

August 2016

Dear Preschool and CanSkater Parents and Guardians,

The Pickering Skating Club is thrilled to welcome back past skaters and offer our invitation to new skaters as well! Our program will allow skaters to learn and develop new strengths and skills in a fun and friendly way. We're looking forward to your participation in this year's events, including the Santa Claus Parade, Mini Olympics and the Winter Glitters Competition which our club will be hosting in January 2017. So sharpen those skates, (make sure they still fit!) and get ready for another great skating season.

Our session schedule and Fees and Discount Guides for our programs starting Tuesday, October 11, 2016, can be found on our website. [www.pickeringskatingclub.ca](http://www.pickeringskatingclub.ca) Many children choose to skate more than one day per week so we are pleased to offer discounts for additional sessions and for additional skaters in the immediate family. We will also prorate fees for starting late or adding programs later on.

Lessons are taught by professional coaches in a ratio of 1 coach per 7 Preschool skaters and 1 coach per 8 CanSkater, along with numerous Program Assistants (volunteer STARSkaters trained to help out). Our program is designed to ensure skaters are always on the move, learning new elements and strengthening old skills to ensure the learning environment is fun, active and progressive. Skaters are assessed regularly and move up to the next level when ready, as determined by our coaches.

CanSkaters will learn skills that allow them to migrate into other skating programs including hockey, ringette, and figure skating. We are proud of our STARSkate program and all the Coaches on staff at our club. We invite all our CanSkate graduates to consider our Figure Skating program as the next level beyond CanSkate.

Due to the construction in the arena around our office, we request that you complete the registration form and MAIL it in until October 10<sup>th</sup>. After October 11<sup>th</sup> we should be back in our office and registrations can be dropped off in the mail slot in our office door. The form can also be filled out on our website. Print it at home and bring the completed registration along with payment to our office. Please give us reasonable time to receive and process your registration form prior to the day your skater starts. Remember that skaters are not permitted entry to the ice surface before registration has been accepted by our office.

We have a lot of information that you may find helpful on our website: [www.pickeringskatingclub.ca](http://www.pickeringskatingclub.ca)

Please visit and browse our website, and if you still need assistance please email us at: [info@pickeringskatingclub.ca](mailto:info@pickeringskatingclub.ca)

In order to help you register, we are pleased to be hosting four registration days where we will have some of our coaches and parents of skaters to help you, and answer questions:

At Pickering Town Centre: **Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am to 9:00 pm & Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am to 6:00 pm**

At Pickering Recreation Centre: Inside the doors to the Arena: **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, & Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

We look forward to celebrating newly learned skating skills and achievements with badges, ribbons, and huge smiles!

*Sincerely on behalf of our Club and our Volunteer Board of Directors,*  
*Laura Weightman,*  
SCPSC President