



**Registration Information Package
Winter 2020 Season
October 12 to December 19, 2020**

Sanctioned by Skate Canada, the Markham Skating Club offers a wide range of top-quality programs. From “learn-to-skate” programs to adult lessons, and Performance Enrichment to Power Skating, we strive to offer something for everyone. Our ultimate mission is to inspire a lifelong love for the sport of skating.

All Winter 2020 sessions take place at the Markham Village Arena (Southeast corner of Markham Rd. and Hwy. 7).

REGISTRATION OPENS October 2 @ 6pm
REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.markhamskatingclub.com

No registrations will be accepted prior to October 2 @ 6pm.

All registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sessions fill quickly. Register early to ensure you obtain space in your preferred sessions.

Questions? You can always contact us by phone: (905) 472-6982 or email: info@markhamskatingclub.com

WINTER OFFICE HOURS (October 12 – December 19)

	Daytime	Evening
Monday	10:00am–3:00pm	5:00pm–6:30pm
Tuesday	10:00am–3:00pm	7:00pm–9:00pm
Wednesday	Closed	Closed
Thursday	10:00am–3:00pm	5:30pm–8:00pm
Friday	Closed	6:00pm–8:00pm
Saturday	9:15am–12:15pm	

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Special Instructions — Ministry, City, and Skate Ontario Requirements

In order to comply with social distancing regulations that have been put in place to stop the spread of COVID 19, the following protocols have been established:

ALL Skaters MUST:

1. **ARRIVE 15 mins prior to the start of their session** and wait at the main doors on the East side of the building for admittance. Skaters will be ushered in by 'runners.'
2. **WEAR A MASK** until they go on the ice and immediately after they get off the ice.

The facility has made it clear that **admittance will be denied** if any of these steps are not adhered to.

PLEASE be sure your skater has a zip lock bag for Kleenex etc...and as a place to store their mask while skating.

MSC has attested to the City of Markham that building capacity limits will not be exceeded. We ask that parents and skaters arrive on time and leave the premises immediately after their session ends. ONE (1) PARENT per skater is permitted to accompany CANSKATE skaters. Spectators on other sessions will be limited but may be admitted if the rink is not at capacity. Skaters are encouraged to arrive and leave the rink wearing skates and guards to avoid high volumes between sessions.

PROGRAMS

Individuals must be registered in the full program and must skate at their scheduled time each week; drop-ins to other sessions cannot be accommodated. Skaters must have met the criteria for their selected program as of October 11, 2020.

CanSkate

CanSkate is a beginner program for skaters aged 5 and up, who are able to stand up and move around competently on the ice. Our coaches work hard to ensure a fun time with 30 minutes of small group instruction per session and an exceptionally low skater-to-coach ratio. Ribbons and badges are awarded as skaters master the fundamentals to prepare for success in more advanced Skate Canada programs. **CSA-approved helmets are mandatory until skaters pass CanSkate Stage 5. Skate guards are also mandatory and must always be worn when skaters are not on the ice.**

STARSkate

STARSkate programs (Intermediate, Senior, Advanced, Gold) afford skaters the opportunity to develop their figure skating in the areas of ice dance, skating skills, free skate and interpretive skating. Skaters may take tests through Skate Canada's nationally standardized testing system, but testing is not mandatory. Skaters who have mastered figure skating skills in STARSkate may choose to pursue synchronized or pairs skating, enter competitions, become involved in judging and more. All STARSkate levels include a stroking session at the start of each session or a cool down session at the close of the session.



Intermediate Qualification: passed CanSkate Stage 6. Includes two 10-minute group lessons in addition to a 10-minute stroking session at the start of the session. Although additional private coaching is not mandatory, it is recommended at this level; coaching must be arranged directly with the coach of your choice. Private coaching cannot be arranged through the office. See our website for details on our coaching team.

Senior Qualification: passed any complete Star 2 test. Additional private coaching is mandatory at or above this level.

Advanced/Gold Qualification: passed any 3 of the following 4:

1. Star 3 Freeskate,
2. Star 5 Freeskate,
3. Star 5 Skills,
4. Senior Bronze Dances.

(Some qualification exceptions may apply; talk to your coach).

For transitioning purposes, skaters who have passed Star 3 Freeskate + Star 5 Skills + Star 5 Dance may register for Senior or Advanced sessions. Contact the office or your private coach for details.

Adult/Teen

Adult/Teen sessions offer a fun, professionally coached environment for those aged 13 and up to improve basic skating skills or maintain more advanced skills. Session fees include a group lesson with a professional coach. Helmets are mandatory for skaters who are just learning, or who have not passed the equivalent of CanSkate level 5. If you are unsure of your level, bring a helmet to the first session and our coaches will assess your level.

