family members, over 25 years of age must provide identification and proof of address. Participants under 25 years of age require a copy of birth certificate or guardianship.

NOTE: Copies of Birth Certificates must accompany registrations for Mommy, Daddy & Me and Snowplow Sam

FEE: **Resident fee** is \$140 for 8 weeks, \$120 for each additional sibling enrolled in skating lessons session 1.

Non-Resident fee is \$165 for each participant.

Make checks payable to *“Town of Greenwich”*

Mail form with full payment to: Department of Parks and Recreation

Attention: Ice Skating Rink
101 Field Point Road
Greenwich, CT 06836-2540

Skating School General Information

GENERAL LESSON INFORMATION

The Greenwich Skating School is under the direction of Nancy Leamy, who holds the rating of two-time National and International Coach by the U.S.F.S.A. Nancy is a graduate from Boston College and is a member of the Newton College of the Sacred Heart Hall of Fame in Newton, Massachusetts. Nancy is involved in teaching, directing and guiding participants of the Learn-to-Skate program at all levels.

Class fees include four (4) practice sessions during a public session and badge testing.

Skate rentals are NOT included in the price of the lesson.

The Parks and Recreation Department does NOT issue refunds. A letter of credit is considered if a request is received in writing prior to the start of the program. Registrants assume full responsibility for any changes in their personal life, which may affect their ability to participate. There is a \$20 administrative fee for all credits issued.

The Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink is CLOSED all day Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day.

Clothing that should be worn for Skating School classes includes: hats, gloves or mittens, a warm coat, snow pants for younger children, and helmets for less experienced skaters are recommended.



SKATING SCHOOL AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Mommy, Daddy & Me

This class is open to children ages 3 & 4; each child must be accompanied on the ice with a parent or other adult relative or “sitter” who skates. Children must be three years old on the first day of class to enroll. This is strictly a beginner class and participants must exhibit capability to function during the lesson. The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 12:45-1:15 p.m. to provide a quiet atmosphere on the ice. (No makeup classes available)

Snowplow Sam

Classes are open for children ages 4 & 5. Children must be 4 years old by the first day of class to enroll. There are two levels; Snowplow Sam 1 is for children who have never been on the ice, Snowplow Sam 2/3 is for children who have been on the ice before and have good forward movement.

Youth

This class is open for ages 5-15 years. The classes will follow U.S.F.S.A badge programs and teach the students the fundamental skills for each level of skating. Children must pass each level to continue to the next. Please see requirements to pass each skill level on the next page.

Adults

These classes are offered for ages 16+. Adult classes will follow the U.S.F.S.A badge programs for classes offered in basic skating, dance, patch and freestyle.

REQUIREMENTS TO PASS EACH SKILL LEVEL

Basic 1

Sit on the ice and stand up, march forward across the ice, forward two-foot glide, dip, forward swizzles (6-8 in a row), backward wiggles (6-8 in a row), snowplow stop, two-foot hop in place (optional).

Basic 2

Scooter pushes- right and left, forward one-foot glides- right and left, backward two-foot glides- right and left, rocking horse, backward swizzles (6-8 in a row), two-foot turns from forward or backward in place clockwise and counterclockwise.

Basic 3

Forward stroking- showing correct use of blade, forward $\frac{1}{2}$ swizzle pumps or a circle (6-8 consecutive clockwise or counterclockwise), moving forward to backward two-foot turn (clockwise and counterclockwise), backward one-foot glides (focus on balance), backward snowplow stop (right and left), forward slalom.

Basic 4

Forward outside edge on a circle (right and left), forward inside edge on a circle (right and left), forward crossovers (clockwise and counterclockwise), backward $\frac{1}{2}$ swizzle pumps on a circle (clockwise and counterclockwise), beginning one-foot glides (right and left), beginning two-foot spins (up to two revolutions).

Basic 5

Backward outside-edge on a circle (right and left), Backward inside edge on a circle (right and left), backward crossovers (clockwise and counterclockwise), forward outside three-turn (right and left), advanced two-foot spin (4-6), hockey stop (both directions).

Basic 6

Forward inside three turn (right and left), moving backward to forward two-foot turn on a circle (clockwise and counter-clockwise), backward stroking, beginning one-foot spin (2-4 revolutions), T-stops (right and left), Bunny hop, forward spiral on a straight line (right).

