



## **2011-2012 FALL/WINTER SESSION SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2011 TO MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

**Please read the information in this package carefully  
and keep it for reference throughout the year.**

Welcome to the Markham Skating Club! We are looking forward to another amazing Ice Show this spring, and another successful year of skating. As we are enjoying increased enrollment and momentum in our programs, we have made some adjustments to our schedule, our session combinations and the qualifications for some sessions. Our hope is that as our skaters grow with us, they will be able to use all our programs from KidSkate to CTP and Power Skating, to take their skating to the highest potential.

### **Some programs you may not have considered before:**

#### **Adult Skating**

Parents spend so much time putting children in the right programs that they routinely forget about themselves. Register for adult skating! It's a fun way to get some exercise, and also to learn (or re-learn!) a skill you can enjoy with your children. MSC's adult lessons cater to adults of all skill levels.

#### **Competition Training Program (CTP)**

This relatively new program has become a great success. Skaters who are recommended by their coaches may join CTP, and are coached throughout the entire session toward preparing for their competitions. A great way for skaters to move ahead quickly!

#### **Power Skating**

Our Power skating program is designed to improve skating techniques for both hockey and ringette players. Power skating is not only for straight-line acceleration, but also for backward skating, tight glide turns, forward and backward crossovers and more. Registrations are accepted for both individuals and full teams.

### **SKATING FEES and FUNDRAISING**

Due to an increase in enrollment over the past year, there will be no increase in skating fees! Additionally, we will not be participating in the Skate Canada Promotional Draw – this means you will not be required to purchase the \$40 book of draw tickets upon registration.

*Please note that the Board of Directors reviews skating fees and the need for fundraising on an annual basis as part of our budget planning cycle. The need for fee increases and/or fundraising is driven by either an increase in expenses or reduction in revenue or both.*

**Remember to visit us often at  
[www.markhamskatingclub.com](http://www.markhamskatingclub.com)**



**2011-2012 SEASON REGISTRATION DATES:**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm**  
**August 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am – noon**  
**August 29 & 30 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm**  
**at Markham Village Arena (Markham Rd. & Hwy. 7)**

**After these dates, registration will continue at the Markham Skating Club office during office hours. (Office hours are during any KidSkate/CanSkate and Power Skating sessions, also Saturdays from 8:00am – 1:00pm). See schedule on p.5.**

Please note that some sessions fill quickly, and registrations are processed on a first-come first-served basis. It is recommended that you register early to ensure you obtain space in your preferred sessions.

**KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>September 2011</b>	Wednesday September 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fall/winter session begins
<b>October 2011</b>	Saturday October 8 <sup>th</sup> & Monday October 10 <sup>th</sup> – Arena closed for Thanksgiving Wednesday October 26 <sup>th</sup> – Low test day*
<b>November 2011</b>	Wednesday November 2 <sup>nd</sup> – High test day*
<b>December 2011</b>	Wednesday December 14 <sup>th</sup> – Low test day* Wednesday December 21 <sup>st</sup> – High test day* Friday December 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Last day of sessions before Christmas break Saturday December 17 <sup>th</sup> – Annual Christmas party
<b>January 2012</b>	Monday January 2 <sup>nd</sup> – First day back for 2012
<b>February 2012</b>	Monday February 20 <sup>th</sup> – Arena closed for Family Day Friday February 24 <sup>th</sup> – Mini-Olympics Saturday February 25 <sup>th</sup> – Club Competition
<b>March 2012</b>	Tuesday March 13 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of regular sessions Wednesday March 14 <sup>th</sup> – Low test day* Thursday March 15 <sup>th</sup> – High test day* Monday March 19 <sup>th</sup> – Ice Show rehearsals begin Saturday March 24 <sup>th</sup> – Annual banquet
<b>April 2012</b>	Monday April 16 <sup>th</sup> – Ice Show production week begins April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Ice Show performances

