



**important
DATES
to note**

- **Wednesday/Thursday Arena changes** – star on Wed April 3 and Thurs April 4. See notes →
- **Fri April 19 & Fri April 26** – No Intermediate/ Senior off ice yoga (due to Sunsational & Photo Day)
- **Sat April 20 & Sat April 27** – NO off ice fitness for JrPrep through Senior skaters due to Sunsational & the Seminar (IFSA off ice stays as regularly scheduled).
- **Sat/Sun April 20 & 21 – IFSA Performance Day** during regular class times.
- **Fri April 26 - Photo Day** at Confed. Remember to sign up for your spot. (It's a Public school PD day!)
- **Sat/Sun April 27 & 28 – Skating Excellence Seminar** – make sure to register your Star 2 and up skaters!

Photo Day

All skaters should please ensure they sign up for a Photo Day time slot! These photos are use for our Club collage photo as well, so we want to include EVERYONE!

StarSkate Raffle

Thank you to all businesses and members who donated to our StarSkate Raffle table. Between the Raffle Table and Flower sales, we were able to raise more than \$2,900 for our DSC programs!

Program Assistant of the Month

This month, we give a shout out to **Emily Han & Hazel Nickoleff** as our Program Assistants of the month for March.

Emily – Emily is very good at getting down to eye level when working with the young skaters and stays on task during her sessions.

Hazel– Thank you for always coming prepared to PA. Hazel is also very good at working with skaters at eye level.

Thank you both!! Please see coach Cecilia, coach Karin, coach Megan J, or Cindy in the office for your gift card prize!
~ **DSC Coaching Team**

April & May ARENA CHANGES (April 1-May 16)

On April 1, our ice contract switches to our Summer contract. This brings change – but ONLY 2 days are affected, **Wednesdays & Thursdays**.

Wednesday ice will move from Meadows to Confed Arena. This move goes from 2 ice surfaces to one. See the attached schedule for the session changes.

Thursday ice has Kinsmen and Confed swap schedules. The schedules remain the same, except Confed skaters move to Kinsmen & Kinsmen skaters move to Confed. This also affects LTS (and PA's) – Learn to Skate will move to Confed.

JrPrep Bingo Cards

A reminder that JrPrep skaters have until April 14 to finish their BINGO Cards!

Skating Excellence Seminar

Registration for the Skating Excellence Seminar is open. Please register your skater! We are excited to be hosting Olympians Megan Duhamel and Jeff Langdon for this event for our skaters.

The announcement with information & schedule is attached.

Club Volunteers

A few Volunteer Shifts remain open over the next couple of months.

If you need a Club shift to meet your requirement – please sign up!

Q's:

volunteers@derrickskating.ca

Sign up is done from the registration page. Scroll down till you see “Add Volunteer Position” on the left and select your shift!

Competition Volunteer Shifts

THANK YOU to all the competition volunteers! You offered so much assistance and were smiling and helpful throughout. We could not have run such a successful event without you all.

All shifts have been reconciled and appropriate credits applied to your accounts. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Club Sponsorship:

The Club is currently preparing our Club Sponsorship Package for the 2024-2025 Season. If you own, work for, or know of any business that may be interested in Sponsorships, please reach out to our DSC Fundraising Coordinator, Helen, at fundraising@derrickskating.ca.

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

Next Bingo: Sun May 12 (4:30 - 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.

The next DSC bingo will take place on Sunday May 12, 2024 (Mother's Day). Volunteer sign up for the May bingo will start on Wed April 10 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

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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