



### important **DATES** to note

- **Kick Off Week (Mon-Thurs Aug 28-31)** – Ice is at Southside Arena (10525-72 Avenue). No off ice or group programs during kick-off week. **Modified schedule attached!**
- **NO Ice** – Friday Sept 1 to Monday Sept 4, 2023. Enjoy the long weekend!
- **Tuesday September 5** – ALL Group programs and off ice begin as per the schedule.
- Minor time adjustments to be noted on the Monday off ice dance & Friday off ice yoga classes. Updated schedules on the website.

#### **CONFED Maintenance Delay** (see information below)

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The re-opening of Confed has been delayed (regular maintenance was scheduled from July 31-Sept 1).

**As a result – ALL Confed ice will be moved to Crestwood Arena** (9940-147 Street NW) **from Tues Sept 5- Thurs Sept 14 as per your regular ice schedules.**

We are scheduled to be back on Confed ice starting on Fri Sept 15. **NO changes to Meadows or Kinsmen ice locations.**

#### **Personal Info Update**

Please ensure that your contact information on your account is up to date – mailing address, email, phone numbers, etc. All members should have a current cell phone number on their account also for emergency access. It has been noted that many members have incorrect or dated information.

## Welcome to the 2023-2024 Skating Season

It is an exciting time of year! **Welcome back to all skaters, coaches, and parents as well as to the new members** of our Club & coaching team. At the Derrick Skating Club (DSC), we continue to offer excellence and innovation in Skate Canada programming. We are pleased to offer the following opportunities to meet the needs of skaters of all ages and abilities.

**CanSkate** (the learn to skate program)

**Introduction to Figure Skating Academy (IFSA)** - DSC's bridge program into STARSkate at the Star 1 level. Figure skating skills from the STARSkate program are introduced in a group format in a fun, progressive manner.

**STARSkate** - "Skills, Tests, Achievement, Rewards" offers opportunities for skaters of all ages to develop fundamental figure skating skills in the areas of ice dance, skating skills, free skate and interpretive skating.

**Podium Pathway** (formerly CompetitiveSkate) - for skaters who wish to challenge their figure skating skills and who show potential as competitive skaters. This program is for skaters in singles, pairs, and ice dance wishing to compete in qualifying events within Skate Canada.

**Off-ice training** is fundamental to all levels of skating and is mandatory for all skaters. DSC offers movement fundamentals, sport performance and conditioning, yoga, jump technique, and dance classes. An off ice stationary harness is installed at Confed arena.

Our coaching team brings expertise in singles, dance and pair skating. Additionally, there is experience in use of the supplemental training tools including the off-ice stationary harness, the on-ice harnesses, and motion analysis applications.

Information sessions and parent huddles will continue and provide opportunities for parents to learn more about the program their skater is involved in. Seminars, special events and special guests are scheduled during the skating season. Through our skating club partnership, we have expanded our opportunities for skating development. There are many opportunities for DSC skaters to be assessed and attend competitions.

Watch your email, website and newsletter for information.

We look forward to another great year of skating.

~ Valerie Ure, Skating Professional

### **Fall 2023 Program Assistants (PA's)**

Program Assistants (PA's) are an integral part of our Learn to Skate Program.

This PA training is mandatory for all returning and new PA's –so please **save the date: Thurs September 7 (Kinsmen, Arena B) – 5:15-7:30 pm**

Program Assistants will receive training, compensation through gift cards or ice credits, and a year-end appreciation gifts.

**If your skater is interested in PA'ing this Fall and you have not reached out, please contact coach Fiona ASAP.**

**If your skater is new to PA'ing** and is interested in joining the PA Team –they must be 10 years of age and passed a minimum of one Star 3 assessment.

Please reach out to coach Fiona to express your interest.

[LTSCoordinator@derrickskating.ca](mailto:LTSCoordinator@derrickskating.ca)

### **Upcoming B I N G O** @ Parkway Bingo: 8775-51 Ave

Next Bingo: Wed August 9 (4:30 pm-midnight)

Working bingos earn DSC families valuable ice credits to offset their ice fees! Workers must arrive on time for shifts. Shifts are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Sign up the Thursday Sept 21 bingo will start on Monday August 28 at 10:00 am. Bingo shifts can ONLY be signed up for through Uplifter. From DSC website, click "registration", scroll down & click "Add Volunteer Position".

**\*Please note the fair access to bingos based on skater sessions that each family can sign up for listed in the Skater Handbook (or email the office for details).**

Q's about Bingos? Please email Helen, DSC Fundraising Coordinator: [fundraising@derrickskating.ca](mailto:fundraising@derrickskating.ca)

### **FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS**

Monthly PROMOTIONS for Fundscrip Gift cards means the DSC earns more money back from members gift card purchases!

**What are Fundsrip Gift Cards?** They are the easiest way for members to spend money in the same ways they already do and support the Derrick Skating Club. **Do you buy groceries, gas, coffee, and birthday gifts?** You can get all these as gift cards!

Plan ahead and get into a routine of purchasing your gift cards in advance makes a HUGE difference to the Club and in turn, your skater! There are hundreds of stores and retailers to choose from.

If you buy \$200 to Superstore, \$100 to Esso, & \$25 to Starbucks – you just earned \$11.25 for the Club! 2-10% of the total gift card value is donated to our Club. **We encourage ALL members to consider supporting the Club through these gift cards.**

The QuickStart GUIDE on the Fundraising & Bingo tab of the website (under About Us) will help you set up your account and begin purchasing your gift cards right away!

Website: <https://www.fundscrip.com/login> ; Invitation Code: **YSJZWD**

Name: **Derrick Skating Club Ice Fee Reduction Fund**

EFT forms are available on the Fundscrip website. **We respectfully ask that Fundscrip Gift Cards are purchased by EFT (direct debit) funds ONLY** – Please do not use credit cards to make your purchase or the Club is deducted the 1.99% processing fee.

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