Pre-Free Skate Basic 7&8

Forward inside open Mohawk from a standstill position (right to left and left to right), backward outside edge to forward outside edge transition on a circle (right or left), backward crossovers to a backward outside edge glide (landing position), clockwise and counter clockwise, combination move: Forward crossovers (2) into forward inside Mohawk, cross behind, step into backward crossover (1) and step to forward inside edge, repeat 3 times, clockwise and counter clockwise.

SESSION 2 SKATE SCHOOL

Skating School Registration

ACTIVITY NUMBERS: 42201, 42202, 42203, 42205

DESCRIPTION: Group Ice Skating Lessons

AGES: See Guidelines for Available Programs on Page 9

DATES/TIME: 8 thirty minute classes beginning Thursday, January 2, 2025 to Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

REGISTRATION:

Online registration begins Friday, November 15, 2024. Online registration is only available to Greenwich Residents. **To register online go to: www.greenwichct.gov/webtrac and sign in to your account.**

Mail-in for non-residents begins Friday, November 22. Applications must not be postmarked prior to November 22. Visit our website for mail-in registration form.

There is no walk-in/in-person registration available.

Registration closes December 29 or when classes are full.

FEE: **Resident fee** is \$140 for 8 weeks, \$120 for each additional sibling enrolled in skating lessons session 2.

Non-Resident fee is \$165 for each participant.

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NEW! HOCKEY PROGRAM

Information and Registration

We are excited to announce that we have a new hockey program available to skaters ages 5-18, that will be under the direction of GHS & Greenwich Cardinals Youth Hockey coach Neal Rich. This program offers 5 different level classes for beginners through elite hockey players. Coach Neal, along with other hockey coaches throughout Greenwich, will be offering very integrated and skill based classes for those interested in pursuing the sport, or those who are looking for additional hockey practice to accelerate the progress of their skills. The sessions for each class will be offered either 1 or 2 days a week based on the level, and will incorporate drills, stations, and full ice game situations for the higher levels.

Born and raised in Fairfield county, Neal has been playing hockey since the age of 6. Having played in his youth for the Stamford sharks then for Stamford High School Black Knights where he was a member of the Div 1, 2002-03 FCIAC Championship team. After High School, Neal played briefly in Danbury for what is now the FPHL and Bridgeport in the AHL where an injury ended his career. Shortly after he began coaching and is now the Greenwich High School Varsity Hockey Assistant Coach, Junior Varsity Head Coach as well as the Bantam A Head Coach, Mite Program Head Coach and Director, and the Skills Development director for the Greenwich Cardinals Youth Hockey Program.

Coach Neal is excited to introduce this new hockey program to our Rink, and we are excited for you to join! See pages 15-19 for specific descriptions and times of each class that will be offered.

Hockey Information and Registration continued

CLASSES & SCHEDULE:

Learn to Play Hockey (5-10 years): (Activity 32207)

Saturdays 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Beginner Hockey (10U): (Activity 32208)

Thursdays 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. & Saturdays 7 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Intermediate Hockey (12U): (Activity 32209)

Thursdays 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. & Saturdays 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Advanced Hockey (14U): (Activity 32210)

Thursdays 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. & Saturdays 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Elite Hockey (14-18 Years): (Activity 32211)

Thursdays 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. & Saturdays 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

The first 2 days of the hockey program will be an evaluation and all Participants will be placed in groups based on age and skill.

DESCRIPTION & AGES: See pages 15—19

DATES: Hockey runs from October 17, 2024-March 1, 2025.

REGISTRATION:

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Hockey Information continued

LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY CLINIC (AGES 5 –10)

Our Learn to Play Hockey Program is designed for children ages 5 -10 with little to no experience, who have an interest in learning to play hockey. This class will offer skill appropriate drills and concentrate on teaching the fundamentals of skating, which will include: strides, basic hockey stance, stopping, use of edges, power turns, balance and more. It is important for these players to become comfortable on the ice and learn these basic skills before moving into a learn to play Hockey program. The focus and goal of Learn to Play is to introduce skating and hockey skills, as well as instill confidence in these players who are interested in pursuing the sport. **All participants MUST pass our Basic 1 Learn to Skate program before they are eligible to enter our Learn to Play Hockey program.**

This class will be strictly zero contract. Equipment required for Learn to Play is: hockey skates, helmet & gloves. Shin guards/knee pads and elbow pads recommended.

