

OFSC NEWSLETTER

Orillia Figure Skating Club

August 2023



WELCOME BACK

The Orillia Figure Skating Club would like to welcome everyone back to skating for our Fall/Winter Session. We hope you have enjoyed your summer with family and friends and are looking forward to skating again! We are excited to celebrate all of our skaters' successes this year, and skaters will be able to light up the ice with their talent and hard work at this year's Carnival.

Registration will open soon, so please check your email for further information in the very near future. Let's make the 2023-24 season one of the best yet!

REGISTRATION



Welcome to all our returning skaters. We are looking forward to what this season has in store for you. Our Fall/Winter registration is opening soon.

Regular StarSkate programs begin Monday, September 11th at Rotary Place.

The Enhancement team begins Saturday, September 9th at Rotary Place.

Learn to Skate programs will begin Friday, September 29th at Brian Orser Arena.

You will be able to soon visit our website at www.orilliafigureskatingclub.com for more information on each session and how to register using Uplifter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding registration, please contact Marisa at ofscregistrar@gmail.com.

2023-24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Orillia Figure Skating Club Board members for the 2023/24 season are as follows:

President - Lori Irwin

Vice President - Nicole Hankin

Treasurer - Sandy Wink

Secretary - Erin Shaw

Coach Rep - Tracey Zwiers

Ice and Pro - Tiffany Buchner

Music - Pamela Sheppard

Fundraising - Heather Warnaar

Corporate Sponsorship Coordinator - Amy Watt

Social Media - Jayme Zwiers

Newsletter/Publicity - Laurie McKelvey

Assessment Coordinator - Nicole Hankin



Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Emails for each specific portfolio can be found at www.orilliafigureskatingclub.com. Click the ABOUT US tab at the top right and then click Board Members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to all our families who joined our AGM on Wednesday, June 14th. We want to congratulate **Jackson Mills** who won the free membership for the upcoming Fall/Winter 2023-24 season.

WINNER

BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

The Orillia Figure Skating Club is looking for anyone interested in volunteering to be part of our Board as our Program Assistant Chair. This position is responsible for organizing the annual training for Program Assistants in the fall and for creating the monthly schedule.

If interested please contact Lori Irwin, OFSC President, at ofscpresident@gmail.com for more information.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Money raised during our 2022/23 Gas for a Year fundraiser has been used this season to offset costs of registration for all StarSkaters who participated. When registering in Uplifter, there will be a \$100.00 credit for each skater who sold tickets last year.

Furthermore, as the ice at Rotary Place will not be available until a week later this year, money raised will be used to pay for the open ice sessions provided at Brian Orser Arena for all StarSkaters Friday September 8th and Friday, September 15th.

PROGRAM ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Any skater who is 11 years of age and has completed the CanSkate program may be trained as a HELPER for the CanSkate sessions.

Volunteer credits will start immediately for all Program Assistants who qualify, after having accumulated 10 hours of coaching. These credits can be put towards your club registration fees for subsequent seasons. Volunteer hours are also given to all high school students.

Please watch for more information about the mandatory training session coming up September 27th at Brian Orser Arena from 5:40-7:25pm.

A huge thank you goes out to all skaters who volunteer as Program Assistants. We can not run our Pre-Can and CanSkate sessions without you!!



BUFFALO COMPETITION

Congratulations to Jayme Zwiers who competed at the Spring Skate Festival in Buffalo during the long weekend in May and placed first in the Adult Masters Jr.-Sr. Division. Jayme is coached by Tracey Zwiers. Way to go, Jayme!



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Friday, Sept. 8th – Open Skate at Brian Orser Arena
Bronze 4:00–4:50pm
Silver 5:00–5:50pm
Gold 6:00–6:50pm

Saturday, Sept. 9th – Enhancement Team begins

Monday, Sept. 11th – Regular Skating begins for all
StarSkaters at Rotary

Wednesday, Sept. 13th – Carnival Meeting
6:30pm Brian Orser Arena

Friday, Sept. 15th – Open Skate at Brian Orser Arena
Bronze 4:00–4:50pm
Silver 5:00–5:50pm
Gold 6:00–6:50pm

Wednesday, Sept. 20th – REVISED SCHEDULE
Bronze 4:00–5:30pm
Enhancement 5:40–7:25

Friday, Sept. 22nd – NO SKATING

Saturday, Sept. 23rd – NO SKATING

Wednesday, Sept. 27th – PA Training 5:40–7:25pm
Brian Orser Arena
MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

Friday, Sept. 29th – First Night of Pre-Can, Canskate and
Solo Simulations begins

OCTOBER

Wednesday, Oct. 4th – REVISED SCHEDULE
Bronze 4:00–5:10pm
Pre-Can 5:10–5:40pm
CanSkate 5:40–6:25pm
Solo Sim – 6:35–7:10pm
Enhancement – 7:20–8:50pm

Saturday, Oct. 7th – NO SKATING

Monday, Oct. 9th – NO SKATING

Wednesday, Oct. 11th – Carnival Meeting
6:30pm Brian Orser Arena

Thursday, Oct. 19th – TEST DAY

Tuesday, Oct. 31st – NO SKATING

CLUB COMMITMENTS

During the 2023–2024 season, StarSkate families will have three Club Commitments.

First, each Star Skate family will be responsible for playing music on their skater's session each month as scheduled.

Each Star Skater will also be required to sell two booklets for the "Gas For A Year" fundraiser. Each booklet contains 5 tickets; each ticket is \$20.00.

Finally, each skater will be required to work one 2 hour shifts during our Tag Day. Dates and times of shifts will be forthcoming as information becomes available.

If families choose to participate in each of these commitments, registration fees will be reduced, according to the value of each of the commitments, when you register. More information will soon be available.

ALL SKATERS NEW TO BRONZE

All new Bronze Skaters who have moved out of CanSkate at the end of our spring session are reminded that it is important that you select a coach so they can help you plan for the upcoming season starting on September 8th.

Our club coaches are

Susan Scott, Skyanne Tillotson
Erin Shaw and Tracey Zwiens.

Please visit our website for contact information.



The Orillia Figure Skating Club would like to welcome Erin Shaw as a full time coach on our Pre-Can, CanSkate and Bronze StarSkate Sessions. She has been part of our club for years and will be a wonderful addition to our coaching staff.

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