

August 1, 2017

Dear STARSkate Skaters, Parents and Guardians,



Skating resumes at the Pickering Skating Club on Tuesday, September 5, 2017!

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 Mini Olympics on February 10, 2018 and our Ice Show on April 14, 2018. So sharpen those skates, (make sure they still fit!) and get ready for another great skating season! All session schedules, pricing and the annual calendar can be found on our website: www.pickeringsskatingclub.ca

We are also proud to be offering Off Ice Physical Fitness Training again this year. Skaters need fundamental core training for strength, agility, and endurance. Our Off Ice Physical Fitness Training will help train our skaters to advance to higher levels on the ice.

As our skating club is run entirely by volunteers, we also need parents/guardians to provide 4 hours of time per STARSkater at a Club activity of your choice. In addition, we all help out with 2 fundraising Bingo sessions per skater that are each 2 hours long. Our skaters aged 12-18 are required to work as volunteer Program Assistants for a minimum of one CanSkate session per week. Additional days of help are welcomed by our coaches. After the first 20 hours of help, our PAs are given credits for club expenses, or instead may choose to apply their hours to their Ontario High School Diploma volunteer requirements. Full details are found on our website.

In order to avoid extra charges or delay in your start date, be sure to fill in these additional forms available for download in the registration section of our website:

1. Program Assistant Application Form (for ages 12 and up)
2. Volunteer/Bingo Form (\$300 deposit cheque plus 2 x \$200 deposit cheques – 1 per each bingo – destroyed when hours completed)
3. Code of Conduct – sign and return

We are very excited to be offering online registration this year through Quickenrollment. Our website provides a link where you will be able to complete the entire registration process online including payment, if you choose to use a credit card. We will still accept cheques and/or cash after completing the registration form online, but we must receive payment in our club office before you will get notice that your registration has been accepted. Remember that skaters are not permitted entry to the ice surface before registration has been accepted by our office.

Remember that you must be registered for skating before taking to the ice, so it is important that you submit your registration, Code of Conduct, PA and Volunteer forms first, along with payment to the club.

In order to help you register, we are pleased to be hosting two registration days where we will have volunteers to help you, and answer questions: at the Pickering Town Centre: Friday, August 25th – 9:30 am to 9:00 pm & Saturday, August 26th – 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

The club office will also be open on the first day of skating, Tuesday, September 5th, from 6:30 -8:30 pm to accept forms and deposit cheques.

We look forward to seeing you on the ice!

Sincerely on behalf of our Club and our Volunteer Board of Directors,

Laura Weightman
SCPSC President