



## Information for Intermediate Parents

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### About Intermediate...

- ❖ The Markham Skating Club's Intermediate session is a stepping stone from CanSkate into the Skate Canada Preliminary test level. Intermediate skaters finish Stage 6 & 7 badges and begin learning all disciplines of figure skating including dance, freeskate, and skills (see next bullet). While both a warm up and secondary group lesson are included in each 70 minute session, there is less structure than CanSkate and private lessons are highly recommended. Once a skater completes Stage 7 private lessons are mandatory. Please contact the Markham Skating Club Professional Coach of your choice early to receive additional information, arrange these lessons, and avoid potential disappointment. A complete list of MSC coaches can be found in the Registration Information on our website at [www.markhamskatingclub.com](http://www.markhamskatingclub.com)
- ❖ Your skater will now be learning a multitude of new skating exercises, and with that comes new terminology that you should become familiar with:
  - **SKATING SKILLS** – Movements executed on a pattern and set to music that helps skater's master basic fundamentals of skating: edge quality, control, power & speed.
  - **ICE DANCE** – Skaters work through a series of tests that teach timing, musicality, rhythm, edges, flow, control, and unison. Your skater will be performing their ice dance tests with a coach. There are 3-4 dances in each level of dance.
  - **FREE SKATING** – Consists of a program where your skater will execute jumps, spins, footwork, field movements, and stroking performed to music.
  - All of the various aspects of skating involve taking skating tests. These tests take place at club Test Days. If your child is to take a test, his/her coach will give them (or you) a test envelope indicating the test that he/she will take. There is a minimal fee for your child to take a test. Sessions may be adjusted on these days to accommodate some freeskate sessions and the test day. For a skating test, your skater must wear appropriate attire. Check with your coach to find out more about this. Low Test Days for 2009/2010 are: Wed. October 21<sup>st</sup> 2009, Wed. December 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 and Wed. March 10<sup>th</sup> 2010.

### Equipment

- ❖ At this level all skaters should skate in proper figure skating attire:
  - For girls – skating dress with tights, or skating pants and a sweater
  - For boys – pants that allow for easy movement and a sweater
  - For both – proper figure skates should be worn

### Important Dates

<b>September 2009</b>	September 9 <sup>th</sup> Fall/Winter Session begins
<b>October 2009</b>	Sat. October 10 <sup>th</sup> & Mon. October 12 <sup>th</sup> – Arena closed for Thanksgiving Wednesday October 21 <sup>st</sup> - Low Test Day Wednesday October 28 <sup>th</sup> - High Test Day Saturday October 31 <sup>st</sup> – No skating on Halloween
<b>December 2009</b>	Wednesday December 9 <sup>th</sup> – Low Test Day Wednesday December 16 <sup>th</sup> – High Test Day December 18 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of regular skating for the Christmas Break Saturday December 19 <sup>th</sup> – Annual “Skate with Santa” Party
<b>January 2010</b>	Monday January 4 <sup>th</sup> – First day back to skating for 2010!
<b>February 2010</b>	Monday February 15 <sup>th</sup> – Arena closed for Family Day
<b>March 2010</b>	Tuesday March 9 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of regular sessions Wednesday March 10 <sup>th</sup> – Low Test Day Thursday March 11 <sup>th</sup> – High Test Day Friday March 12 <sup>th</sup> – Mini-Olympics Saturday March 13 <sup>th</sup> – Club Competition Saturday March 13 <sup>th</sup> – Annual Awards Banquet Monday March 15 <sup>th</sup> – Ice Show Rehearsals Begin!

### A Note on Refunds

A fee of \$35.00 is charged for any membership cancellation prior to the start of skating.  
**There are no refunds, except for medical reasons. NO EXCEPTIONS. All refunds must be approved by the MSC Board of Executives.**

### Need a costume for a special event or production?

The MSC offers a costume rental service! Contact the “Loft” at 905-294-0673

### Communications

Please make sure that we have an email for you so that when possible we can send out information to you about upcoming events and other information about MSC.

#### **Other ways that we can communicate include:**

- ✓ Phone 905-472-6982, or email at [info@markhamskatingclub.com](mailto:info@markhamskatingclub.com).
- ✓ The MSC website: [www.markhamskatingclub.com](http://www.markhamskatingclub.com)
- ✓ The MSC Bulletin Board in the arena lobby