

OFSC Newsletter

Orillia Figure Skating Club

August 2021



Welcome back

The OFSC Board of Directors would like to welcome everyone back to skating.

We cannot express how grateful we are for all your support during this very difficult time.

The new rules and regulations are a bit challenging and we appreciate your patience as we continue to maneuver our way through this. We are very excited to celebrate all of our skaters' successes this year. With the inclusion of some themed skates, and hopefully a small gala, our skaters will be able to light up the ice with their talent and hard work. Please continue to read the newsletters and emails so we can keep everyone informed of any changes or upcoming events. Let's make the 2021/2022 skating season one of the best.

Registration

Welcome to all our returning skaters. We are looking forward to what this year has in store for you. Our Fall/Winter Registration is opening soon. Star Skate programs will begin Tues. September 14th at Rotary Place. Enhancement teams begin Fri. September 10th at Brian Orser Arena. PreCan & CanSkate programs begin Wednesday, October 13th at Brian Orser Arena. Please visit our website at www.orilliafigureskatingclub.com for more information on how to qualify for each session and to register on Uplifter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding registration, please feel free to contact Marisa at ofscregistrar@gmail.com

All registration fees MUST be made in monthly payments in case of any future closures due to Covid.

Welcome, Skyanne



Welcome **Skyanne Tillotson**, our new club coach for the 2021/22 season!

Skyanne Tillotson started her skating career at the age of 5 with the Orillia Figure Skating Club and skated until she was 18 years old. During her 13 years of skating, she achieved all 4 gold tests (skills, dance, interpretive, and freeskate). She also did synchronized skating for a couple years with the Barrie Royal Blades. She moved to British Columbia in 2013 and obtained her coaching certification while out west. In 2018, she moved back to Orillia with her husband, James, and her son, Jaxon. She is going into her 6th year of coaching and she is regional coach certified and has her power skate certification as well.

We are glad to have her as our new club coach!



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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* and who accumulated 10 hours of coaching. These credits can be put towards your club registration fees for the upcoming season. VOLUNTEER HOURS are also given to all high school students.

PA Training will take place at Brian Orser Arena on Wednesday October 6th from 5:30-7:30pm.

For more information contact:

Erin Shaw at ofscprogram@gmail.com
Tracey Zwiars at teamtracey@orilliapronet.com



This past year has been tough on our families and our club. Money raised through past fundraising efforts was used last season to support our skaters and keep skating fees as reasonable as possible. This coming year, the city of Orillia has increased the fees required to rent the ice. We do our best to keep the fee as close to the previous year as possible; however, fundraisers are essential to continuing to do so and we rely on the continued support from our club members.

Thanks to everyone who supported us by donating bottles and cans to our Enhancement Team.

A 2nd Bottle Drive will take place on **Fri. September 10th from 5-7pm**. Please drop off all bottles/cans at **247 John St.**

Use the link here to order your labels!

<https://www.lovablelabels.ca/?SID=f65a19fbd4770107e517179a54d4de5c&acc=26408ffa703a72e8ac0117e74ad46f33>

An advertisement for 'Lovable Labels'. On the left, there is a pair of white ice skates. On the right, there is a purple pencil case filled with various school supplies like pens, pencils, and notebooks. The background is a light blue, textured surface. Text on the ad includes: 'Check Out Our New Designs!' with a smiley face icon, 'Don't lose it - Label it!', '20% of every order will support Orillia Figure Skating Club!', 'Place your order at: www.OrilliaFSC.lovablelabels.ca', and 'Shipping is always free!'. At the bottom, it lists safety features: 'Waterproof - Dishwasher Safe - Laundry Safe - Sunscreen Safe - Bleach Safe - Microwave Safe'.

Club Commitments

During the 2021/2022 skating season, Star Skate families will have three Club commitments. First, each Star Skate family will be responsible for conducting the Covid screening and regularly 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 family will be required to volunteer to work at one bingo during the season. Dates for Bingo will be chosen during registration. However, those who volunteer for multiple dates will earn credits toward future skating registration costs. This is a great opportunity for you to save on registration fees and do your part for the club. Bingo is located at **215 Mississauga St. E. (Royal Canadian Legion)**. Please arrive at 5:15 pm.

Please contact Amy at ofscbingo@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Star Skate families can only register for one Bingo per skater but you can click 'Yes' on the registration page if you want to be added to a list for an extra Bingo.

Upcoming dates:

Friday, September 24th

Wednesday, October 13th

Friday, October 29th

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- Fri. Sept 10th** First Day of Enhancement A & B
(no off ice training session)
- Sat. Sept 11th** NO Skating
- Mon. Sept 13th** NO Skating
- Tue. Sept 14th** First Day of StarSkate

OCTOBER



- Wed. Oct 6th** PA Training @ Brian Orser Arena
5:30-7:30pm
- Fri. Oct 8th** Enhancement A & B
(no off ice training session)
- Sat. Oct 9th** NO Skating
- Mon. Oct 11th** NO Skating
- Tue. Oct 12th** WINTER schedule begins
- Wed. Oct 13th** PreCan & CanSkate begins
- Mon. Oct 25th** PreCan & CanSkate
Halloween Dress Up
- Tues. Oct 26th** Test Day
- Wed. Oct 27th** PreCan & CanSkate
Halloween Dress Up
- Thurs. Oct 28th** StarSkate Halloween
Skate-a-Thon
Early Bird Gas Draw

Facebook and Instagram

If you would like to see your skater's picture posted on our Facebook page or Instagram, please send their pictures from sessions and competitions to ofscnewsletter@gmail.com or ofscmedia@gmail.com

Thank you!

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THANK YOU, MARISA



Thank you to Coach **Marisa** for all the years she has coached in Orillia. We wish her the best of luck with her new job. She will be greatly missed by all our skaters and coaches.

Marisa will continue to work for the club behind the scenes as our club registrar.



Summer Skating
@ Wasaga Beach

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