



**important
DATES
to note**

- **Mon September 30** – Truth & Reconciliation Day. All programs are running as scheduled. We encourage everyone to wear their orange shirts.
- **Fri October 11** – Sectionals Simulations for qualified skaters. Registration required (Category: Events)
- **Sat/Sun October 12/13** – All programs running as scheduled.
- **Mon October 14** – Thanksgiving Holiday – NO programs.
- **Thurs October 31** – Halloween – all on ice figure skating sessions running as scheduled. NO IFSA and NO Spark on Halloween!
- **Thurs Oct 31 – Sun Nov 3** – 2025 Sectionals Championships – Competition Shifts mandatory as per info below!

Program Assistant of the Month

September has been a busy and exciting time as we kicked off the LTS program for my first fall season with the Derrick Skating Club. It's been such a positive experience working with all the Program Assistants, and I am looking forward to how we continue to grow as a team.

This month, two PAs have truly stood out with their eagerness and dedication. We give a **SHOUT OUT** to **Ashton Van & Christel Sofia Villafranca**.

Ashton has gone above and beyond, offering to fill in on as many Sunday sessions as possible. He has also shown great leadership on the ice, guiding less experienced PAs during warm-ups/cool-downs, and making sure they know their roles and responsibilities.

Christel Sofia, in her first month as a PA has brought incredible enthusiasm and a strong willingness to learn. Though she may not have as much experience as some of her peers, she has stepped up, is always eager to help, and is unafraid to ask questions to improve.

While Ashton and Christel Sofia have been selected as September's PAs of the Month, I see many others are doing fantastic work and will be recognized in future months. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed, and it's deeply appreciated by the coaches and, most importantly, the skaters you are helping!

Thank you, Ashton & Christel Sofia. Please see coach Bradley for your gift card prize!
~ **Coach Bradley, LTS Coordinator**

Competition Volunteer Shifts

The 2025 Sectionals Championships (Oct 31-Nov 3) is your ONLY opportunity to fulfil Competition Volunteer Shift requirements.

The Sign Up Genius link for shifts will be provided to members as the competition schedule/shifts are finalized (likely about October 11-15). All members will receive an email reminding them to sign up. Shifts are filled on a first come, first served basis.

As per the 2024/25 Competition Shift requirement, each DSC family must commit to the following Competition Volunteer Shifts:

- IFSA Skater Families – no shift
- Private Skater Families – 2 shifts required
- All eligible skaters - 1 ice patching shift (skaters eligible to PA, Junior level and higher, 9+ years of age)

For the 2024-2025 Season, all figure skating registrations had a \$200 Competition Volunteering Deposit added to their initial invoice. Following the competition, all competition shifts will be reconciled. Families who have completed their requirements will have their deposits credited back to their member accounts.

LTS News

Ongoing Program Assistant Recruitment

We are still actively recruiting PAs for our Thursday and Sunday Pre-CanSkate and CanSkate sessions. If you're 10 years or older, have a passion for helping young skaters, and have completed at least one STAR 3 assessment, we'd love to hear from you! Join our team and make a difference.

LTS Substitute Coach / Program Assistant Hybrid Role Recruitment

Have you completed your CanSkate coaching course and looking for hands-on experience to complete your certification portfolio? We are offering a unique hybrid role as a Substitute Coach and Program Assistant, where you'll gain valuable coaching experience while supporting our Learn to Skate programs.

Interested candidates can contact Coach Bradley at LTSCoordinator@derrickskating.ca for more details.

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.

Fundraising

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 an item to the Raffle Table. fundraising@derrickskating.ca

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

Next Bingos: Wed October 9, 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 October bingo has started – BUT additional alternate volunteer workers are still needed in case anyone cannot make their shift. 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

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**

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