

Crystal Ridge Skating Club
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October 2007 Newsletter

Welcome back to all our returning skaters and a big “hello” to all of our new skaters this year. It is not too late to register so if you have any friends who are interested, please have them call the club’s phone number, 905-894-4438 to leave a message.

Certified professional coaches teach our programs. We also have PA’s (program assistants) on the ice for the Can Skate program. The PA’s are volunteers and have undergone training to assist the coaches with various aspects of the programs and are a great asset to the coaches and skaters.

The recreational program is a group lesson: if you would like more information about one-on-one lessons, please approach one of the board members at the club office. We will be glad to help you.

Reminders:

1. Please try to arrive at the arena and have your child’s skates on at least 5 minutes before your scheduled lesson time.
2. Please use the assigned change rooms to put your child’s skates on: please do not use the corridor as it gets too congested and then becomes too unsafe.
3. It is very important for beginning skaters to keep safe and dry. Can Skaters need to wear gloves or mittens and helmets are a must. Splash suits over warm clothing of long johns/tights under track pants will provide flexibility for young skaters. Skaters must not have any candy or gum in their mouths. Please check your child’s pockets for small toys or hidden treasures as these can really hurt when a skater falls on them.
4. Ensure that your children have used the toilet before their lesson, as the cold air prompts the need to use the washroom and cuts down on the lesson time.
5. Parents are not allowed on the ice. If your child appears hurt, the coach will come to the ice door to talk with you.
6. Anyone who did not have their child’s health card number at registration must come to the office and have it recorded ASAP.



Halloween:

Our skaters and coaches are invited to skate in costume on Friday October 26th. Wednesday only Canskaters are asked to come out on this Friday party as ice is cancelled

on Wednesday October 31st to allow all children to go out trick or treating. Children are encouraged to dress in costume, but remember that costumes must be “ice-friendly” i.e. nothing dragging on ice or be able to fall off while skating.

Ice Cancellation:

Ice is cancelled on Friday November 2nd due to a hockey tournament.

Fundraising:

Unfortunately being a non-profit organization, our club must do additional fundraising. We have decided to do an “**Lamontagne Christmas**” fundraiser and there is something for everyone. We would like all skaters to submit orders. The more we sell, the more our club benefits! Please look to the bulletin board for more information. All orders need to be submitted within 2 weeks. Deadline is Nov 7th.

Santa Claus Parade:

Our club is entering a float into the Fort Erie Parade to be held Saturday November 24th in the afternoon. Please register your child’s name at the sign-in desk if you would like him/her to ride on our float. Each Canskater **MUST** be accompanied by an adult, but Starskaters can come without a parent. Remember that there is limited space on the float, so once the list is full, we cannot accept any more children. But come out to the parade and cheer our float on!

Be Active in your Club:

All parents are encouraged to attend our monthly board meetings. It is a learning experience in skating and the administration that governs it. If you wish to discuss any issues, please see Christa MacKinnon before the meeting so that your issue may be added to the agenda. Don’t hesitate to ask questions of the board members and coaches.

Sectionals:

Our club is helping to host the Sectionals Skating Competition in Grimsby from Thursday November 8-Sunday November 11. Each Starskate family will be asked to donate 4 hours of time during the competition to volunteer in numerous capacities such as registration, dressing-room monitoring, ticket sales etc. Colette Cross will be contacting you before the end of October. Please volunteer as it is a huge fundraiser for our club, and a very prestigious event.

List of Board Members:

President	Christa MacKinnon
Vice President	Mike Hebbourn
Treasurer	Janine Whitaker
Secretary	Ainslie Cook
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