



Inclusive Skating with the Derrick Skating Club

The Derrick Skating Club (DSC) is proud to be able to offer inclusive skating to those with skaters with medical concerns, special needs and/or learning challenges. The DSC partners with the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nun Section who supports Inclusive Skating at the Club level. What this means to you as a family is that there is additional funding available to our Club to support your skater's needs on the ice.

The Process

- If you have a skater that has medical concerns, special needs, or learning challenges, we ask you to email our Club office to speak with our Office Manager. office@derrickskating.ca
- Our Office Manager will ask you for information on your skater's needs, diagnosis, and supports that are most effective. Based on the information provided, and in consultation with our Learn to Skate Coordinator, it will be determined what supports are needed for skating inclusion, as well as if we can provide the required supports to ensure both the health and safety of your skaters and their peers on the ice. Once it is determined that we can provide the appropriate support, a plan will be put into place.
- An application is then made by our Office Manager on your behalf to the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nun Section for the funds required to carry out the support plan. There is no additional cost to individual families.
- Supports may include simply awareness from coaches, an extra Program Assistant (PA), an extra coach, or even adaptive equipment. PA's are volunteer skaters who are a wonderful resource to our Learn to Skate program and our experienced PA's are amazing supports for our inclusive skaters.

Steps to Ensure Success

- We appreciate family involvement to promote the success of the skater. If any of the information provided initially on a skater's need changes, please notify the Office or the Learn to Skate Coordinator.
- The Learn to Skate Coordinator, or their Assistant, is available at the side of the Boards on every session. Communication is key on both sides. The skater's team coach will communicate with the parent regularly and as needed.
- When you arrive to the ice level on your first day of classes, please identify yourself and child to our Learn to Skate Coordinator. They will ensure that a proper introduction is done with the skater's team coach and the PA who will be working with your child. We ask you to do this with each new session as the coaches may not always be the same!
- If you register your skater for additional sessions, we ask that you reach out to our office via email **each** time. This ensures that the funding applications are done in a timely manner and that the appropriate supports are put into place prior to the first day of classes.
- It is a requirement in our Learn to Skate program that parents stay on-site for the duration of the program – please note that this is especially important for our Inclusive Skating families!

We look forward to skating with your child(ren) and working with you to make skating the best and most successful experience that it can be!