Performance Enrichment

Our **Performance Enrichment Program (PEP)** is a great way for dedicated, goal oriented skaters to move ahead quickly as it is designed to improve skaters' edges, stamina, skill and form. PEP skaters receive group lessons, coach-led drills, performance training and more. Participants must be at the Intermediate level or higher and must also skate a minimum of one other session per week at MSC. Before enrolling in PEP, skaters must consult with their coach to ensure the program is appropriate for their skill level. Skaters in this program are coached throughout the entire session.



Power Skating

CanPower programs are a great next step for skaters who have completed CanSkate 5 or 6 and prefer not to pursue figure skating. **These are NOT “learn to skate” programs.** MSC’s power skating programs are led by coaches with a combined 30+ years of experience in power skating. The CanPower program is designed to build strong skating skills for new and experienced hockey and ringette players. Focus is placed on edge quality and control, body alignment and balance. A variety of stopping, starting and turning exercises will challenge the skaters both physically and mentally, helping to develop better on-ice coordination and body awareness.

- Our **earlier Tuesday session** caters to younger players (min. 6 years old) looking to further develop their basic skating skills. Skaters must be able to skate the length of the rink either forward or backward and must be able to stop on command. Skaters **MUST** have passed CanSkate Stage 5.
- Our **later Tuesday session and the Friday session** are for skaters at least 8 years old. These sessions are for more advanced skaters playing rep hockey (or aiming to do so). Skaters must be able to perform forward and backward crosscuts and be able to stop in both directions. Skaters **MUST** have passed CanSkate Stage 5.

All power skaters must wear full hockey equipment (CSA-approved). Bring a hockey stick – it will be incorporated into many drills.

Guest Skating/ Alumni

Current Skate Canada Members at the Intermediate level or above may buy guest passes at \$25 per session for a maximum of 6 sessions per year. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. MSC Alumni (minimum of Senior qualifications) may receive 6 guest passes per season at a reduced fee of \$125.

Add a Session

Current MSC Members at the Intermediate level or above can “add a session” to their usual weekly schedules by paying a fee of \$10 per additional single session. Skaters must be qualified for the session they are adding, and space must be available on the session requested. Pre-registration and pre-payment in full are required. Max. 6 “add on” single sessions per year.

Ticket Ice

Ticket ice refers to ice time available to MSC skaters outside our regular session schedule. Skaters, who would like additional practice time, need to *book this time in advance with their private coach*. **Ticket ice times for the Winter 2020 season are: Tuesdays 3pm-4pm and Wednesdays 3pm-4pm.** Ticket ice is subject to cancellation from time to time, so check with your coach before arriving.

Ticket ice MUST be booked in advance through the office, or online from our website. Skaters must have a physical paper ticket before stepping on the ice. Tickets are \$10 for a single session, or \$40 for 5 tickets. Non MSC-skaters (guest skaters) must be current Skate Canada members, and may use MSC ticket ice at \$25/session. **All skaters attending Ticket Ice must be accompanied by a coach.**



SCHEDULES

While every effort is made to ensure that schedules for all programs are fair and equal, holidays, special events and test days may affect sessions; please consider the list of Key Dates in this package when choosing your sessions.

Times and schedules are subject to change. Whenever possible, notices will be emailed to members, posted on the MSC website, and posted in the arena lobby.

1) ON-ICE TRAINING

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4:10-5:20 Int/Senior	4:10-5:30 Adv/Gold	4:10-5:30 Int/Senior	4:10-5:20 Senior	4:10-5:10 Adv/Gold	8:10-9:10 Int/Senior
5:30-6:20 CanSkate	5:40-7:00 Int/Senior	5:40-6:10 PEP*	5:30-6:40 Int/Senior	5:10-6:10 Int/Senior	9:20-10:05 CanSkate
6:30-7:40 Senior	7:10-8:00 Power	6:20-7:30 Int/Senior	6:50-7:40 CanSkate	6:20-7:10 CanSkate	10:15-11:00 CanSkate
7:50-9:00 Adv/Gold	8:10-9:00 Power	7:40-9:00 Adv/Gold	7:50-9:00 Adv/Gold	7:10-8:00 Power	11:10-12:00 Adv/Gold /Adult***
			9:10-10:00 Adult/Teen		

