



important
DATES
to note

- **Sun March 2: StarSkate Sims** – coaches will be in contact with their skaters competing in the StarSkate Championships.
- **Wed March 12:** Assessment Day on Meadows East. No W5, W6, W7, W8, or W9 sessions.
- **Tues/Thurs/Fri March 25, 27, 28: Spring Break** – NO morning ice during Spring Break. All other Figure Skating sessions remain as Scheduled.
- **Wed/Thurs/Sat/Sun March 26, 27, 29, 30 (Spring Break)** – NO IFSA for these dates.
- **Mon March 31: Ice schedule changes due to Summer Contract** – see info regarding changes!

Photo Day – Save the date!

Our Annual Photo Day is on Saturday April 26 – session times to be confirmed soon.

We ask all skaters to have their picture done, so that they can be added to our annual picture collage for Club skaters.

Times and schedules will be emailed out in late March!

Program Assistant of the Month

This month, we are proud to recognize **Abigail So & Elaina Zhang** as our PAs of the Month for their outstanding contributions to the program!

Abigail rushes straight from off ice training at Spark every Thursday to join the CanSkate session and is always engaged with the skaters, bringing great energy and enthusiasm to the ice.

Elaina is always ready with a bingo dauber in hand, keeping the circuits updated while still providing skaters with the support they need to develop their skills.

Both Abigail and Elaina bring incredible energy and a strong sense of responsibility to every session, helping to ensure its success. A huge thank you to both these PAs, and all of our amazing PAs—your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. Keep up the great work!

Abigail & Elaina – please see coach Bradley for your gift card prize!
~ **Coach Bradley, LTS Coordinator**

Ice Schedule Changes – March 31 to May 15

The City of Edmonton allocates ice in 2 annual periods – the Winter contract which runs Sept 1 to March 30, and the Spring contract which runs March 31 to August 31. Ice is allocated based on a user group’s size and their historical booking, as inventory of ice permits (which is very limited).

In the Winter contract this year, we were able to acquire some much-needed additional ice, some of which was at different arenas or on multiple ice surfaces. The unanticipated downside of this was that this additional ice did not translate to our Summer ice contract, where the City primarily shifts all our programming back to one ice surface (typically Confed).

We have been working very hard to take the ice we have been allocated for March 31-May 15 and make it work for all skaters. This means there may be some slight changes to your skater’s ice times, some sessions will be moved, and some sessions will be offered make up sessions.

Please watch your email for the Information regarding the changes about March 11.

Office Closure

Our Office Manager will be away March 2-9 and there will be no responses to emails during this time. Please connect with your coaches if you have questions during this closure. All emails sent to the office will be responded to starting back on March 10.

Upcoming B I N G O @ Parkway Bingo: 8775-51 Ave
Next Bingos: Wed March 19 (10:30-3:30 pm)

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.

VOLUNTEERS are STILL NEEDED for the March 19 Bingo. 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 Gaelene, DSC Volunteer Coordinator: volunteers@derrickskating.ca

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

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