



important
DATES
to note

- **Mon Sept 1: Labour Day** – NO skating!
- **Tues Sept 2: Season start** – All program are on the ice with off ice as per their schedule.
- **Thurs Sept 4: PA Training** – mandatory training for all PA's – pizza included (Kinsmen Arena)
- **Sat Sept 20: Welcome Back BBQ** – come out and meet coaches, board members, and other member families! **Buy your tickets** – see more info in newsletter!
- **Tues Sept 30: Truth & Reconciliation Day** – regular skating day as per schedule

Our Coaching Team!

As we welcome in the 2025-2026 season, we are excited to share more information about the team and coaches supporting DSC skaters this season!

As the DSC reviews it's leadership structure, we are grateful to the expertise and support of our Interim Admin Team – Michelle Currie, Carey Leal-Janvier, Karin Sutton, and Valerie Ure. Our LTS Program Coordinator: Bradley Hazelton.

Our Coaching Team

Senior Base Coaches: Carey Leal-Janvier, Jill Gainer, Karin Sutton, Megan Newnham (new), and Valerie Ure

Foundation Coaches: Cora Lyons, Megan Humphreys

Supplemental Coaches: Amy Pennoyer (new), Ava Kourouniotis, Bradley Hazelton, Caitlin Pettapiece, Elleah Mauer, Judith Namasivayam, Kelly Lim, Lily Davidson, Megan Johnson, Michelle Currie, Siri Varghese, and Tophie Davies.

You can read more about our coaches on our website under the "Our Team" tab: <https://derrickskating.ca/coaching-team/>

Welcome NEW Coaches

A very warm DSC welcome to 2 new coaches joining us – Megan Newnham and Amy Pennoyer.

Megan Newnham – I have been coaching for almost 10 years across various clubs in Alberta and am very passionate about nurturing and supporting skaters' individuality and love for the sport. I currently compete myself in AdultSkate and hope to eventually do the ISU Adult competition in Germany. I took a break from competing and coaching to pursue a Master's degree in sport nutrition in Oxford, UK. I also love taking part in figure skating as a technical official at competitions. When I am not at the rink, you'll find me practicing as a registered dietician.

Amy Pennoyer – I started skating at age 12 and competed at a Junior level in Ice Dance. I have been coaching for 20 years and love to share my passion for skating with a focus on edge development, ice dance, and choreography. My coaching Philosophy is to provide kids and adults with the opportunity to challenge themselves physically, mentally, and emotionally through the development of skating skills, creativity, and practical problem-solving. Figure skating is a passionate sport with life lessons ready to be learned.

Fall PA Recruitment – Join Our Team!

Do you enjoy skating and helping others? We're looking for enthusiastic Program Assistants (PAs) to support our Fall CanSkate and Pre-CanSkate sessions!

To become a PA, you must be at least 10 years old and have completed one Star 3 assessment. PAs assist coaches on the ice, help young skaters build confidence, while the benefit to the PAs is that they develop valuable coaching and leadership skills.

Training is provided in both September and January, so Pas will feel prepared and supported every step of the way. PAs also receive ice credits or gift cards as a thank-you for their time and dedication – and there are opportunities for prizes and recognition!!

PA TRAINING – Thurs Sept 4 – Save the Date!

Interested? Reach out to learn more or to sign up...

Email coach Bradley at:

LTSCoordinator@derrickskating.ca

Member Handbook

The member Handbook is a great resource to learn more about DSC programs and policies! It is attached to this email.

We encourage all members to read it and direct any questions to the office.

Welcome Back BBQ

Jackie Parker Park (4450 50 St NW) – with booked picnic sites #5 & #6.

Saturday September 20 – 4:00-7:30 PM

We encourage all IFSA and figure skating families to attend! BBQ'd burgers, the fixings, and snacks will be catered and provided.

Please bring your own beverages, chairs or blankets, and games (if you wish). There will be some soccer balls and yard games on site also.

Tickets are now on sale – cost is \$5 per person (ticket prices subsidized by the Club).

From Uplifter, on the bottom left, click "purchase products" and select Welcome Back BBQ & the number of tickets needed.

Let's kick off the season getting to know everyone!

NOTE: if there are any dietary restrictions, please contact the office to be accommodated.

Raffle Table Donations

During the Sectionals Championships, we will have a Raffle Table to help raise funds.

If you can donate an items to the Raffle, please contact the DSC Fundraising Coordinator, Brenda, at fundraising@derrickskating.ca.

Members who donate an item over \$100 will be exempt from ONE of their volunteer shifts!

Competition Volunteer Shifts

ALL Figure Skating Families in JrBronze, JrSilver, SrSilver, Gold, and Open levels will be required to work up to 2 shifts during the 2026 Sectionals Championships being held October 30-November 2, 2025.

Information to be emailed out by the 2nd week of October when the schedule is finalized!

Members who donate a raffle item valued at \$100+ will be exempt from ONE of their volunteer shifts!

Club Sponsorship

If you own, work for, or know any business that may be interested in Sponsoring the Club, please contact the DSC Fundraising Coordinator, Brenda, at fundraising@derrickskating.ca.

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

Next Bingos: Sat Sept 13 (10:30am-3:30pm)

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 September Bingos has started. Bingo shifts can ONLY be signed up for through Uplifter. From DSC website, click "registration", scroll down & click "Add Volunteer Position".

The NEXT Bingo – Thurs October 9 (10:30-3:30 pm) – sign up to start on Friday September 5 at 10am.

***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 the Office: office@derrickskating.ca