



### important **DATES** to note

- **Sat/Sun October 7 & 8 (Thanksgiving weekend)** – Regular programs and off ice on Saturday/Sunday.
- **Mon October 9 (Thanksgiving Monday)** – No on ice programs or off ice. Enjoy your Monday off!
- **Fri October 20** – Sectionals Simulations, Terwillegar, 9:30-12:30 pm for Sectionals skaters. Information will be circulated through your coaches.
- **Tues October 31 (Halloween)** – Regular programs for T1 through to T5 skaters. T6 & T7 sessions are cancelled. No off ice on October 31.

#### **CONFED is BACK!**

A shout out & thank you to our IFSA and Figure Skating programs for your patience and dedication to making sure your skaters got to the displaced arena locations through September. Although we are not able to control the maintenance delays of the City – we appreciate everyone’s extra efforts.

### **Program Assistant of the Month**

This month, we give a shout out to **Catherine Rhodes** and **Cameron Muir** as our Program Assistants of the month for September. Both Catherine and Cameron have demonstrated leadership with our PA team and have been fantastic supports to our coaches, going above and beyond on their sessions to help. These PA’s demonstrate their love of skating when supporting our young skaters on the ice each time they PA. Thank you, Catherine & Cameron. Please see Cindy in the office for your gift card prize!  
~ DSC Coaching Team

#### **Halloween Dress Up Days**

Celebrating Halloween is fun for our skaters. Halloween dress up days for skaters will be on Saturday October 28 & Sunday October 29. Please remember that masks are not permitted, costumes cannot drag on the ice (longer costumes must be pinned up), and skaters must continue to wear their helmets and headbands regardless of costume.

#### **Office Closure**

Please note that our office will be closed on the Thanksgiving weekend, so there will be a delay in email responses from October 7-9. All emails will be responded to after the long weekend!

#### **Dressing Rooms**

A reminder to all skater to check the arena display boards when you enter the arena to ensure you are using the correct dressing room for your ice time. Correct use of the dressing rooms ensures that we have the appropriate dressing rooms available for the user groups who follow us. **Using incorrect dressing room can mean your items may be moved and misplaced!**

#### **Volunteer Club Shifts**

A reminder there are a few Club volunteer shifts on the registration page that are open. All members are required to complete ONE Club shift/family during the season! Competition volunteer shift information will come out in late February – but save March 15-17, 2024 in your calendar.

### **Off Ice Programming**

Please be reminded that **off ice programming is MANDATORY for all levels of skaters**. The work that is done in off ice helps support the skater’s development and works on fitness, physical literacy, movement, and techniques that transfer to their on ice development. **Please ensure that your skaters attend their off ice as scheduled!**

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

Next Bingos: **Mon October 2 (10:30-3:30 pm) & Sun Nov 26 (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 for the Sun Nov 26 Bingo will start on **Wednesday November 1 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 Fundscrip 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**

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