***PEP (Performance Enrichment Program) – note there is NO off-ice training for PEP this session.**

SCHEDULE BY PROGRAM

CanSkate (Can)	Monday 5:30-6:20 Thursday 6:50-7:40 Friday 6:20-7:10 Saturday 9:20-10:05 Saturday 10:15-11:00
Intermediate (Int)	Monday 4:10-5:20 (with Senior) Tuesday 5:40-7:00 (with Senior) Wednesday 4:10-5:30 (with Senior) Wednesday 6:20-7:30 (with Senior) Thursday 5:30-6:40 (with Senior) Friday 5:10-6:10 (with Senior) Saturday 8:10-9:20 (with Senior)



Senior (Sr)	Monday 4:10-5:20 (with Intermediate) Monday 6:30-7:40 Tuesday 5:40-7:00 (with Intermediate) Wednesday 4:10-5:30 (with Intermediate) Wednesday 6:20-7:30 (with Intermediate) Thursday 4:10-5:20 Thursday 5:30-6:40 (with Intermediate) Friday 5:10-6:10 (with Intermediate) Saturday 8:10-9:20 (with Intermediate)
Advanced/Gold	Monday 7:50-9:00 Tuesday 4:10-5:30 Wednesday 7:40-9:00 Thursday 7:50-9:00 Friday 4:10-5:10 Saturday 11:10-12:00 (with /Adult)
Power	Tuesday 7:10-8:00 Tuesday 8:10-9:00 Friday 7:10-8:00
Adult/Teen	Thursday 9:10-10:00 Saturday: 11:10-12:00 (with Senior/Adv/Gold)
PEP	Wednesday 5:40-6:10

**Skaters must attend their session on the same day each week.
Walk-ons and drop-ins cannot be accommodated.
No make-up days are provided for missed lessons.**

SESSION FEES

Session	Number of Sessions/Week			
	1	2	3	4
CanSkate	\$240	\$430	\$610	\$720
Intermediate	\$265	\$475	\$675	\$795
Senior/Advanced/Gold (min. 2 sessions/week)		\$470	\$660	\$780
PEP/Rising Stars (must also take at least 1 other session)	\$155			
Adult/Teen	\$265	\$475		
Power	\$265	\$475		

PAYMENT

- **Visa/MasterCard:** Fees to be paid in full at registration.
- 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



SKATE CANADA FEE

All skaters in Skate Canada-sanctioned clubs are required to pay an annual Skate Canada Membership fee, which will be applied at the time of registration. Skate Canada memberships expire on August 31 of each year.

FAMILY DISCOUNT

Families with 2 skaters at MSC will receive a 2.5% discount on total membership fees. Families with 3 or more skaters at MSC will receive a 5% discount on total membership fees. (Discounts do not apply to Skate Canada membership fee).

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

- a) If a written request to cancel a session registration is received prior to the start of skating, a refund will be granted, less a \$35 administration fee, and less the cost of the Skate Canada fee.
- b) If a written request to withdraw from a session is received on or before November 14th of the current Fall/Winter session, a pro-rated refund will be granted regardless of whether or not your child attended sessions, less a \$35 administration fee, and less the cost of the Skate Canada fee (if applicable). The administration fee will be waived if you choose to accept a credit on your account.
- c) After November 14th, there are no refunds except for medical reasons. Requests for refunds for medical reasons must be supported by a doctor's note, and all requests must be approved by the MSC Board of Directors. In this case, refunds are pro-rated and the Skate Canada registration fee is non-refundable. There are no credits after November 14th.
- d) All credit balances remaining unused on a client account for two (2) years will be cleared.

NSF CHEQUES / RETURNED PAYMENTS

A \$45 fee will be levied for 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 membership with MSC.

NON-MEMBER REGISTRATIONS

Since many of our programs are at capacity, MSC Member registrations will be accepted prior to "non-member registrations". Skaters registered with an alternate club as their "home club" will be permitted to register for sessions after October 12, 2020. All non-member registration requests will be reviewed on an individual basis by the MSC Board of Directors.

CODE OF CONDUCT/ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

All skaters/guardians must read and agree to adhere to MSC's Code of Conduct before registration will be considered complete. Copies are available at the MSC office, or you can download it from our website. We maintain a strong stance on bullying, and we expect all our skaters and parents to adhere to the Skate Canada anti-bullying policy, to ensure a warm and welcoming place for children, teens and parents. A link to this policy is also available on our website.

SAFETY

Skate guards are to be worn at all times unless you are on the rubber mat at the rink entrance or on the ice. This is not only a safety regulation but also a sensible practice to protect your skate blades. Please use the dressing rooms for changing before and after lessons and keep the lobby free of skating apparel.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Markham Skating Club is a non-profit organization run by dedicated and hard-working volunteers. All members are encouraged to join our volunteer team. Individuals can donate time and expertise at any level—from helping out on test day to joining the Board of Directors. Email us at info@markhamskatingclub.com to learn more.



