

# Skalers Pick

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## RECREATIONAL — STARSKATE/COMPETITIVE 2013

## **NEWS**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 14/13 NO SKATING—Thanksgiving
- Dec 22/13—Jan 5/14
   NO SKATING—Christmas
- Mid-Feb (Approx)
   Spring Session Registration begins
- Feb 17/14 NO SKATING—Family Day
- Mar 8/14
  Winter Session Ends
- Mar / 14 (TBD)
  HSC Carnival Practices
- April (TBD)
   HSC Carnival

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

#### 2013—2014 Board of Directors

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## **FUNDRAISING**

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

#### Ontario Skaters' Promotional Contest Booklet

Ontario Skaters' Promotional Contest Booklets will be ready to be picked up shortly (it was paid as part of your registration).

The club earns \$22 per booklet and \$18 goes back to the Western Ontario Section use in Bursaries, Regions etc.

\*\* If you wish to sell more than one booklet, please see the office. (\$40 per booklet \*must be paid at time of pickup of any additional booklets)

#### Montana's

How can you participate? It's very easy -just eat your way through it at the Upper James OR Ancaster Montana's Cookhouse - the club will get 10% back on all purchases that will be put towards HSC.

Just tell your server that you are part of the Hamilton Skating Club community when you are ordering. When you receive your receipt, just put in the pigeon hole labeled Hamilton Skating Club at the front of the restaurant. Family members & friends may also participate and contribute their spending!

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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.

#### **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!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to all skaters who have competed already this season. Many of our skaters have medaled already!

Congratulations to Maysie Poliziani for being selected to participate in the Ontario High Performance Sport Initiative (OHPSI) for 2013-14 (monitoring and fitness testing). Maysie was selected as 1 of 19 skaters in Ontario having been identified as having the potential of achieving international success.

Congratulations to Alistair Lam for being selected as 1 of 33 skaters for the Skate Ontario Hot Shots Team. Close to 100 skaters (girls 7-10 yrs; boys 8-12yrs & must have competed in a summer competition) were assessed on movement to music, ballet, jumping (on & off-ice), spinning, stroking, turns and edges.

HSC Website: <a href="www.hamiltonskating.org">www.hamiltonskating.org</a> Facebook: <a href="www.hamiltonSkatingClub">www.facebook.com/HamiltonSkatingClub</a> Twitter: <a href="www.hamiltonskating.org">@HamiltonSkatingClub</a> Twitter: <a href="www.hamiltonskating.org">@HamiltonSkatingClub</a> Twitter: <a href="www.hamiltonskating.org">@HamiltonSkating.org</a>

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## **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.

#### **COMPETITION RESULTS—Out of Club Skaters**

Attention Out of Club Skaters - If you wish to be included in any Competition Results Listings, please email the following to HSC.Publicity@HamiltonSkating.Org (all details must be provided to be included in results listing): Skater's Name, Home Club, Competition Category (ie. STARSkate Junior Bronze, WO PrePrelim, etc.), Specific competitions attending .

We would like to celebrate results of all skaters who train with us. Please help our volunteers gather information so that we don't miss anyone.

#### HAMILTON SKATING CLUB CLOTHING

#### **LULULEMON JACKETS**

This is a great accessory for the upcoming Fall/Winter Season and for representing the Hamilton Skating Club at competitions. We will be providing more information on how to order your Lululemon jackets in the Fall.

### 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.

### **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

#### 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.

You are permitted to photograph / video your own skater unless you have permission from the skaters' parent/guardian.

#### **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.

## 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 <a href="mailtonskating.publicity@gmail.com">hamiltonskating.publicity@gmail.com</a> or Drop off a note in our mailbox.