



**Registration Information Package
Fall 2023 Season
September 11, 2023 to March 9, 2024**

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

**REGISTRATION OPENS August 9 at 6pm
REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.markhamskatingclub.com**

**No registrations will be accepted prior to August 9 at 6pm.
All registrations are processed on a first-come, first-serve 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

FALL/WINTER OFFICE HOURS (September 11, 2023 – March 9, 2024)

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

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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 August 9, 2023.

- Pre-CanSkate** **Pre-CanSkate** 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. **CSA-approved helmets are mandatory. Skaters must ALWAYS wear skate guards when not on the ice.**
- CanSkate** **CanSkate** is a beginner program for skaters aged 5 and up who can 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. Skaters in CanSkate Stage 6 can choose to either participate in CanSkate or Novice STARSkate sessions (see below). **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.**
- Skaters who have passed CanSkate 6 MUST register for Novice. Skaters will not be allowed to register for both Novice and CanSkate sessions.**
- STARSkate** **STARSkate programs (Novice, Junior, Senior, Advanced)** 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. All StarSkate levels also include one complimentary Off Ice session which must be registered for separately.
- Novice Qualification:** passed CanSkate Stage 5. Includes 30 minutes of professional group lesson instruction. 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. **Note that STARSkate sessions require figure skates (no hockey skates permitted).**
- Junior Qualification:** passed any 2 complete Star 1 tests. Includes professional group lesson instruction. Additional private coaching is mandatory at or above this level.
- Senior Qualification:** passed any 2 complete Star 3 tests. Includes a coach led warm-up.



Advanced Qualification: passed all the following:

1. Star 3 Freeskate
2. Star 5 Skills
3. Star 5 Dances

(Some qualification exceptions may apply; talk to your coach before you register).
Includes a coach-led warm-up.

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

Qualification: Junior/Senior/Advanced StarSkate

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 Junior 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. Thirty minutes of Off-ice training is included in PEP program fees and must be registered for separately.

Power Skating

Our **Power Skating** 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 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 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 session is for skaters at least 8 years old. This session is 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 Novice 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 Novice 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 must *book this time in advance with their private coach*. Contact your coach for the ticket ice schedule. 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 (p.9 and 10) 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
Novice/Junior 4:10-5:20	Senior/Advanced 4:10-5:30	Novice/Junior 4:10-5:30	Junior/Senior 4:10-5:30	Senior/Advanced 4:10-5:10	StarSkate Open Session ** 8:10-9:00
Junior/Senior 5:20-6:30	Novice/Junior 5:40-7:00	PEP * 5:40-6:10	Pre / CanSkate 5:40-6:30	Novice/Junior 5:10-6:10	Pre / CanSkate 9:00-9:50
Pre / CanSkate 6:40-7:30	Power 7:10-8:00	Junior/Senior 6:20-7:30	Pre /CanSkate 6:30-7:20	Pre / Canskate 6:20-7:10	Pre / CanSkate 10:00-10:50
Advanced 7:40-9:00	Power 8:10-9:00	Senior/Advanced 7:40-9:00	Advanced 7:30-9:00	Pre / CanSkate 7:10-8:00	Pre / CanSkate 10:50-11:40
			Adult/Teen 9:10-10:00		Novice/Junior 11:50-12:50
					Senior/Advanced Adult*** 1:00-2:00

*PEP (Performance Enrichment Program) – Includes 30 minutes of off-ice training.

** The StarSkate Open Ice session is for any skaters who are qualified to skate on Novice to Advanced sessions.

*** Adult participants on the Saturday session must be working on Star tests



2) OFF-ICE TRAINING

At MSC we are committed to giving our skaters the best training possible and believe in the benefits of training ‘beyond the ice.’ Our off-ice sessions are designed to reduce risk of injury, build a strong muscular foundation and maximize skating potential.

All STARSkate members are entitled to register for one complimentary Off ice class. Additional registrations are subject to availability at an additional cost. Space is limited so sign-up for your off-ice class when you register for your on-ice sessions. In order for the sessions to run, there must be a minimum of 5 skaters registered. If the class does not have the minimum number of registrants, you will be contacted by the office to join another class.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		PEP/Rising Stars 5:00 – 5:30			
		Novice/Junior 5:40 – 6:10	Junior/Senior 5:40 – 6:10	Senior/Advanced 5:20 – 6:00	
		PEP/Rising Stars 6:20 – 6:50	Novice/Junior 6:10 – 6:40	Novice/Junior 6:20 – 6:50	
		Senior/Advanced 6:50 – 7:30	Senior/Advanced 6:40 – 7:20		
			Adult 7:45 – 8:45		

SCHEDULE BY PROGRAM

Pre-CanSkate and CanSkate (Pre/Can)	Monday 6:40-7:30 Thursday 5:40-6:30 Thursday 6:30-7:20 Friday 6:20-7:10 Friday 7:10-8:00 Saturday 9:00-9:50 Saturday 10:00-10:50 Saturday 10:50-11:40
Novice (Nov)	Monday 4:10-5:20 (with Junior) Tuesday 5:40-7:00 (with Junior) Wednesday 4:10-5:30 (with Junior) Friday 5:10-6:10 (with Junior) Saturday 11:50-12:50 (with Junior)



