

Information Handbook for 2018-2019 Season



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www.oldsskatingclub.ca

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Programs

PRE CANSKATE

Participants need to be 3 Years old at the time of registering. This program is typically for 3-5 year olds.

This is an entry level program for skating as it introduces children to basic skating movements on the ice. They will learn gliding, backward skating, and making snow etc. The children will progress in a fun, friendly, high energy environment. Once the skater has completed this program they can move on to the Canskate programs.

Equipment Required: Skates, Mitts, Snow pants and a CSA Approved Helmet (no Bike helmets)

CANSKATE (Levels 1-4)

This program is designed for children of all ages who have completed the Pre Canskate program, or who have basic skating skills. This program focuses on fun, participation and basic skill development. Lessons are given in a group format led by Certified Professional Coaches and assisted by trained Program Assistants. Skaters progress at their own rate and coaches make sessions active by using teaching aids, music, and a wide variety of activities that create a fun environment that promotes learning.

Equipment Required: Skates, Mitts and a CSA Approved Helmet (no Bike helmets)

CANSKATE + (Levels 5-6)

This program offers group lesson instruction that includes all the ice and coaching fees. It introduces the skater to the fundamental skills necessary to begin either recreational or competitive figure skating path. Open to all ages, however, the skater must be working on a level 5 badge and be recommended by a professional coach. The skaters are also encouraged to practice their skills independently, which is an important aspect of the future StarSkate programs.

- If you are interested in private lessons in addition to the Canskate+ program, you will need to make arrangements directly with a coach to discuss fees/ice time and policy.

Equipment Required: Skates & Mitts. A CSA Approved helmet is required until Level 5 is passed.

JR. STARSKATE (StarSkate levels 1-3)

This program is for skaters of all ages who have passed Canskate level 6 or higher (or as recommended by a certified coach). It introduces the disciplines of Ice Dance, Skills, Free Skate and Interpretive Skating. There is time allotted for skaters to practice independently.

Skaters must hire an ASC Professional Skate Canada Certified Coach prior to registration. You can contact the coach of your choice directly to discuss fees, availability and policy information. All coaching fees are paid directly to the coach.

SR. STARSKATE

This program is for skaters of all ages who have previously participated in Jr. StarSkate and have passed the Skate Canada Preliminary Freeskate, Jr. Bronze Dances and Skills. The program offers opportunities for skaters to continue to develop fundamental figure skating skills in the areas of ice dance, skating skills, free skate and interpretive skating. Skaters will be working on the StarSkate Test Program.

Participants **must** hire an ASC Professional Skate Canada Certified Coach prior to registration. You can contact the coach of your choice directly to discuss fees, availability and policy information. All coaching fees are paid directly to the coach.

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

There is a \$250.00 bond cheque (per family) that is required at the time of registration. The cheque can be made out to The Olds Figure Skating Club and dated April 1, 2019. If your volunteer commitment is not fulfilled by the end of the season the cheque will be cashed. In order to fulfill your volunteer commitment each family will be required to complete 3 shifts/credits. There are 3 events that can be volunteered at:

Casino (Mandatory) – Nov.11 & 12, 2018

Competition – Feb.1, 2019

Carnival – March 23,2019

When you register for the season on our website you can view the breakdown of the jobs for each event and are able to choose which job suits you. It is Mandatory each family take a shift for the Casino.

- It is required to submit your bond cheque on or before the first day of skating in order for your child to participate.

The Volunteer Commitment Chair for the 2018/19 season is Natasha Koksal. You can reach Natasha with any questions at jaylin-1@hotmail.com

REFUND POLICY

****Skate Canada Fee of \$45.00 and administration fee is non-refundable and due at the time of registration****

Two-Week Trial Period

Withdraw during this period must be in writing. A full refund less the Skate Canada and Administration fee will be processed.

If a skater withdraws after the 2-week period there will not be a refund and all volunteering commitments must be met. If the volunteering commitment is not met the bond cheque will be cashed.

MEDICAL WITHDRAWAL

Skaters withdrawing for medical reasons must submit a Doctors certificate to the Executive with their refund request. Medical requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis and a potential reimbursement will be reviewed at that time.

POLICY INFORMATION

1. **We only accept online registrations which can be paid by credit card.** Bond Cheques are still accepted and will need to be received on or before the first day of skating. Board members will be available on the first day of skating to receive bond cheques.
2. Skaters will not be allowed on the ice until their helmets are checked to ensure they are CSA Approved, the skater is equipped with the equipment required, registration is complete, payment received, and Bond Cheques are on file.
3. \$30.00 fee for dishonored (NSF) Bond cheques will apply
4. **There are 3 Mandatory events that families will have to Volunteer for.** If the volunteering commitment is not met their bond cheque will be cashed. Bond cheques can be dated April 1,2019.
5. **Parents cannot participate on the ice** unless they are registered with Skate Canada and have been asked to do so.
6. Non-payment of club fees will result in withdrawal of skating privileges.
7. Pushing, tripping, horseplay and intentional interference with other skaters may result in expulsion of the offending skater. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children.
8. **Skaters must wear a CSA Approved helmet for levels 5 and under. Skaters not wearing the appropriate helmet or equipment will not be permitted on the ice.**