**\*Regular sessions are cancelled on test days.**

**Times and schedules are subject to change; whenever possible, notices will be posted on the MSC website, emailed to members and posted in the arena. Fairness and equity among programs are considered when our schedule is created. Please consider the key dates when choosing your schedule.**



## **OUR PROGRAMS**

***All sessions are held at the Markham Village Community Centre Arena unless otherwise specified. Individuals must be registered in the full program; walk-ons and drop-ins unfortunately cannot be accommodated.***

### **KidSkate**

Our KidSkate program is an introductory session taught by professional coaches. It is taught in a flexible manner, and is designed to be an enjoyable time for preschool children (ages 3-5) while they learn the fundamentals of skating. KidSkate precedes the beginner skating program, CanSkate. **Note: A photocopy of the child's birth certificate is required at registration. CSA-approved helmets are mandatory. Skate guards are also mandatory and must be worn at all times when children are not on the ice surface.**

### **CanSkate**

Our CanSkate program, based on the Skate Canada's CanSkate guidelines is coordinated under the watchful eye of Rodolfo Guilherme. Rodolfo has planned an exciting program with an exceptionally low skater-to-coach ratio, which delivers a safe and stimulating environment for beginner skaters 5 years old and up. Badges are awarded as skaters master the fundamentals to prepare for success in more advanced Skate Canada programs. **Note: Skaters must attend the program on the same day each week. No exceptions or substitutions. CSA-approved helmets are mandatory. Skate guards are also mandatory and must be worn at all times when not on the ice.**

### **STARSkate**

STARSkate programs (Intermediate, Senior, Advanced, Gold levels) afford skaters the opportunity to develop their figure skating in the areas of ice dance, skating skills, free skate and interpretive skating. Skaters may also take Skate Canada tests through a nationally standardized testing system. Testing is not mandatory, however skaters who have mastered figure skating skills in STARSkate may also choose to pursue synchronized or pairs skating. Skaters may also choose to enter competitions, become involved in judging, and more.

#### **Intermediate**

Qualification: Passed CanSkate Stage 5. Includes a stroking session and group lesson for skaters up to and including Stage 7. Private coaching is highly recommended for Intermediate skaters up to and including Stage 7, and mandatory for skaters above Stage 7.

#### **Senior**

Qualification: Passed any complete Preliminary Test. Includes a stroking session. Additional private coaching is mandatory for skaters at or above the Senior level.

#### **Advanced**

Qualification: Passed 2 of the following 3:

- Preliminary Freeskate
- Junior Bronze Dances
- Junior Bronze Skills
- Includes a stroking session.

#### **Gold**

Qualifications: Passed 1 complete Gold Test. (Dance, Freeskate, Skills or Interpretive). Includes a stroking session.



### **Adult/Teen**

Our adult program offers adults and teens a fun, non-judgmental environment in which to learn to skate, improve basic skating skills or maintain more advanced skills. These sessions cater to adults of all skill levels. It is recommended that individuals aged 13 or older who are learning to skate register in this program, rather than in CanSkate programs.

### **Power**

The dynamic and motivating Power Skating program is designed to build strong skills for new and experienced hockey and ringette players. Power skating improves not only straight-line acceleration, but also backward skating, tight glide turns, forward and backward crossovers and more. This program is best suited for skaters aged 6 or older who already have basic forward and backward skating skills. They must be able to skate the length of the rink using alternate strides and be able to stop on command without the use of the boards. Skaters should wear full hockey equipment that is CSA approved. Bring hockey sticks to the sessions as they may be incorporated into drills.

### **Synchro**

Our Synchronized Skating program is for skaters at the Intermediate Level or above, and teaches the basics of synchro skating. Team try-outs will take place in early September each year and the team will participate in at least one competition each year. All Skaters must be registered in an additional 2 days per week at MSC.

### **Competition Training**

CTP is a program designed to prepare our skaters for their competitions. All skaters must be recommended by their private coach to register for this program, and must also skate a minimum of two days per week at MSC. Skaters enrolled in this program are coached throughout the entire session. These coaching fees are included in the CTP program registration fee.

