



# Skaters Pick

RECREATIONAL — WINTER 2012

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## NEWS

A reminder to our membership and families that our club is a non-profit organization and is largely run by volunteers.

### SPRING 2012

All our Winter programs are currently full and no longer taking any more registrations. Our Spring programs will begin April 23, 2012 for 7 weeks. Remember to register early, to avoid disappointment

### TAX RECEIPT

All programs in the Fall/Winter season qualify for the Child Fitness Tax Credit. Tax Receipts are available through the Skate Canada Website provided you have the skaters Skate Canada number. If you are unable to login to the Members Only page, or you notice any spelling errors, please come into the office so we can make any necessary changes.

1. Skate Canada Website : [www.SkateCanada.ca](http://www.SkateCanada.ca)
2. Once in the Skate Canada site go to the far right of the menu & choose/click on "Members Only" (a new window will appear)
3. Enter your Login User ID – this is the skater's Skate Canada Membership Number (from the Skate Canada Membership card)
4. Enter your password – this is your skater's

last name. (unless you have changed it previously)

5. Click on the "Log In" button
6. Once logged in, there is a side menu—Click on "Personal Profile"
7. Another (side) menu will appear. –highlight and click on "Child Tax Credit Receipt"
8. A listing of receipts will come up and you can click on "Print" or "Reprint" beside the session you wish to print.

If you are unable to print your own receipts, the office will print them for you UPON REQUEST—Allow 1—2 weeks for preparation after request. No tax receipts will be mailed unless a self-addressed envelope is provided to the club.

### ARENA CLOSURES

Arena closures are governed by The City of Hamilton's Culture and Recreation department. These circumstances are beyond our control and we thank you for your patience and understanding. The Hamilton Skating Club will update our voicemail indicating any closures and will attempt to post an update on our website as soon as it is known (example: due to winter storms, etc.). Please also listen to/watch the local radio / TV stations for any closures.

## NEWS CONT...



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 9/12  
**Back from Christmas Break**
- Mid-Feb  
**Spring Session Registration begins**
- Feb 20/12  
**NO SKATING—Family Day**
- Mar 9/12  
**Winter Session Ends**

Use your SmartPhone to scan the QR Code to quickly access our Website or Facebook

#### HSC Website

[www.hamiltonskating.org](http://www.hamiltonskating.org)

#### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/HamiltonSkatingClub](http://www.facebook.com/HamiltonSkatingClub)



### PLAY, LIVE, TOBACCO FREE

The Hamilton Skating Club has adopted a tobacco-free guideline in the Spring of 2011.

We recognize that there is ample research demonstrating the health hazards caused by the use of tobacco products, including smoking, smokeless tobacco and breathing second-hand smoke, and understand our responsibility to the participants of our program to model and promote tobacco-free lifestyles.

We stress to skaters, coaches, officials, parents, spectators, and all others involved, the importance of maintaining a tobacco-free environment while working with young people.

HSC has made the guideline visible using various messages, including logos, banners and encouraging coaches and members to promote active, healthy, tobacco-free lifestyles.

All skating activities, competitions, events, and other performances held at by HSC will be tobacco-free. Tobacco free means no smoking by skaters, coaches/leaders, parents, spectators, and officials on the premises.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The City of Hamilton passed By-Law 11-080 on March 9, 2011. This is a By-law To Prohibit Smoking within City Parks and Recreation Properties which goes into effect May 31, 2012. More information is available at [www.myhamilton.ca](http://www.myhamilton.ca) under Government, City of Hamilton, under "bylaws".



## SAFETY GUIDELINES

### PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD OFF THE ICE UNTIL THE COACHES TELL THEM TO GO ON THE ICE.

Please ensure that your child remains OFF the ice and on the side until the Coaches indicate they are allowed on. This includes no sitting at the edge of the ice.

It is **DANGEROUS** to allow children on the ice before the higher level skaters have finished their session and have left the ice. Skaters are also not permitted on the ice without coaches being present due to insurance reasons.

### Please keep All Other Children OFF the ice (who are not skating)

Please keep all other children off the ice & away from the edge as boots/debris damage the ice surface. Ensure children are supervised by adults and not wandering around on their own while siblings/friends are on ice. It is also dangerous as a skater can fall and possibly injure any children close to the edge of the ice.

### CONGESTION AROUND THE ICE AND DOORWAYS

Please help reduce the high level of congestion around the ice area as it is a safety concern. Please allow skaters coming off the ice to collect their belongings on / around the bench areas safely and to return to the arena hallways.

To ensure the safety and courtesy for ALL skaters coming on/off ice, please do not crowd the doors / areas beside the ice and allow a path from the ice to all doorways. This includes doorways exiting the arena.

It would be appreciated if only 1 parent / guardian for younger skaters requiring assistance is waiting with them beside the ice and others remain in the hallways until the skaters on the previous session have cleared the area.

### FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY (PRE-TEST OR HIGHER)

For Safety Reasons – this is a reminder that Flash Photography is not permitted on PreTest sessions OR higher as it may distract skaters and/or startle them when they need to be concentrating.

### SKATE GUARDS

All skaters should have skate guards – either the hard plastic ones or soft guards, labeled with your name. These should be readily available for use in case of evacuation of the arena for a fire alarm or loss of power.

Thank you for your co-operation,

The Hamilton Skating Club

## FUNDRAISING

### ON-GOING FUNDRAISING

We have numerous on-going fundraising activities which include \$2.00 per bag of Kernal's Popcorn.

### FEES: NSF, Tax Receipt Replacements, and Session Changes

Please note that there will be charges of the following:

\$10.00 for changes in registration for sessions once the skating sessions begin

\$10.00 for re-issue of tax receipts

\$40.00 (subject to change) for NSF cheques (to cover our bank charges) as a result you may be converted to "cash only" for future registrations

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are always welcome – no skating experience needed. Please speak to Brenda Bradica, one of the members of the Board of Directors, drop us a note in the office or send us an e-mail to tell us how you might be able to help.

## HAMILTON SKATING CLUB

### WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for Web Page sponsors.

\$100.00 12 Month Sponsorship

\$60.00 6 Month Sponsorship

Please see Brenda in the office if you would like to support the Hamilton Skating Club.

## LOST AND FOUND

The Hamilton Skating Club has a Lost and Found that is located in the office hallway. The arena also has its' own Lost and Found and it is found in the hallway across from the snack bar.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER ?

If you have any suggestions for our Newsletter, please email [hamiltonskating.publicity@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonskating.publicity@gmail.com) or Drop off a note in our mailbox.