



2009/2010 FALL/WINTER INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 9TH 2009 TO MARCH 13TH 2010

Please take note of the information in this package & keep for your reference.

Welcome to the 45th Anniversary season of the Markham Skating Club. We look forward to another amazing and exciting Ice Show. We are also pleased to offer another new and exciting program this year. Our new Competition Training Program is dedicated to preparing our skaters for the rigors of competitions. A skater must be recommended to join this program by their private coach. We look forward to another successful year of skating! Please remember to visit us at www.markhamskatingclub.com!

MSC FUNDRAISING!!

We are very pleased to announce that in order to aid our Skating Families this year we have not increased our program fees, even though our costs have continued to rise. We are going to continue with our fundraising efforts by participating in the Skate Canada Promotional Draw in order to absorb the increased costs. This year upon Skate Canada's recommendation it is mandatory for each family to purchase a minimum of one book of tickets at a cost of \$40.00. This cost may be recovered by families upon the sale of the tickets. **Money raised will be used to improve programs, increase awareness of our programs and work to keep our program fees as low as possible.** Additional books of tickets will be available upon request. We appreciate your assistance and support in this endeavor.

REGISTRATION DATES:

August 25th, 26th, & 27th from 6:00pm-8:00pm
 August 29th from 9:00am-12:00pm
 September 1st, 2nd & 3rd from 6:00pm-8:00pm
 @ Markham Village Arena

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

Times and schedules may change for many reasons. Where and when possible, notices will be posted on the website, emailed to members and posted in the arena. Fairness and equity are considered when our schedule is created. Please consider all of the scheduled times and dates when choosing your skating schedule.



OUR PROGRAMS

KidSkate

Our KidSkate program is an introductory program taught by professional coaches. Geared to meet the needs of preschool children ages 3-5, this flexible program is designed to be an enjoyable time while learning the fundamentals of skating. KidSkate precedes the beginner skating program CanSkate, and lays the foundation for a pleasurable lifetime skill. ***Please Note: A photocopy of a birth certificate is required at registration. CSA helmets and skate guards are mandatory and must be worn at all times when not on the ice surface.***

CanSkate

CanSkate program, based on the Skate Canada's CanSkate guidelines is coordinated under the watchful eye of Rodolfo Guilherme. Rodolfo has planned a new exciting program with one of the lowest skater to coach ratios, to deliver a safe and stimulating environment for beginner skaters 5 years old and up. Badges are awarded as skaters master the fundamentals to prepare for success in more advanced Skate Canada programs. ***Please Note: Skaters must attend the program on the same day each week. No exceptions or substitutions. Skate guards are mandatory and must be worn at all times when not on the ice surface.***

Intermediate:

Qualification – Passed CanSkate Stage 5.

Senior:

Qualification – Passed any 2 Preliminary dances

Advanced:

Qualification – Passed 2 of the following 3: Preliminary Freeskate, Junior Bronze Dances, and Junior Bronze Skills.

Gold:

Qualifications – Passed 1 complete Gold test. Dance, Freeskate, Skills or Interpretive

Adult/Teen:

Our Adult/Teen Program offers an opportunity for adults & teens to learn to skate, improve basic skating skills or maintain more advanced skills.

Power:

A dynamic and motivating Power Skating Program aimed at building strong skating skills for new and experienced hockey players and teams.

Synchro:

Our Juvenile Synchronized Skating Team is for skaters at the Intermediate Level or above for the 2009-10 season. This program teaches the basics of synchro skating. **All Skaters must be registered and skate a minimum of two days per week in addition to this program.**

Competition Training:

This is a **NEW** program designed to prepare our skaters for the rigors of competitions. All skaters must be recommended by their private coach to register for this program and skate a minimum of two days per week in addition to this program. There will be no walk-ons allowed. Coaching fees are included. The participation in this program does not allow extra entitlement to Ice Show courts.

Alumni

Our Alumni membership is for former MSC Members with Senior qualifications who live out of town to work or / attend post-secondary school. Skaters can have up to a maximum of 6 guest passes.

Guest skating

This program is for skaters who are current Skate Canada Members, who skate in Intermediate or higher sessions. This program is not for testing purposes. Pre-registration and payment is required in full **prior** to the session skated, \$25 per session to a maximum of 6 sessions/year.