DATES/TIME: This is an 18 session program. Sessions will be held each Saturday, 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m., from October 17, 2024 to March 1, 2025. There will be no sessions on 11/30, 12/28 & 2/15.

FEE: The resident fee is \$270 for the season and \$250 for each additional child in the family enrolled in Hockey. **ALL** non-resident participants pay \$310.

Note: Copy of Birth Certificate must accompany registration for 5 to 7 year-old registrants.

Hockey Information continued

BEGINNER HOCKEY (10U) (AGES 5-10)

Our Beginner Hockey (10U) program is designed for children 5-10 years old, who have experience skating on the ice and are looking to begin their hockey journey. The objective of this program is to refine your child's skating mechanics, while beginning to learn basic hockey skills. Each class will offer instructional on ice training to teach the fundamentals of hockey, such as: stick handling, puck control, passing, shooting and more. The goal of this program is to provide a fun, positive and safe experience for aspiring hockey players to help them succeed both on and off the ice. This class will also provide families an opportunity to become familiar with and join the hockey community.

Beginner Hockey is also geared towards hockey players who are at a Mite to Squirt level, looking for additional practice to accelerate the progress of their skills.

This class requires full hockey equipment. (hockey skates, helmet with face shield, elbow pads, hockey gloves, hockey pants, shin guards, athletic supporter, and hockey stick.)

DATES/TIME: This is an 18 session program. Sessions will be held 2 days a week, Thursdays, 5:45 p.m.–6:45 p.m. and Saturdays, 7 a.m.– 8 a.m. , from October 17, 2024 to March 1, 2025. There will be no sessions on 11/28, 11/30, 12/26, 12/28, 2/13 & 2/15.

FEE: The resident fee is \$385 for the season and \$365 for each additional child in the family enrolled in Hockey. **ALL** non-resident participants pay \$425.

Hockey Information continued

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY (12U) (AGES 8-12)

Our Intermediate Hockey (12U) program is designed for children 8 -12 years old, who have at least 2 years of hockey experience. This is a developmental program that offers the opportunity for players to improve their skills in a more competitive hockey environment. The goal of this program is to give these players the best opportunity to focus on their continued skill development, and to begin transferring their skills and concepts from practices to games, advancing their level of play. There will be individual drills and group interactions with moderate contact; however, there will be no body checking in this class.

Intermediate Hockey is also geared towards hockey players who are at a Squirt/ Pee Wee level, looking for additional practice to accelerate the progress of their skills.

This class requires full hockey equipment. (hockey skates, helmet with face shield, elbow pads, hockey gloves, hockey pants, shin guards, athletic supporter, and hockey stick.)

DATES/TIME: This is an 18 session program. Sessions will be held 2 days a week, Thursdays, 5:45 p.m.–6:45 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m.– 9 a.m. , from October 17, 2024 to March 1, 2025. There will be no sessions on 11/28, 11/30, 12/26, 12/28, 2/13 & 2/15.

FEE: The resident fee is \$385 for the season and \$365 for each additional child in the family enrolled in Hockey. **ALL** non-resident participants pay \$425.

Hockey Information continued

ADVANCED HOCKEY (14U) (AGES 10 -14)

Our Advanced Hockey (14U) Program is for children ages 10-14, who have at least 2 years of travel hockey experience. The goal of this program will be to continue working on fundamentals with concentrated focus on preparing for the next level of hockey, whatever that may be for the individual. We will incorporate drills, small area games and full ice game simulations. The players will be pushed to their limits to exceed expectations and continue to grow, learn, and evolve as an athlete.

Advanced Hockey is also geared towards Bantam level hockey players and is designed to be fast paced with high intensity. This is a full body contact program; therefore full hockey equipment is required. **NECK GUARDS AND MOUTH GUARDS ARE MANDATORY!**

DATES/TIME: This is an 18 session program. Sessions will be held 2 days a week, Thursdays, 6:45 p.m.–7:45 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.– 11:15 a.m., from October 17, 2024 to March 1, 2025. There will be no sessions on 11/28, 11/30, 12/26, 12/28, 2/13 & 2/15.

FEE: The resident fee is \$450 for the season and \$430 for each additional child in the family enrolled in Hockey. **ALL** non-resident participants pay \$495.

