



important
DATES
to note

- **Wed Dec 11: Assessment Day** at Meadows. All Jr Silver, Sr Silver, Gold sessions AND off ice for those levels cancelled. NO changes for IFSA or JrBronze.
- **Sat/Sun Dec 14/15: IFSA Performance Day** (during regular session times). Bring family & friends to cheer the skaters on during their on ice time!
- **Fri Dec 20: Holiday Show** – Please watch your email for updates. Free admission with Food Bank Donations & 50/50 ticket winner announced!
- **Sat Dec 21 to Wed Jan 1** –MANY changes to ice times – please see details in the newsletter.

Program Assistant of the Month

This month, we give a **SHOUT OUT** to **Emberly Cranford** & **Hazel Nickoleff** as our November PAs of the Month.

Emberly is always reliable and proactive, whether it's preparing for sessions or assisting skaters.

Hazel brings a positive energy to the ice and builds strong connections with her skaters.

We're so grateful for all our dedicated Program Assistants who contribute to the success of our Learn to Skate sessions. Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated! Keep up the amazing work!

Emberly & Hazel – please see coach Bradley for your gift card prize!

~ **Coach Bradley, LTS Coordinator**

Holiday Show – Fri Dec 20th

Please watch your emails for groupings/practice information which is expected be out in the next week or so. We are excited for all the FUN to be had...

In lieu of admission, once again this year, we will be hosting a Food Bank Food Drive during the Holiday Show, and we hope to raise even more food donations than last year! Raffle tickets will be on sale till the intermission and then the winner will be drawn and announced.

Please invite family & friends to attend and enjoy the show.

50/50 Cash Raffle

All members should have received an email with their unique link to purchase raffle tickets to circulate to their family and friends.

This raffle is a large fundraiser for our Club and **EVERYONE is encouraged to sell a minimum of \$100 in raffle tickets.**

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 ticket sellers.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Fundraising Coordinator, Helen, at fundraising@derrickskating.ca.

Holiday Ice Time Updates

- No off ice from December 21 to January 5.
- Ice sessions scheduled on Dec 23, Dec 27, Dec 28, Dec 29, Dec 30. See modified ice time schedule attached.
- Skaters can attend on the same session levels they qualify for and must confirm their attendance with their coach.
- JrBronze skaters are off the ice from December 21 to January 5 inclusive – BUT can register in the JrBronze Camps (info will be emailed out to JrBronze families)
- IFSA skaters are off the ice from December 21 to January 5 inclusive.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to your coach or the office.

Save the DATE: PA Training – Sun January 5

PA Training is MANDATORY at the start of each session for all skaters who are and want to be a PA in our programs!

Current Learn To Skate PAs - attendance is crucial! We'll be covering exciting program enhancements and other important information you need to know to excel in your role.

Thinking of becoming a PA? We'd love to have you! If you're a skater aged 10 or older and have successfully completed at least one Star 3 assessment, then please email Coach Bradley at: LTSCoordinator@derrickskating.ca

Club Volunteers

We have **MANY Club Volunteer shifts that need to be covered in December.**

We urge you to see if you can help!

Login to your Uplifter Account and see what shifts you can help with.

ALL IFSA and Figure Skating skaters (families) are required to complete Club Volunteer shift(s) – one shift/skater/year!!

December Casino & Bingo Shifts

Thank you to all the members who have signed up for Casino and Bingo shifts. Reminder emails will be coming soon.

CASINO – December 25, 26, & 27 at Starlight Casino WEM
Alternate workers still needed. Ice credits will be awarded to families in February when the Casino funds are received.

BINGO – December 28 at Parkway Bingo. Alternate workers still needed

Competition Volunteer Shifts

Thank you to our DSC Family for being such an amazing team for the 2025 Sectionals Championships!

All Competition Volunteer Credits have been added to your accounts. These credits can be used for your current invoice, upcoming registrations, drop in fees, and/or assessment fees.

Please email the office if you have any questions about your Competition Volunteer Deposits.

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

Next Bingos: Sat December 28, 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.

Alternate workers are still needed for the December 28th event and will be called to work if the scheduled volunteer is unable to 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**

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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