

Haydenettes FAQ's



“Once a Haydenette
Always a Haydenette.”

-Lynn Benson

TEAM DEMOGRAPHICS

Q: What is the age range of the current Haydenettes?

A: 15-26 years old.

Q: Are the majority of team members from Lexington ?

A: No, only 5 skaters of the 15 from Massachusetts are from Lexington.

Q: Where do skaters come from besides Lexington?

A: The current team is made up of skaters from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Michigan and Colorado. Last year we had skaters from Japan and Finland. We encourage skaters from any State to consider our teams.

Q: Are the Haydenettes the only team with skaters from outside Massachusetts?

A: No, the Lexettes and Ice Mates have skaters from New York, Connecticut and New Hampshire.

Q: What is the ratio of college students to high school students?

A: The team is made up of about half college students and half high school students. The number of college students has been increasing on the team.

EDUCATION

Q: Is finding a college close to the team's practice locations reasonable?

A: Yes, just within metropolitan Boston there are more than 100 colleges and universities, with more than 250,000 students attending colleges in Boston and Cambridge alone! Boston has more college students than any other city in the U.S. In addition, we have had students skate for the team that attend college in Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

Q: Is it possible to relocate and attend high school while skating for the Haydenettes?

A: Yes, this has been done before. Skaters have the option of living with a host family and attending the local high school; some families choose to relocate. The Lexington Public School system is considered one of the best in Massachusetts.

Q: How can I search for living arrangements or schools?

A: Check our website www.haydenettes.com. We plan to post some “Additional Resources” and helpful websites to aid your search for a place to live or the right college for you. Host families are not always available but we do our best to connect people.

Q: Are there people I or my parents can speak with?

A: Yes, the initial contact would be with the Haydenettes Team Manager Gail Hanson-Mayer; she can be reached at GailHMayer@aol.com. We can also put you in contact with a current or former Haydenette who relocated or attended a college you might be interested in.

MAKING THE TEAM

Q: When are tryouts?

A: Tryouts are held every spring, typically in March or April. Check the website for exact locations and times.

Q: What are skaters asked to perform at tryouts?

A: Skaters are asked to perform a variety of skills including but not limited to: stroking exercises, footwork sequences, bauers, spread eagles, 135 degree spirals, spins, jumps, and choreography.

Q: What test levels are required for the Haydenettes?

A: We're looking for Senior Moves level skaters with strong dance test levels and at least Novice freestyle. The list of requirements and skating moves to demonstrate at tryouts is on our website.

Q: How long does it take for skaters to find out if they have made the team?

A: Usually skaters will find out within a week from tryouts, sometimes they will be told right after the second tryout. There are three different letters a skater may receive, a letter saying you have made the team, you have not, or you have been accepted for spring training.

Q: When does spring training start?

A: Spring training begins approximately a month after tryouts, which is the beginning of May.

Q: If I don't live in the area, how do I find housing for spring training? Especially since dorms aren't open yet.

A: Host families may be available; however, living arrangements are the skater's/family's responsibilities. Host families may be available for Spring training, or skater's may stay with other skaters that have apartments.

Q: How do I know my progress during spring training and throughout the year?

A: Each skater will receive a report card on their progress and what they need to improve on.

Q: What can I expect for the spring training practice schedule?

A: The spring training calendar varies but usually there are 3 +/- practices per week, in the afternoon or at evening. There are one or two weekend camps held during the spring too.

BECOMING A HAYDENETTE

Q: What does the regular seasons schedule look like?

A: Skaters return to the ice generally August 1st for the Summer Session, including camps.

During the season, the Haydenettes skate 3 days a week, on Wednesday afternoon, Friday evening, and Sunday. Extra required practices are added as needed.

Q: Where does the team practice?

A: Hayden Recreation Center, Lexington, MA is the team's home club. The other primary practice facility is at the New England Sports Center, Marlborough, MA.

Q: I live far away (NY, CT) but am not planning on relocating. If we have practice early in the morning is there anyway I could stay with another skater?

A: That is possible for the skater to arrange. Many skaters that travel long distances to practice will often stay with a teammate when there are late night and early morning practices.

Q: Are there many camps throughout the season?

A: During August there are two camps. Mini-camps may be held on weekends as well as during holiday breaks.

Q: When holidays are observed by schools, do the Haydenettes still have practice?

A: Yes, practices are common on some holidays such as Columbus Day.

Q: When there are practices far away, is it possible to carpool?

A: Yes, many skaters carpool to camps or practices far away. Skaters also carpool to regular practices as well.

Q: How many competitions do the Haydenettes perform at each season?

A: The number varies season to season. The number of competitions varies based on budget, the team's international assignment, and the location. The team also makes appearances and performs in several skating exhibitions during the fall and often during the season. The early season shows prepare the team for the competitive season. The first performance starts the season, usually in September or October. The team's season ends during mid-May at the Hayden Recreation Centre's Spring Show.