

# Private Lessons with Coach Burton Powley

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Many figure skating students are capable of advancing faster than traditional Learn to Skate (LTS) group skating classes allow. Some of them take private lessons with a figure skating coach.

My goal for them is to start competing and join the US Figure Skating Association to allow the greatest opportunities available to them. My desire is to meet the needs of these skaters, by offering a challenging accelerated private instruction that will allow them to explore their potential, advance at their own pace, and develop into competitive figure skaters. Often times, the LTS class schedule is not on a time or day when you can attend.

Students will also be expected to dress in appropriate figure skating attire; girls should wear skating dresses or skirts with tights or leggings, and boys should wear stretch pants and light jacket, gloves are also suggested.

You will eventually be expected to join the **Central Iowa Figure Skating Club**, to start competing and register your skating tests with US Figure Skating (USFS) and the Ice Skating Institute (ISI). You can check out our websites at: <http://centrاليowafsc.org> or for more information on joining the CIFSC Team of skaters.



## Q: Who will be the coach?

A: The private lessons will be taught by **Burton Powley**. Burton has over 50 years of figure skating experience, including 30 years as a professional coach. Burton has coached beginning through elite competitive skaters in Australia and Texas before coming back to Iowa. He is a 14 times US Adult Masters National Champion and 2005 ISU World International Masters Champion and ISU World International Masters Silver Medalist in 2006. He has also won Double Gold in 1999, 2005 & 2006 at Mountain Cup of France and the 1<sup>st</sup> World Games in Montreal, Canada in 2005. Most recently winning the 2018 Masters International Competition in Vancouver, Canada. He is a Certified Level A coach and ISI Gold Level skating judge. Burton is also President of the Central Iowa Figure Skating Club in Des Moines and coaches skaters in Regional, Sectional, National and International competitions.

## Q: What level do I sign my skater up for?

A: Your child will have a brief evaluation with the coach and parents to determine his/her current skating ability and test level.

## Q: Can I switch classes?

A: You will set an appointment date and schedule a day and time that suits you best.

## Q: What level is this in Learn-to-Skate?

A: Private lessons skills will combine several Learn-to-Skate and Freestyle levels elements, such as jumps, spins, power, stroking and footwork. I will tailor the lesson to suit the student's needs.

## Q: Is there a test at the end of each session?

A: No. Students will work on mastering and improving skills at their own pace and advance to competition and advanced testing when they are prepared. Students will work toward preparing an individual skating routine to music and entering competitions, shows and tests within the first month. I will advance them to the next skill set when appropriate.

## Q: What day, time and location?

Private Lessons by appointment only.

Coralville Ice Arena in Coralville – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Buccaneers Ice Arena in Urbandale – Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays AM & PM and Saturday Evenings.

Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines – Schedule varies depending on ice availability. October-April.

**Other options:** Specialty Class - private group classes in stretching and off ice jump techniques - \$10 each

Learn to Skate Classes at Buccaneers Ice Arena in Urbandale on Wednesday at 5:30pm and Saturday at 3:00pm.

### Features

#### • Total Cost \$30/30min private lesson.

- Private lessons will run continuously throughout the year and times may change depending on the rinks, student and my schedule private lesson schedule.
- Students are encouraged to practice as often as they can, with a minimum of 2 practices per week is suggested.
  - Monthly payment commitment required.
  - Off-ice conditioning classes are suggested for all skaters.

### Goals/Benefits of Private Instruction

- Students advance more rapidly and at their own pace.
  - Instruction maintains continuity as students will continue on with the same coach.
  - Skaters will prepare and perform a skating routine within two months.
- Skaters must purchase their own skates and appropriate skating attire by the end of the first month.
- I can help with ordering skates and servicing equipment.
- I encourage my skates to participate in shows and competitions