



**important
DATES
to note**

- **Tues Dec 31/Wed Jan 1:** NO Skating – Happy New Year!
- **Thurs Jan 2, Fri Jan 3, Sat Jan 4:** regular on ice sessions with NO off ice sessions.
- **Sat Jan 25: Ice Fest Event** (eligible skaters will be notified by their coach to register). The event will be at Grand Trunk Arena!
- **Fri Jan 31: Assessment Day at Confed** – Sessions F2, F3, F4, F5 are cancelled. No JrSilver / SrSilver / Gold off ice. No changes to JrBronze or APP sessions.

Club Shift

Volunteers Needed

ALL IFSA & Figure Skating Members **MUST** work ONE Club Shift per skater per year (Sept to July). **We need volunteers in January** for the start up of Learn to Skate and for the Jan 25 Ice Fest event. **Sign up from the registration page, by clicking on the tab on the left lower side “Add Volunteer Position”.**

If your commitment is unfulfilled by the end of the year, you will be billed \$50 for an incomplete shift.

Q’s – volunteers@derrickskating.ca

Holiday Show – Food Bank Drive UPDATE

During our Holiday Show, we were excited to once again be supporting the Food Bank in lieu of admission.

This year we collected 160 Kg (which is 352 lbs) of food!!!

We are so grateful to our DSC Community who showed such heart in raising food bank donations!

Program Assistant of the Month

We're thrilled to recognize **Ewan Foster & Katja Fuder** as our Program Assistants of the Month for December!

Ewan consistently shows his dedication by ensuring the teaching aids and anything we need for the session is ready to go when we get on the ice. He has an enthusiastic attitude and willingness to help create a positive and supportive learning environment for all skaters.

Katja has demonstrated exceptional patience and dedication in working with one of our Inclusive Skaters on the first session of her PA day. Her ability to maintain a positive and encouraging atmosphere for the rest of her sessions has been amazing.

We're incredibly fortunate to have such a talented and passionate group of Program Assistants. Your hard work has been noticed and is very appreciated. **Ewan & Katja** – please see coach Bradley for your gift card prize.
~ Coach Bradley, LTS Coordinator

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

Schedule will be emailed to PA's/Jr Coaches from Coach Bradley/Sandra!

50/50 Cash Raffle

Thank you to all who supported our 50/50 Cash Raffle. The total came to \$7,000 with \$3,500 being awarded to **Stephanie Machado**. Congratulations on your win, right before the holidays!

Off Ice Prize Winners

The off Ice instructors have recognized the following skaters as standouts in their Fall off ice classes. Over the Fall Session, these skaters have shown commitment, continuous improvement, and a willingness to push themselves in off ice training!

Well done...

- Gold** – Alex Huber
- Senior Silver** – Eva Jones
- Junior Silver** – Grace Li
- Junior Bronze** – Hee-Yeon Bae
- APP** – Annabel So
- Day Ice** – Alice Shutt

Skaters listed above – please come to the coaches’ room after January 2 to collect your Fall off ice prize!

Casino & Bingo Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who covered Casino and Bingo shifts in December.

These vital events raise funds for our Clubs to continue to operate; and in turn, families can earn ice credits to offset fees!
Your time is appreciated.

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

Next Bingos: Sun February 16, 2025 (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.

Sign up for the February bingo will open on Mon Jan 20 at 11:00 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

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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