### **Alumni**

Our Alumni membership is for former MSC members with Senior qualifications who live out of town to work or attend post-secondary school. Skaters can have up to a maximum of 6 guest passes.

### **Guest Skating**

This program is for current Skate Canada Members who skate at the Intermediate level or above. This program is not for testing purposes. Pre-registration and payment is required in full prior to the session skated. Cost is \$25 per session to a maximum of 6 sessions/year.



## 2011-2012 SCHEDULE BY PROGRAM

<b>KidSkate and CanSkate (Kid/Can)</b>	Monday 5:40 – 6:30pm** Thursday 5:40 – 6:30pm** Thursday 6:30 – 7:20pm** Friday 6:10 – 7:00pm** Friday 7:10 – 8:00pm** Saturday 10:40 – 11:30am**
<b>Intermediate (Int.)</b>	Monday 6:30 – 7:40pm Tuesday 5:40 – 6:50pm Wednesday 4:10 – 5:30pm Saturday 9:10 – 10:30am**
<b>Senior (Sr.)</b>	Monday 7:50 – 9:00pm Wednesday 5:40 – 6:40pm Thursday 4:10 – 5:30pm Saturday 9:10 – 10:30am** Saturday 11:40am – 1:00pm**
<b>Advanced/Gold (Adv./Gold)</b>	Monday 4:10 – 5:30pm Tuesday 4:10 – 5:30pm Wednesday 6:50 – 8:00pm Thursday 7:30 – 9:00pm Saturday 11:40am – 1:00pm**
<b>Power</b>	Tuesday 7:00 – 7:55pm** Tuesday 8:05 – 9:00pm**
<b>Adult/Teen</b>	Wednesday 8:10 – 9:00pm
<b>Competition Training Program (CTP)</b>	Friday 5:10 – 6:00pm Saturday 8:10 – 9:00am**
<b>Synchro</b>	Friday 4:10 – 5:00pm

**\*\*Staffed office hours.**

## 2011-2012 SCHEDULE BY WEEKDAY

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
4:10-5:30pm Adv./Gold	4:10-5:30pm Adv./Gold	4:10-5:30pm Intermediate	4:10-5:30pm Senior	4:10-5:00pm Synchro	8:10-9:00am CTP
5:40-6:30pm Kid/Can	5:40-6:50pm Intermediate	5:40-6:40pm Senior	5:40-6:30pm Kid/Can	5:10-6:00pm CTP	9:10-10:30am Int./Senior
6:30-7:40pm Intermediate	7:00-7:55pm Power	6:50-8:00pm Adv./Gold	6:30-7:20pm Kid/Can	6:10-7:00pm Kid/Can	10:40-11:30am Kid/Can
7:50-9:00pm Senior	8:05-9:00pm Power	8:10-9:00pm Adult/Teen	7:30-9:00pm Adv./Gold	7:10-8:00pm Kid/Can	11:40-1:00pm Sr./Adv./Gold



## FEE STRUCTURE

We are pleased to continue our "fee cap" for those who skate 3 or more days/week.

Session	1 day	2 days	3 days or more
<b>KidSkate</b>	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$635</b>	<b>\$870</b>
<b>CanSkate</b>	<b>\$485</b>	<b>\$840</b>	<b>\$1,150</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>\$540</b>	<b>\$915</b>	<b>\$1,295</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$965</b>	<b>\$1,340</b>
<b>Advanced/Gold</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$965</b>	<b>\$1,340</b>
<b>Adult/Teen</b>	<b>\$550</b>		
<b>Power</b>	<b>\$540</b>	<b>\$915</b>	
<b>Competition Training Program (CTP)</b>	<b>\$525</b>	<b>\$890</b>	
<b>Synchro</b>	<b>\$760</b>		
<b>Alumni Membership</b>	<b>\$125</b>		

## FORMS OF PAYMENT

- **Cash:** Must be paid in full at the time of registration.
- **Cheque:** May be paid in four installments dated Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, and Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.
- **Visa or MasterCard:** May be paid in two installments due on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 and December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

## Notes:

- KidSkate and CanSkate fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. Installment plan is available for all other programs.
- Session choice cannot be confirmed until payment or arrangement is made in full.
- All skaters wishing to participate in private coaching, Skate Canada testing, or competitions of any kind must be a "Member in Good Standing" (i.e. all fees paid in full) and must have enrolled in an appropriate MSC program with the minimum required days of skating.

