



Georgetown Skating club

Canskate Newsletter



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Welcome!

The Georgetown Skating Club Board of Directors and Coaches would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning skaters and their families. We look forward to a successful and fun 2009/2010 season.



Who Are We?

The Georgetown Skating Club is a non-profit community-based organization located in the Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown), Ontario. The club is sanctioned by Skate Canada and our professional coaches offer skating development to our members from learn-to-skate to competitive programs. Our skating programs are available from September through to March at our skating facility at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex.

How does the Program Run?

The Skaters enter the ice at the entrance closest to the lobby. The first 10 minutes of the session is the "Warm-up." Skaters are encouraged to get on the ice, get their skating legs under them, and get ready to learn when lessons begin. After the Warm-up, skaters proceed to assigned colours. During the next 36 min. skaters receive their lessons on a variety of circuits from a Skate Canada Professional Coach. The first couple of lessons will be very busy organizing skaters into the appropriate levels, then everyone will settle into the routine of the season. The last 4 minutes of the session will be cool down on the ice and then the skaters will exit the ice at the doors at the end of the rink.



Be a Spectator

We would like to remind parents the best location to watch your child's skating lesson is from the stands or the lobby.

Parents at the boards are distracting to skaters and coaches. It is also a safety issue, there needs to be a clear path for the skaters during their sessions.

Thank you.

Parent Supervision

Parents are required to stay at the Georgetown Skating Club during their child's skating lessons. At the beginning of the session the skaters will enter the ice at the entrance closest to the lobby. At the end of session skaters will exit the ice at the far end of the rink.

Please use the change room to put on or take off skates rather than blocking the walk ways.

Safety

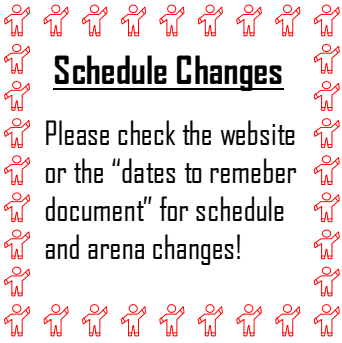


CSA Approved helmets are mandatory for all skaters in our PreCanSkate/CanSkate/Parent and Tot and CanPower pro programs.

What do the colours mean?

There are 6 stages in the CanSkate program, focusing on skills related to balance, forward skating, backward skating, and basic skills. The children are organized into different colour groups but there may be 5 or 6 colours working on the same stage. We use the colours to arrange the children with others of similar skill.

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Schedule Changes

Please check the website or the "dates to remember document" for schedule and arena changes!



A new Season: New skaters, new friends, new rules, new achievements, new dreams... All at the Georgetown Skating Club!



Coaching Staff

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated coaching staff at our club. All of our coaches are Skate Canada Professionals that have been trained through the National Coaching Certification program.

Please Arrive On Time

We certainly understand that sometimes you get behind but we ask that you try to have your children at the rink on time for their lessons. It can be very disruptive to the group when skaters join late.



Receipts

You will receive your Receipt (for tax purposes) via email during the Month of October.



Volunteer!



The Club depends on the efforts of many volunteers, who assist in the planning, organizing, and success of various Club events. If you are interested in helping out, please contact a Board Member, it can be as little as one hour or a couple of hours. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

What is my role as a Parent?

Encouragement and Support!
There are always new skaters that take a little while to become comfortable on the ice. We ask that you understand this and support the coaching staff as they try to encourage your children to take those first few steps- Allow your child at least 3 weeks to become comfortable. All parents are required to be present during their child's lessons in cases of an emergency. For insurance purposes we have to ask that you please, Do Not go on to the ice at any time. If your child requires assistance a Professional Coach or Program Assistant will bring them to you.

Program Assistants

Along with the coach on the ice with your children you will see older skaters wearing black vests. These are our Program Assistants. They are members of our skating club and are volunteering their time to help your children with their skating skills. PA's are trained by our professional coaches to assist your children with the skills they are working on.

Make up Sessions

It is a Georgetown Skating Club Policy to maintain low coach to skater ratios in all groups on all sessions. Therefore, to maintain this policy, we are unable to offer make up days to skaters that missed due to illness, etc.

Contacting Us:

If you have questions or concerns about any of our programs, please contact us :

1. Speak to a Board Member at the Arena
2. Email us at info@georgetownskatingclub.ca
3. Leave a voice mail at 905-866-2330