



Welcome back for another year of fun and learning with the Stratford Skating Club and NSSA Inc. We are Stratford's learn-to-skate headquarters.

### **Learn-To-Skate Programs - Preschool (ages 3-4) and CANSkate (5 and older)**

**Preschool Programs** are designed for children aged 3-4. **CANSkate Programs** are designed for children 5 and older. **Adult CANSkate** is offered in conjunction with the evening CANSkate sessions. Skate Canada's flagship program is one of the most sought after learn to skate programs in the world. CANSkate was developed by experts to teach the fundamentals of skating in a progressive and sequential manner. Designed for beginners of all ages, the focus is on fun, participation and basic skill development. Skaters are taught in a group lesson format by National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) certified professional coaches, assisted by trained Program Assistants.

**\*\*\*CSA CERTIFIED HOCKEY HELMETS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL PRESCHOOL AND CANSKATE PARTICIPANTS. BIKE HELMETS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE\*\*\***

### **Figure Skating Levels**

In Figure Skating, skaters are provided the opportunity to further develop their figure skating skills by participating in Dance, Skills and Free Skate sessions. These sessions are organized with small group and semi-private lessons for Intro. to Figure Skating, and private or semi-private lessons in Intermediate and Senior. The sessions are structured so that skaters have some time with a certified NCCP coach, some group skating time focused on stroking and edges and some time for self-practice. Registration in these programs is a minimum of twice/week. Participants start the season in **September**, prior to the Preschool/CANSkate participants starting their season. Registration fees cover ice time, coaching fees are billed bi-weekly by the coaches.

For further information about our figure skating sessions and coaching costs associated with these programs, please call Kevin at 519-275-2379.

**All SSC/NSSA Tuesday and Thursday sessions are held at the William Allman Arena.**

**Monday morning sessions will take place at the Stratford Rotary Complex.**

**All Memberships will be registered through Stratford Skating Club.**

### **Skates for All Preschool Skaters**

A pair of skates is all it takes, and now we can help supply the skates. The SSC/NSSA is pleased to partner with the Figure Skating Boutique once again this year to help out our Preschool membership. All Preschool skaters (*three and four year olds*), with NSSA, will be able to use a pair of figure skates or hockey skates provided by The Figure Skating Boutique for the entire session for free, (**while supplies last**). These skates are yours to use for the duration of the skating season. *The skates will need to be returned to NSSA after your final skating day of the session.* Skates will be distributed in August and September. Please watch our website and Facebook page for distribution dates. All Preschool skaters registered prior to the first distribution day, will be contacted with the date and time for them to come and pick up skates. Please note, all skates are to be sharpened by the NSSA only. Skates are not to be taken to be sharpened by any other sharpening store.

### **Voluntary Fundraising Campigns—No More Mandatory Fundraising!**

The SSC/NSSA will be holding a couple 'voluntary Elmira Poultry campaigns' during the season. We will offer one campaign in the fall and one in the winter. All help with these voluntary fundraisers is greatly appreciated.

### **Earn Part of Your Registration Fee Back!**

The SSC/NSSA relies on fundraising to keep costs manageable for its members. We also would like to help our membership with their fees as much as possible. This year we will be holding our fourth annual '28 Days on the Edge' raffle through February 2020. All skating families will have the option of picking up ticket books to sell to the public.

Tickets will be in books of 5. Each ticket costs \$10. All Preschool and Canskate families will be able to keep the first \$50 ( 1 book of 5) as a way to help subsidize their own skating costs. Intro, Intermediate and Senior skaters will be able to keep the first \$100 ( 2 books of 5) as a way to help subsidize their skating costs. We appreciate your help with our ticket sales. *Additional books will be available to sell for those that would like extra. All extra books of tickets must be paid for to the SSC at a fee of \$50 per book.*

### **Refund Policy**

- No refunds will be given after October 4<sup>th</sup> for Figure Skating programs, Nov. 1 for learn to skate first session programs and Jan. 31 for learn to skate second session programs without supporting Medical documentation.
- Refunds will be subject to an administration fee and a fee for the sessions that took place prior to the Doctors note being received. All requests for refunds must be submitted to NSSA in writing. Refunds will only be given automatically to Preschool members on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> skating week.
- There will be a \$35 charge levied on each N.S.F. cheque or stopped payment cheque returned.

### **Members in Arrears Policy**

- If a member has an NSF with the NSSA, the member will be contacted immediately and an arrangement to replace this NSF amount will be put into place (subject to the Administrations discretion). If this arrangement is not put in place, the skater(s) will not be able to continue in their program(s) until the NSF amount is paid in full.
- If a member has two NSF cheques within one fiscal year, the member will be required to make future payments with a certified cheque, money order, or cash.

### **Movement Within the Club/Academy**

- If the coaching staff assess a skater as ready to move onto a new level within the organization, the coaches will speak with the parents about this possibility. If acceptable, **the difference in fees between the levels must be paid in full prior to moving onto the new level.**

### **Payment Options**

The NSSA/SSC understands the financial reality of everyday life. We strive to make skating affordable and therefore our Academy offers financial flexibility. Session fees for Preschool and Canskate programs can be divided into THREE payments. For our figure skating programs, the fees can be divided into FIVE payments. ***We require full payment or all post-dated cheques at the time of registration.*** This is outlined on the registration form.

### **Please Note**

*At no time are parents/guardians or baby-sitters permitted on the ice, due to insurance coverage.*  
85% of Club/Academy expenses for the season are for ice costs with the City of Stratford.

**Full Program for Preschool and Canskate runs October 15, 2019 – Mar. 26, 2020**  
**Preschool and Canskate first 11 week session runs October 15 – December 19, 2019**  
**Preschool and Canskate second 12 week session runs January 7 – March 26, 2020**

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