

August 11, 2023

Dear STARSkate Skaters, Parents and Guardians,



Skating resumes at the Pickering Skating Club on Tuesday, September 5, 2023!

The Pickering Skating Club is thrilled to welcome back past skaters and offer our invitation to new skaters! Our STARSkate program allows skaters to learn and develop skills and techniques in a fun and friendly way. We look forward to your participation in this year's events, including a proposed Ice Show on Saturday April 20, 2024. So, sharpen those skates, but check that they still fit first, and get ready for another great skating season! All session schedules, pricing and the annual calendar can be found on our website: www.pickeringskatingclub.ca

As our skating club is run entirely by volunteers, we also need **parents/guardians** to assist this season with **3 fundraising Bingo sessions per STARSkater**.

As well, **skaters aged 12-18** are required to **volunteer as Program Assistants (PAs)** for at least **one CanSkate or Preschool/Tot session per week**, for a minimum of 20 sessions over the entire season. Additional days of help are encouraged by our coaches. After the first 20 volunteer hours are completed, our PAs may be offered credits for club expenses, such as registration costs for next season. Alternatively, these hours may be applied to the skater's Ontario High School Diploma volunteer requirements. Full details are found on our website.

To avoid extra charges or delay in your start date, remember to complete these additional forms available for download in the registration section of our website:

1. **Program Assistant Application Form** (for ages 12 and up): **\$250 deposit cheque** is required with the completed form. The cheque will be cashed if the minimum commitment is not met.
2. **Volunteer/Bingo Form: 3 x \$200 deposit cheques** (1 per each bingo) are required with the completed form. Cheques are destroyed when hours are completed.
3. **Code of Conduct Form**: Signed and returned.

We will again be offering **online registration**. This year it will be with Power Up. Our **website provides a link where you will be able to complete the entire online registration process**, including payment if you choose to use a credit card. We will still accept cheques, debit, offline credit cards and/or cash in our office after completing the online registration. However, **payment must be received in our club office before your registration will be accepted**.

Skaters are not permitted entry on the ice surface before registration has been completed and accepted by our office. Please also submit the Program Assistant, Volunteer/Bingo and Code of Conduct forms prior to taking the ice this season.

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

We look forward to seeing you on the ice!

Sincerely,

SCPSC Volunteer Executive Board