

Welcome Letter 2023-2024

Welcome to the Wallaceburg Skating Club. We are thrilled to be kicking off our 2023-2024 skating season! As we start a new season, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning skaters and take this time to share some important information.

Information about the Wallaceburg Skating Club

- We are a non-profit organization – all funds raised from registration or fundraising events go back into the club to pay for ice time, coaching fees, equipment/costumes, and other club related expenses.
- Our club is run by volunteers. This dedicated Executive team, along with our coaches work hard to provide quality programming and an environment that fosters growth and development for our skaters.
- Without the commitment of our volunteers, we would not be able to offer our programs. We are always looking for parents to join our board or volunteer to help with club activities. If you are interested, reach out to any of our Executive Board members. A list of our Executive members can be found [here](#).

Communication / Contacting Us

- The best form of communication to reach an Executive member is via email (wallaceburgskatingclub@gmail.com). Please remember that we are a volunteer organization and will do our best to respond to inquiries as quickly as possible.
- A monthly newsletter will be available to all families which will cover important dates, events, program information and a list of children who successfully completed a stage in their program.
- Key information will also be available on our [club website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Please visit these sites often so you can keep up to date with everything that is going on throughout the season.
- We try to have a board member or volunteer at the table in the lobby to answer questions during the skating sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
- Each child will have a folder at the lobby table where they can find newsletters and certificates and/or ribbons if they complete a stage in their program. Please check the folder regularly for updates.

Program Information

- An overview of our programs can be found under the ‘**Program Information**’ section of our [club website](#).
- Our program schedule for the season is as follows:

	Tuesday	Thursday
CanSkate	6:05-6:50 pm	5:45-6:30 pm
StarSkate Junior	5:20-6:05 pm	5:00-5:45 pm
StarSkate Senior	4:30-5:45 pm	6:30-7:20 pm
Adult Program		6:30-7:20 pm

CanSkate: What to expect your 1st night of CanSkate (New and returning CanSkaters)

- Please arrive 10-15 minutes ahead of your child’s ice time to ensure you have ample time to get them dressed.
- Stop by the lobby table to pick up a name tag for your child. We encourage all children to wear their name tags on the ice to help the coaches and program assistants (PAs) as they assist the children.

- There will be a dressing room schedule posted on the wall as you enter the rink – be sure to look for your child’s program before heading to the dressing room. (Please remember to check the schedule each week – dressing rooms could change due to other events before or after our ice times)
- Coaches and PAs will be on the ice greeting children for their 1st exciting night of skating!

NOTE: All children in CanSkate are required to wear a CSA approved hockey helmet. We recommend that skaters have a cage on their helmet. Additional suggested equipment and attire for CanSkate can be found [here](#).

Reminders for on and off the ice

- Arrive on time for your program
- Skates are to be put on in the dressing rooms
- No running through the lobby or other common areas of the arena
- Ensure skates are sharpened on a regular basis
- Hair should be tied back away from face
- Wear attire that is warm and easy to move in (i.e., no jeans, long scarves, etc.)
- Mitts or gloves are permitted
- Skaters should get up promptly after a fall and not lay on the ice
- Skaters who are in a lesson or performing their program, dance or skills to music have right of way

Volunteering / Fundraising

- Like many other group sports, registration fees do not always cover the basic costs of running a club. As a result, we will offer several fundraising activities over the season to help offset costs.
- As part of the registration fee, each family is required to provide a \$100 volunteer cheque at the commencement of the season. Cheques should be dropped off at the lobby table the first week of skating.
- Families will have the option to volunteer and/or fundraise to offset the \$100 volunteer fee.
- The Executive team will post a list of volunteer and fundraising activities on our [club website](#) and [Facebook page](#) once finalized. Families will be able to sign up for the various activities once posted.

Program Questions / Concerns

- If you have any questions or concerns related to our programming, please engage one of our Coaches directly.
- Alternatively, you can also reach out to a board member.

To our returning skaters, we are happy to welcome you back and for those joining us for the first time, we can’t wait to get to know you. We wish the skaters all the best this upcoming season. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Our Coaches and Executive team