



## INFORMATION FOR KIDSKATE PARENTS

For those just joining the Markham Skating Club, KidSkate is our introductory program taught by professional coaches, and designed for preschool children ages 3-5. This flexible program is designed to be an enjoyable time while children learn the fundamentals of skating.

### IMPORTANT

**Parents must stay in the arena where their child can see them at all times during the session, and skaters should never be left at the arena alone.**

### Equipment Necessities

- ☞ CSA approved helmets are mandatory for KidSkaters (and CanSkaters).
- ☞ Skate guards are also mandatory. All skaters must have skate guards on their blades when not on the ice, including in the arena lobby.
- ☞ When choosing your child's skates, we recommend "lace-up" skates, as they provide the best support, allow proper movement, and accommodate adjustable fit. The skate's boot must be firm, and must provide good support to the foot and ankle.

### 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

**\*On test days, regular sessions are cancelled.**

**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.** For this reason, please provide email addresses for every relevant individual in your family. If you do not have access to email, please be sure to check our website or the bulletin board in the lobby of the arena on a regular basis.

### Need a costume for Halloween or a special event?

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 and theme parties. Prices vary from \$5 to \$25. For information, call 905-294-0673 or email [costumes@markhamskatingclub.com](mailto:costumes@markhamskatingclub.com).

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