

# Skate Information

## Where can I find skates?

### Online

- [Cascade Speedskating](#) (sponsor of US Speedskating)
- [Special Equipment Co](#)
- [Skate Now](#)

### Local Retailers

- [Adam's Inline](#) (Minneapolis, MN)
- [Pierce Skate and Ski](#) (Bloomington, MN)

## What type of skates should I get?

- Short Track – used indoors or outdoors, has a fixed blade, more ankle support
- Long Track – used at 400m ovals, has a clap blade, lower ankle profile
- Marathon Skates – used on lake or 400m ovals, some models have a fixed blade with a removeable pin that allows for a clap blade
- Combination—another popular option is to buy a short track boot for the ankle support, then two sets of blades -- a short track blade for indoor skating + a long track blade for outdoor/400m skating. Additionally, you can also buy a frame to put on the short track boot to make into an inline skate. (3-skates-in-1)

## How much are skates?

- ~\$200+

## A great boot for kids -- Adjustable!!

Just need to get blades and then swap for the season.  
Comes in two sizes – small 13-2 and large 2-5.

[Luigino Kids Adjustable Boot](#)



**SHORT TRACK PACKAGES** (higher boot for ankle support, fixed blade, indoor or outdoor rink)  
Packages for boots + blades: (starting at \$229)



**LONG TRACK PACKAGES** (lower boot profile, clap blade, 400m rink)  
Packages for boots + blades: (starting at \$355)



**MARATHON SKATES** (higher boot for ankle support, fixed blade or option for pinned clap blade, 400m rink, outdoor/lake skating, slow indoor skating) (starting at \$249 for fixed blade)  
<https://skatenow.us/index.php/zandstra/zandstra-long-track-iii> (Explore the Zandstra brand)