## FAMILY DISCOUNT

For families with two or more skaters at MSC, the second highest membership receives a 5% discount while the third & subsequent skaters each receive a 10% discount.

## REFUNDS

A fee of \$35 will be charged for any cancellations of membership prior to the start of skating. There will be no refunds. The only exception is for medical reasons approved by the MSC Board of Directors.

## NSF CHEQUES / RETURNED PAYMENTS

A fee of \$35 will be levied for any returned payments, which must be replaced with a certified cheque or other guaranteed form of payment. Replacement payment must be received within 14 days to continue the skater's membership with MSC.

## COMMUNICATION

When you register, please provide email addresses for every relevant individual in your family (consider all adults and teens) so we can keep you updated on changes to schedules, current events and important announcements. If you do not have access to email, please be sure to check our website or the bulletin board in the lobby of the Markham Village Arena on a regular basis.



**PROFESSIONAL COACHES**

We are very proud of our MSC professional coaches who are dedicated and loyal athletes with over 150 years of combined professional experience. Seasoned and successful skaters in their own right, they have the breadth of knowledge to take skaters from Learn to Skate to Advanced and Gold levels. Our coaches work hard to provide skaters of all ages and stages with a fun, safe and high quality skating experience.

**2011-2012 COACHING STAFF**

Michele Britten	905-640-8488
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Lindsay Herdman	647-688-2760
Tracey Jones	905-472-1679
Candice Keast	647-223-8967
Monique Mara	416-451-0686
Mackenzie Ralph	905-591-0046

**PROGRAM ASSISTANTS**

MSC offers a wonderful opportunity for skaters to assist our Professional Coaches as Program Assistants (PAs) for our KidSkate and CanSkate programs. Skaters are eligible if they have obtained a minimum of their Preliminary Skills and are 11 years of age or older. High school students can allocate these volunteer hours toward their Community Involvement requirements. To schedule your hours, please contact Line Benton at 905-209-0839.

**WE NEED YOU!**

Markham Skating Club is volunteer-run, which means we can always use your involvement. Please watch your email for opportunities to help out, but you don't have to wait to be asked! You don't have to make a major time commitment either – even a few hours of your time can make a huge difference to our Club. Contact the Board of Directors to have your ideas implemented! Email us at [info@markhamskatingclub.com](mailto:info@markhamskatingclub.com) or call the office at 905-472-6982.

**VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sandra Churchill	President
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Aileen Wong	Secretary
Shawn Patterson Baker	Treasurer
Line Benton	Program Assistant (PA) Coordinator
Bill Jennings	Skating Programs Coordinator
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Jennifer Nie	Registration Coordinator
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Shawna Sheldon	Test Chair / Fundraising Coordinator
Dave Sylvester	Events Coordinator
Marisa Sylvester	Events Coordinator



### **ANNUAL BANQUET**

As is the tradition for other athletic organizations, we celebrate our skaters' accomplishments at the end of each winter season with our annual banquet. This year's banquet is scheduled for Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Don't miss this popular event, complete with a catered dinner, DJ, dancing, door prizes and more. It's a great family evening, with tons of fun for skaters of all ages and their parents!

### **COSTUME RENTAL**

Did you know the Markham Skating Club also runs a costume business called The Loft? We rent costumes for Halloween, theatre shows, dance recitals, school plays, theme parties, ice shows, and we also have beautiful dresses for skating tests and competitions. Prices are reasonable and vary from \$5 to \$25. For more information, call 905-294-0673 or email us at: [costumes@markhamskatingclub.com](mailto:costumes@markhamskatingclub.com).

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