Hockey Information continued

ELITE HOCKEY (AGES 14-18)

Our Elite Hockey program is for ages 14-18, who have at least 3+ years of travel hockey experience or are division 1 or 2 high school hockey players. This program will offer the most elite hockey players the opportunity to reach a higher level of competition and skill development. We will incorporate high intensity practices, controlled scrimmages and full ice game situations.

Elite Hockey is geared towards Midget level hockey players and is designed to be fast paced with high intensity. This is a full body contact program; therefore full hockey equipment is required.

NECK GUARDS AND MOUTH GUARDS ARE MANDATORY!

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FEE: The resident fee is \$450 for the season and \$430 for each additional child in the family enrolled in Hockey. **ALL** non-resident participants pay \$495.

STICK & PUCK SESSIONS

A “Stick Session” allows a participant to skate with a stick and puck in an informal atmosphere. **NO GAMES AND NO GOALIES ALLOWED!** Participants must supply their own stick and puck and wear hockey skates, a helmet with full-face shield and hockey gloves. **This is open to any age, but an adult must accompany any child under 8.** On-ice supervision is provided and must be obeyed. Fee is **\$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 15.**

STICK SESSION DATES

Tuesday, November 5	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Friday, November 29	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Monday, December 23	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, December 24	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Thursday, December 26	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Friday, December 27	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Monday , December 30	10 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, December 31	10 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Monday, January 20	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Monday, February 10	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, February 11	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, February 12	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Thursday, February 13	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Friday, February 14	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

PHOTOS

The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to use program or event photographs including participants in official Town of Greenwich media only (Website, Newsletter, flyers and advertisements. Facebook, and/or Instagram). Please contact the Recreation Office if you object to the use of photographs of you or your child(ren) in Town media.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to Greenwich residents for all youth programs at the Hamill Rink. Scholarship applications are available online at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/2026/Youth-Scholarships>. Scholarship Applications MUST be submitted three (3) weeks prior to applying for activities.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are scheduled through the Rink Voicemail System: 203-531-8560. All skaters taking private lessons, regardless of age, must pay an admission fee in addition to the private lesson fee. Private lessons are only available during public sessions.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

The Recreation Department does NOT issue refunds. A Letter of Credit is considered if a request is received in writing prior to the start of the program. Registrants assume full responsibility for any changes in their personal life, which may affect their ability to participate. There is a \$20 administrative fee for all credits issued. There will be a \$25 fee for any returned checks.

NOTE: Program space is limited. The management reserves the right to cancel classes due to lack of enrollment, in which case, a full refund would be processed for the registration fee.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Ice Rink phone	203-531-8560
Weather Hotline	203-861-6100
Ice Rink email	skatingrink@greenwichct.gov
Manager email	Rernye@greenwichct.gov
Recreation phone	203-618-7649 (town hall)
Recreation email	recreation@greenwichct.gov
Superintendent email	TBD



FACILITY RENTALS

In Season Ice Rental

In season ice is available to rent for Hockey and Figure Skating. Any ice purchased for a total of less than ten (10) hours is \$495 per hour. Ice purchased for ten (10) hours or more is a discounted rate of \$470 per hour. Early bird weekdays (6 a.m. to 10 a.m.) and Night Owl Sunday to Thursday (9:15 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.) is \$350 per hour for less than ten (10) hours purchased and \$325 for ten (10) hours or more of purchased ice time.

If you are interested in renting ice, please email Rich Ernye at rernye@greenwichct.gov with your request.

Off Season Indoor Turf Rental

During the off season, there is indoor turf located at Dorothy Hamill Rink, available for rent for lacrosse, soccer, flag football, and more from mid-April through mid-August. For more information, please email Rich Ernye at rernye@greenwichct.gov with your request.

LIVE BARN

For those wishing to see the action on the ice, yet not able to come to the rink, for whatever reason, you may subscribe to www.LiveBarn.com using the promo code **e0a9-56d7**.



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Joseph A. Siciliano—Director of Parks & Recreation
TBD—Recreation Superintendent
Richard Ernye—Recreation Supervisor/Rink Manager



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NON-DISCRIMINATION & EVENT ACCESSIBILITY

The Town complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, equal opportunity, affirmative action, and providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. If you require an accommodation to participate, please contact the Commissioner of Human Services at 203-622-3800 or demetria.nelson@greenwichct.gov as soon as possible in advance of the event.