



**DERRICK**  
SKATING CLUB

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER | 2024

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### important **DATES** to note

- **No ICE** – August 30-September 2, 2024. Enjoy your weekend off!
- **Tuesday September 3** – full start to the 2024-2025 Season for all levels of skaters.
- **Fall PA Training** – Wed/Thurs Sept 4/5. See the important info below!

### **Welcome Back BBQ**

Please make sure you buy your BBQ tickets ASAP – deadline to buy is Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm!  
We look forward to enjoying a BBQ, along with casual games and socializing – as we kick off the new Season.

**From the Registration page, scroll down & select "Purchase Products" on the left side of the screen.**

## Welcome to the 2024-2025 Season

It's the beginning of a new skating season. Welcome back to all skaters, coaches and parents, as well as, welcome to our new skating members and coaching team members. At the Derrick Skating Club (DSC), we continue to offer excellence and innovation in Skate Canada programming.

From learning to skate in our CanSkate Program, Power Skating, and Figure Skating at Introductory, StarSkate and Podium Pathway levels, the Derrick Skating Club has many opportunities for our members.

Our coaching team brings expertise in singles, dance and pair skating. Our off-ice training is integral to our figure skating program and is led by a dedicated group of professionals.

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. Watch your email, website and newsletter for information.

We look forward to another great year of skating.

~ Valerie Ure, Head Coach

### **Club Handbook**

The DSC Member Handbook is attached to this email. It contains information about each of our programs, DSC policies, volunteering, & fundraising (bingos and casinos). We encourage everyone to review the handbook annually.

## Calling All Program Assistants (PAs)

**It is not too late to be added to our PA Team.** PAs are a special group of skaters who have been trained by a coach and are a vital part of our program to assist in the delivery of a Skate Canada Program. PAs can also help demonstrate skills and support the newer skaters in our Learn to Skate or IFSA/Junior programs.

PAs earn gift cards (or ice credits) for their time, they receive training and pizza, plus a year end gift from the Club!

To PA in our Learn to Skate (LTS) Program – skaters must be a minimum of 10 years of age and have passed a minimum of ONE Star 3 assessment.

To PA in our IFSA/Junior Program – skaters must be a minimum of 11 years of age and passed their full Star 6 Freeskate.

If you have not reached out to express interest in being a part of the Fall PA Team, please email coach Bradley and coach Sandra at [LTSCoordinator@derrickskating.ca](mailto:LTSCoordinator@derrickskating.ca) ASAP.

**No matter if you are a new or returning PA – training is mandatory for all PAs!** Additional information will be sent out by the end of the weekend to those who indicate interest. **Please reach out and save the dates for next week:**

**Jr Academy PA Training** – Wednesday September 4 from 6:00-7:30 pm (Meadows Arena).

**LTS PA Training** – Thursday September 5 from 5:00-7:30 pm (Kinsmen Arena).

### **DSC Club Wear**

**Does your skater need a Club Warm up Jacket?**

Now is the ONE time each year that we place our order. Your skater can come to the Confed office to try on/order their warm-up jackets during the following times:

Tuesday September 3 from 5:00-8:00 pm

Friday September 6 from 4:00-7:00 pm

Monday September 9 from 4:00-6:30 pm

\* If you already know the size you want to order – you can simply email the office

### **Volunteer Shifts**

Club volunteer shifts for the 2024 - 2025 season are posted to the website and parents are encouraged to sign up early for their shifts.

**From the registration page, scroll down and on the left side, select "Add Volunteer Position".**

### **Club Sponsorship**

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](mailto:fundraising@derrickskating.ca).

### **Fundraising**

– Thank you to all who contributed or worked the Wild Rose Raffle table. This event raised more than \$1500 in profits for our Club that can be used toward our Welcome Back BBQ. See you there!

We will be hosting another Raffle table during the Sectionals Competition, October 31- November 3 – all donations welcome. Please contact Helen, our Fundraising Coordinator to donate. [fundraising@derrickskating.ca](mailto:fundraising@derrickskating.ca)

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

**Next Bingos: Mon Sept 16, 2024 (4:30pm to 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.

**Volunteer sign up for the September bingo has started – additional volunteer workers still needed.** 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**

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.**

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

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

EFT forms are available on the Fundsrip website. **We respectfully ask that Fundsrip 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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