



important DATES to note

- **2022-2023 Season Starts** on Mon August 29. Note that August 29-31 are modified days! This means an altered schedule – see newsletter info.
- **No Ice on the Long Weekend** – Sat, Sun, & Mon Sept 3-5
- **Morning Ice, Off Ice, & On Ice Stroking/Group Dev't** start the week of Tues Sept 6.
- **Sept 30: Truth & Reconciliation Day** – NO afternoon/evening ice, only AM ice on Sept 30.
- **ALL ice and schedule updates are posted to Club Calendar on website!**

Welcome Back BBQ

SAVE the DATE: Sat Sept 17 from
4:00-8:00 pm
More details to come by email.

Club Handbook

A copy of our Club Handbook is attached for our IFSA & Figure Skating members. The Handbook is a great resource to learn more about figure skating and the Derrick Skating Club. It contains all the information you will need to ensure you have the most up to date DSC policies and operational information.

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Season

This is an exciting time of year, the beginning of a NEW Skating Season. Welcome back to all skaters, coaches, & parents as well as to all new members of the Club and coaching team. At the Derrick Skating Club (DSC), we continue to offer excellence and innovation in Skate Canada programming.

We are pleased to offer the following opportunities to meet the needs of skaters of all ages.

CanSkate (the Learn to Skate program)

Introduction to Figure Skating Academy (IFSA) - DSC's bridge program between CanSkate and STARSkate that introduces figure skating in a fun, progressive manner. **STARSkate** "Skills, Tests, Achievement, Rewards" offers opportunities for skaters of all ages to develop fundamental figure skating skills in the areas of ice dance, skating skills, free skate, & artistic skating.

Podium Pathway (formerly CompetitiveSkate) is for skaters who wish to challenge their figure skating skills & who show potential as competitive skaters. This program is for skaters in singles, pair and ice dance wishing to compete in qualifying events within Skate Canada.

Off-ice training is fundamental to all levels of skating. DSC offers movement fundamentals, fitness, yoga, jump technique, & dance classes. Additionally, our off ice harness has been re-installed at confederation arena.

Our Coaching Team brings expertise in singles, dance, & pair skating. Additionally, there is experience in use of the supplemental training tools including the off-ice stationary harness, the on-ice harnesses, and motion analysis applications.

Information sessions and parent huddles will continue and provide opportunities for parents to learn more about the program their skater is involved in. Seminars, special events, & special guests are scheduled during the skating season. Through our Skating Club partnership, we will expand our opportunities for skating development. There are many opportunities for DSC skaters to be assessed & attend competitions.

Watch your emails, check the website, & read this newsletter for information. We look forward to another great year of skating.

~ Valerie Ure, Skating Professional

Modified Start Up Days (all ice at Confed)

<u>Monday Aug 29</u>	<u>Tuesday Aug 30</u>	<u>Wednesday Aug 31</u>
2:15-3:15pm - M1/M2	2:15-3:30pm - T3	2:15-3:30pm - W1/W2
3:15-4:00pm - M3/M4	3:45-4:45pm - T4	3:45-4:45pm - W3
4:00-4:45pm - M5	5:00-5:45pm - T5	5:00-5:45pm - W6/W6a
5:00-5:45pm - M6	5:45-6:30pm - T6	5:45-6:30pm - W4
5:45-6:30pm - M7	6:30-7:15pm - T7	6:30-7:15pm - W5
6:30-7:15pm - M8		

Fall 2022 Program Assistant (PA) Training

Mandatory PA training is on **Thurs September 8 (Kinsmen, Arena B)**

PA Training will run from 6:00-7:45 pm with pizza to follow (if your skater has any allergy concerns, contact the office). Parent Meeting will run from 7:30-8:00 pm. We ask that one parent for every PA attend the parent meeting to help facilitate information sharing and questions.

If your skater is interested in PA'ing this Fall and you have not yet reached out, contact coach Kennedi ASAP.

If your skater is new to PA'ing and interested in joining the PA Team – they must be 10 years of age and passed a minimum of one Star 3 assessment. Reach out to coach Kennedi to discuss. LTSCoordinator@derrickskating.ca

Upcoming B I N G O Next Bingo: Thurs September 15, 2022

4:30 pm to midnight @ Parkway Bingo: 8775-51 Ave

Working bingos earn DSC families valuable ice credits to offset their ice fees! Workers must arrive on time for shifts. Shifts are filled on a first come, first served basis. **The next bingo is on Mon October 10 (Thanksgiving) and sign up will start on Fri Sept 16 at 10:00 am.** Bingo shifts can ONLY be signed up for from your Uplifter Account. From the website, click "registration", scroll down & click the tab "Add Volunteer Position".

Q's about Bingos? Please email Helen, DSC Fundraising Coordinator: fundraising@derrickskating.ca

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS

Monthly PROMOTIONS for Fundscrip Gift cards means the DSC earns more money back from members gift card purchases!

What are Fundsrip Gift Cards? They are the easiest way for members to spend money in the same ways they already do and support the Derrick Skating Club. **Do you buy groceries, gas, coffee, and birthday gifts?** You can get all these as gift cards!

Plan ahead and get into a routine of purchasing your gift cards in advance makes a HUGE difference to the Club and in turn, your skater! There are hundreds of stores and retailers to choose from.

If you buy \$200 to Superstore, \$100 to Esso, & \$25 to Starbucks – you just earned \$11.25 for the Club! 2-10% of the total gift card value is donated to our Club. **We encourage ALL members to consider supporting the Club through these gift cards.**

The QuickStart GUIDE on the Fundraising & Bingo tab of the website (under About Us) will help you set up your account and begin purchasing your gift cards right away!

Website: <https://www.fundscrip.com/login> ; Invitation Code: **YSJZWD**

Name: **Derrick Skating Club Ice Fee Reduction Fund**

EFT forms are available on the Fundscrip website. **We respectfully ask that Fundscrip Gift Cards are purchased by EFT (direct debit) funds ONLY** Please do not use credit cards to make your purchase or the Club is deducted the 1.99% processing fee.

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