COSTUME AND DRESS RENTAL – “THE LOFT”

Costumes, test dresses, competition outfits and more are available for rent at extremely reasonable prices through the Markham Skating Club rental business known as "The Loft". Test dresses can be rented for as low as \$15! We also have a great selection of skating pants and shirts for boys.

Come see our fabulous new costumes, including all the costumes you saw in our 2018 Ice Show! We have hundreds of outfits for adults and kids; colourful skating dresses, Disney characters, medieval, western, fantasy, Wizard of Oz, genies, pirates, 1920s, through 1980s themes, flapper dresses, tuxedos, poodle skirts, international costumes, animals, fish, flower costumes, top hats, fedoras and more!

Our costumes are ideal for dance recitals, skating tests and shows, parades, theatrical productions, masquerades, school plays, Halloween and theme parties.

The Loft is located within the arena, at the south end of the ice, underneath the score clock. We are open by appointment only. Call 905-294-0673 or email costumes@markhamskatingclub.com.

IMPORTANT – WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU!

Staying subscribed to email from MSC is vitally important. We need to keep you updated about things like schedule changes or session cancellations. If you do not have email, please be sure to regularly check our website, social media or the lobby bulletin board. **If you think you are not receiving email from us, please call the office.**



KEY DATES

Equity among programs is considered when our schedule is created, but please consider these dates when choosing your sessions. 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 and on social media. Be sure we have your email address!

October, 2020	Saturday, October 10 – Thanksgiving weekend (no sessions)
	Monday, October 12 – Thanksgiving Day (no sessions)
	Tuesday, October 13 – 1st day of skating
December, 2020	Wednesday, December 16 – Test Day (no sessions)
	Saturday, December 19 – Last day of skating before Christmas break
	Registration for Jan-Mar session - TBD
	Monday, December 21 – Sunday, January 3 – Christmas break (no sessions)
January, 2021	Monday, January 4 – First day of Winter 2021 session (tentatively)
February, 2021	Saturday, February 13 – YES, there are sessions today (Family Day weekend)
	Monday, February 15 – Arena closed for Family Day (no sessions)
	Wednesday, Feb 24 – Test Day (tentative)
March, 2021	Monday, March 15 – Friday March 19 – March Break (yes, there are sessions)
	Wed, March 31 – Test Day
	Registration for Spring session - TBD
April, 2021	Friday, April 2 – Monday, April 5 inclusive – Easter weekend
	Monday, April 5 – Spring session starts (tentatively)
May, 2021	Saturday, May 1 – Annual Spring Awards Banquet (tentatively)
	Saturday, May 22 - Monday May 24 (inclusive) – Victoria Day weekend (no sessions)
	Wednesday, May 26 – Test Day (no sessions)
	Saturday, May 29 – Last day of Spring skating
June, 2021	Tuesday, June 8 @ 7:30 pm – Annual General Meeting



PROFESSIONAL COACHING STAFF

At MSC we are very proud of our coaching team. Some have coached with us for many years; some even learned to skate with MSC! Many of our coaches have been national champions and international competitors, and all are N.C.C.P. certified members of Skate Canada. Our coaches teach both male and female skaters of all levels of ability and experience, from “learn to skate” through gold levels. To book private lessons, please contact the StarSkate coach of your choice directly for information.

Teri-Lynn Black-Calleri	416-580-7297
Michele Britten	905-640-8488
Jodi Figliomeni	604-786-0199
Candice Glover	647-223-8967
Darcy Guddat	905-294-2485
Brandon Herdman	416-559-2696
Tracey Jones	905-721-1921
Karolina Mazur	416-803-4092
Katelyn Toms	647-515-4909
Teri-Lynn Black-Calleri	416-580-7297

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Markham Skating Club’s Board of Directors governs the overall MSC business. This group of volunteers meets once a month to ensure the successful operations of our programs and club activities. We are committed to the success of MSC and are always seeking new ideas to enhance our programs and Club. If you wish to contact a board member, feel free to email our office via email or phone and we will connect you.

President and Ice Show Coordinator	Shawna Sheldon
Vice President, Treasurer and Test Chair	Cathy Manion
Communications and Registration Coordinator	Jen Hayward
Secretary	Shilpa Dhandha
Competition Coordinator	Ann Nakashima Chan
Coach Liaison and Social Media	Meredith Blake
Special Events Coordinator	Susan Wood
Property Manager and Program Coordinator	Celia Yeung

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