



Skaters Pick

RECREATIONAL — FALL 2013

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NEWS

ARENA CLOSURES (ie. Weather related)

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.

LOST AND FOUND

The arena has its' own Lost and Found and it is found in the hallway across from the snack bar.

DATES TO REMEMBER



- Dec 22/13—Jan 5/14
NO SKATING—Christmas Break
- Mid-Feb (Approx)
Spring Session Registration begins
- Feb 17/14
NO SKATING—Family Day
- Mar 8/14
Winter Session Ends
- Mar / 14 (Sunday evenings)
HSC Carnival Practices
- Apr 4/14
HSC Carnival Dress Rehearsal
- Apr 5/14
HSC Carnival

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

RECREATIONAL SESSIONS

HSC is pleased to say that many of our recreational programs at Mountain Arena are now full. There is limited availability on our other sessions –please see the office for availability. We also have Satellite locations to choose from for many of these programs at Stoney Creek Arena, Saltfleet Arena and Valley Park Arena.

DRESS SKATERS APPROPRIATELY

Please ensure all skaters are dressed appropriately –especially as the winter begins, skaters should be dressed warmly with water resistant mitts and splash-pants / snowpants which still allows them to move around on the ice.

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CARNIVAL 2014

HSC is pleased to announce that we will be holding a Carnival (Ice Show) for all our skaters (Mountain Arena) in Spring 2014. We are still working on the specifics, and will announce more details in November 2013.

Registration

There will be a registration process for this and Carnival Fee which will cover costumes. Forms will be available shortly.

Ticket Information

Ticket information will be made available approx. Jan 2014.

Volunteers

We will need many volunteers including on the show date(s). Watch for how you can join the team to make this a great show!

SAFETY REMINDERS

Skate Canada Helmet Policy

Skate Canada has mandated that all skaters working on Badge 5 or under are required to wear a CSA approved hockey helmet while on the ice due to insurance reasons. This policy is enforced during all skating activities including competitions, carnival days or any other special on ice activities throughout the season for this level of skater

This includes any skaters who have not completed their Badge 5 who are in CanSkate / GroupSTAR.

See last page for more details.



CHILD FITNESS TAX CREDIT

All programs in the Fall/Winter season qualify for the Child Fitness Tax Credit. The receipts will be made available sometime in February ON-LINE to the payee UPON REQUEST. For any printed copies from HSC office –Allow 1—2 weeks for preparation after request. No tax receipts will be mailed unless a self-addressed envelope is provided to the club.

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 (GROUPSTAR OR HIGHER)

For Safety Reasons – this is a reminder that Flash Photography is not permitted on GroupSTAR 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 Kernals 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 the office or 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 the office if you would like to support the Hamilton Skating Club.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER ?

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