

Summer 2017

Hello Skating Families,

We hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer! When all of the fun of baseball, soccer, swimming and summer vacations has finished -- it will be time to enjoy those cool and refreshing temperatures found inside Jordan Arena after the ice goes back in! For those who just can't wait for registration, we do plan to set up a table at the baseball diamond beside the snack bar on the first two Monday and Tuesday evenings in August: August 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th, weather permitting of course. We will also have our regular registration dates in September -- Saturday, September 23 (10 am - noon) and Tuesday, September 26 (6 - 8 pm). We are not set up for debit or credit card purchases, so please remember your cheque book. We are happy to receive post dated cheques for installment payments. A volunteer cheque, dated March 15, 2018 is also required to secure your volunteer commitment. If you decide to register in August, and want to pay cash, we will put a note on your registration form, and ask that you pay when skating starts in October. We would prefer not to make weekly trips to the bank to deposit cash. At the September registration time we will also set up a table for members who have skates and/or skating clothing they would like to sell. Just attach an envelope to the item with your name and the price. If someone buys it, we will pass the envelope along to you the next time we see you. A great way to recycle out-grown items and help keep costs reasonable for others!

So, what's new for this year?

-well, the 'bad news' first: our cost for ice has increased by about 15% this year. Ice is our biggest expense (even in Canada maintaining frozen water in a building is expensive). Our choices were simple -- take less ice, have fewer coaches, or increase prices a little. We have opted for the price increase as we want to offer the best possible programs to our skaters. You will notice that each program has increased by \$25 this year. We will continue to charge full price for the first program, and offer all additional programs at half price to each skater.

-but on the flip side, each family will save \$40 as we have decided not to participate in the Ontario Skater Ticket books this year. The restructuring of the 4 Ontario Sections into one Skate Ontario has also caused a restructuring of the way competitions are assigned. The Niagara Skating Council that organized the local competitions has also been dissolved.

-we expect to offer all of the same programs at the same times as last season

-remember: your membership includes an hour of ice every Sunday afternoon from 3-4 pm as Practice Time at no additional charge

-after more than 10 years with Jordan, our web-mistress, Shirley, has decided to retire from this position. There aren't too many up-dates that need to be made each year, but we really do need someone who has some skills in this area. We know that many people use the web as their first place to get information, so if you can help with this, please let us know. Thanks!

-we are also sorry to say good-bye to coach Amanda Rochette, as she and her husband are relocating to Ottawa. We wish them well as they pursue careers there!

-Jenny Markowitz will be returning to Jordan! She is both a former skater and a former coach at our club. Welcome back!

-skaters who are currently taking private lessons, or wish to start, are reminded to contact their coaches to make arrangements for the coming season

-attached to this email you will find a registration form and a copy of the brochure which we will be printing. Please feel free to print your own copy and to share with family and friends. You will notice that the registration form includes a line confirming that you have read the 'Notice of Collection Statement'. Skate Canada requires us to include this on the registration form, basically informing you that personal information is required by Skate Canada in order to register, but that it is handled responsibly and only shared within Skate Canada affiliates. It is a fairly lengthy statement, and reads as follows:

Notice of Collection Statement:

Your privacy and the protection of your personal information is important to us. Your personal information is required to register you with Skate Canada in any capacity, including, without limitation, as a Skate Canada registrant, coach or in connection with your affiliation with a skating club or skating school and to administer various services, such as Skate Canada events. Your personal information may also be exchanged with Skate Canada affiliates which includes your local skating club or skating school or provincial association or section. By submitting this form, you expressly provide your consent to the sharing of your personal information with Skate Canada and as described herein for purposes of registration and receipt of national services delivered by Skate Canada. We adopt the 10 Fair Information Principles into our privacy program, and employ reasonable measures to protect against unauthorized access, processing, disclosure, alteration, destruction or loss of your personal information. See Skate Canada's Privacy Policy for more details.

For further information or comments regarding our protection of your privacy, please contact Skate Canada at safesport@skatecanada.ca.

If you have any questions, or need more information about our club or our programs, please give Marlene a call at (905) 934-4681.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!
Jordan Skating Club