2009-2010 Weekly Schedule

All sessions are held at Markham Village Community Centre unless otherwise specified.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KidSkate	5:40-6:30			5:40-6:30 6:40-7:30	5:10-6:00	11:20-12:10 12:10-1:00
CanSkate	5:40-6:30			5:40-6:30 6:40-7:30	6:10-7:00	11:20-12:10 12:10-1:00
Intermediate	6:40-7:50	5:40-6:50	7:00-8:10			10:10-11:10
Senior	8:00-9:00	5:40-6:50	4:10-5:40	4:10-5:40		10:10-11:10
Advanced/Gold	4:10-5:30	4:10-5:30	5:50-6:50	7:40-9:00		
Adult			8:10-9:00			
Power		7:00-7:55 8:05-9:00			7:10-8:00	
Juvenile Synchro					4:10-5:00	
Competition Training						9:10-10:00

Fee Structure

	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
KidSkate	\$325	\$525	\$675	\$800	
CanSkate	\$470	\$735	\$890	\$1020	
Intermediate	\$580	\$880	\$1100	\$1325	
Senior		\$880	\$1100	\$1325	\$1555
Advanced/Gold		\$910	\$1210	\$1465	
Adult	\$500				
Power	\$500	\$900			
Synchro	\$550				
Alumni	\$125				
Competition Training	\$500				

Forms of Payment Accepted:

Cash: Must be paid in full at the time of registration

Cheque: Four installments available dated Sept 1st 2009, Oct 1st 2009, Nov 1st 2009, Dec 1st 2009

Visa or MasterCard: Two installments available due on September 1st 2009 & December 1st 2009

Registration cannot be confirmed until payment or arrangement is made in full. All skaters wishing to participate in private coaching, Skate Canada testing or competitions of any kind must be a "Member in Good Standing" (i.e. all fees paid in full) and have enrolled in an appropriate MSC program with at least the minimum required days of skating.

Discounts:

Family Discount: For families with two or more skaters at MSC, the second highest membership receives a 5% discount while the third & subsequent skaters receive a 10% discount.

Refunds: A fee of \$35 will be charged for any cancellations of membership prior to the start of skating. **There will be no refunds except for medical reasons as approved by the MSC Board of Executives. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

NSF Cheques / Returned payments

A fee of \$35 will be levied for any returned payments, which must be replaced with a certified cheque or other guaranteed form of payment. Replacement payment must be received within 14 days to continue the skaters' membership with MSC.



Program Assistants: MSC offers a wonderful opportunity for our skaters to assist the MSC coaches as Program Assistants for our KidSkate and CanSkate Programs. Skaters are eligible if they have obtained a minimum of their Preliminary Skills and are 11 years of age or over. High School students can put these volunteer hours towards Community Involvement requirements. To schedule your volunteer hours contact Line Benton 905-209-0839.

Annual Awards Banquet: The awards banquet held at the end of the Winter Season each year is a wonderful way to celebrate our skaters' accomplishments and enjoy a social evening with friends and family. This year's banquet is scheduled for March 13th, 2010.

Communication: Please provide MSC with an email address so that we can keep you up-to-date on current events and important announcements. If you do not have access to emails please be sure to check our website or the bulletin board in the lobby of Markham Village Arena.

Professional Coaches: We are very proud of our MSC professional coaches, who are dedicated and loyal athletes having over 150 years combined professional experience. As seasoned and successful skaters in their own right, they have the breadth of knowledge to take skaters from Learn to Skate to Advanced and Gold levels. Our coaches work hard to provide skaters of all ages and stages with a fun, safe and high-quality skating experience.

Michele Britten	905-640-8488
Darcy Guddat	905-294-2485
Don Godfrey	905-235-5716
Rodolfo Guilherme	416-318-8362
Tracey Jones	905-472-1679
Monique Mara	416-451-0686
Mackenzie Ralph	905-591-0046

Volunteer Executive Board Members

Sue Herdman	President / Coach Liaison
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Jennifer Ng	Secretary
Marisa Sylvester	Test Chair/ Ice Show Coordinator/ Social Coordinator
Line Benton	PA Coordinator
Nitsa Mangos	Fundraising/ Ice Show Coordinator/ Social Coordinator
Jennifer Nie	Registration Coordinator
Jackie Macdonald-Bartkiw	Power Skating Coordinator / Competition Coordinator
Kevin MacGilchrist	Property Manager
Bill Jennings	Skating Programs Coordinator
Dave Sylvester	Club Events Coordinator

Costume Rental "The Loft":

All costumes for our ice shows are available for rent through the Markham Skating Club rental business that helps subsidize future Ice Shows. Please call 905-294-0673

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