Junior (Jun)	Monday 4:10-5:20 (with Novice) Monday 5:20-6:30 (with Senior) Tuesday 5:40-7:00 (with Novice) Wednesday 4:10-5:30 (with Novice) Wednesday 6:20-7:30 (with Senior) Thursday 4:10-5:30 (with Senior) Friday 5:10-6:10 (with Novice) Saturday 11:50-12:50 (with Novice)
Senior (Sr)	Monday 5:20-6:30 (with Junior) Tuesday 4:10-5:30 (with Advanced) Wednesday 6:20-7:30 (with Junior) Wednesday 7:40-9:00 (with Advanced) Thursday 4:10-5:30 (with Junior) Friday 4:10-5:10 (with Advanced) Saturday 1:00-2:00 (with Advanced & Adult)
Advanced (Adv)	Monday 7:40-9:00 Tuesday 4:10-5:30 (with Senior) Wednesday 7:40-9:00 (with Senior) Thursday 7:30-9:00 Friday 4:10-5:10 (with Senior) Saturday 1:00-2:00 (with Senior and Adult)
Power	Tuesday 7:10-8:00 Tuesday 8:10-9:00
Adult/Teen	Thursday 9:10-10:00 Saturday: 1:00-2:00 (with Senior and Advanced)
PEP	Wednesday 5:40-6:10
StarSkate Open Ice	Saturday 8:10-9:00

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	Day of the Week		
	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
	Wednesday	Thursday	
	Saturday		
	22 sessions	25 sessions	24 sessions
Pre-CanSkate	\$440	\$500	\$480
CanSkate	\$528	\$600	\$576
Novice	\$594	\$675	\$648
Junior (minimum 2 sessions/week)	\$594	\$675	\$648
Senior (minimum 2 sessions/week)	\$594	\$675	\$648
Advanced (minimum 2 sessions/week)	\$594	\$675	\$648
PEP/Rising Stars (must <u>also</u> take at least 1 other	\$374		
Adult/Teen	\$374	\$675	
Power		\$700	
StarSkate Open Ice	\$594		
Off-Ice Additional session – Novice/Junior, Junior/Senior	\$264	\$300	\$288
Off-Ice Additional session – Senior/Advanced	\$330	\$375	\$360

Multi-session discounts (applicable to Pre-CanSkate, CanSkate, Novice, Junior, Senior, Advanced and Adult/Teen)

- 2 sessions / week = 15% off 2 sessions in the same category
- 3 sessions / week = 20% off 3 sessions in the same category
- 4 sessions / week = 30% off 4 sessions in the same category

PAYMENT

- Instalment payment plan may be available
- Visa/Mastercard accepted online
- Session choice cannot be confirmed until initial payment is made upon registration
- 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 time of registration. Skate Canada memberships expire on August 31 of each year. This fee will be applied at the time of registration if you have not already paid this fee for the current year.

FAMILY DISCOUNT/PROGRAM ASSISTANT (PA) 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. All skaters accepted into the Program Assistant (PA) program will receive a 3% discount on their fees. Discounts are applied as a credit on your account once the PA has completed his/her skating season as a PA. (Discounts do not apply to Skate Canada membership fee). To receive the PA discount, you must select your PA session at the time you register.



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 October 31 of the current Fall/Winter session, a pro-rated refund will be granted regardless of whether your child attended sessions, less a \$35 administration fee, and less the cost of the Skate Canada fee. The administration fee will be waived if you choose to accept a credit on your account.
- c) After October 31, there are no refunds except for medical reasons. Requests for refunds 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 from the date of the request and the Skate Canada registration fee is non-refundable. There are no credits after October 31.
- 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 September 11, 2023. All non-member registration requests will be reviewed on an individual basis by the MSC Board of Directors

CODE OF CONDUCT/SAFE SPORT POLICIES

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 Safe Sport policies, 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.

PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

MSC offers a wonderful opportunity for skaters to assist our Professional Coaches as Pre-CanSkate and CanSkate Program Assistants (PAs). Skaters are eligible to be a PA if they are registered on the Junior session or higher AND are 10 years of age or older. High school students may allocate these volunteer hours toward their Community Involvement requirements. In addition, Program Assistants receive a 3% discount on session fees.

NOTE: PA hours are to be scheduled when you register for your sessions.

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 \$20! We also have a great selection of skating pants and shirts for boys.

Come see our fabulous costumes! 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. 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!

August, 2023	Wednesday, August 9 @ 6:00pm – Fall registration opens online.
September, 2023	Monday, September 11 – First day of Fall/Winter session
	Saturday, September 23 – MSC BBQ (arena parking lot)
	Saturday, September 23 – PA training clinic (mandatory, no charge)
	September 18 - September 23 – Pre-CanSkate and CanSkate Parent Information Sessions (during sessions)
October, 2023	Monday, October 2 @ 6pm - Ice Show Registration opens
	Saturday, October 7 - Thanksgiving weekend (no sessions)
	Monday, October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (no sessions)
	Saturday, October 21 – Ice Show Registration closes
	Wednesday, October 25 – Star 6 to Gold Test Day (no sessions)
	Tuesday, October 31 – Halloween – (Yes there are sessions!)
December, 2023	Saturday, December 16 – 12:00 – 2:00pm – Family Holiday Skate (no Senior/Advanced or Adult sessions). All family members welcome to join the fun! (no sessions after 12)
	Wednesday, December 20 – Star 6 to Gold Test Day (no sessions)
	Friday, December 22 – Last day of skating before Holiday break
	Saturday, December 23 to Monday, January 1 – Holiday break (no sessions)



January, 2024	Tuesday, January 2 – First day of skating after Holiday break
	Friday, January 26 – CanSkate Challenge and AdultSkate Challenge (no sessions) - tentative
	Saturday, January 27 – Club Competition (no sessions) - tentative
	Saturday, January 28 – Ice Show Cast Reveal
February, 2024	Mid February – Ice show rehearsal schedule released
	Monday, February 19 – Arena closed for Family Day (no regular sessions)
	Tuesday February 27 @ 6pm – Spring Registration opens online - tentative
March, 2024	Wednesday, March 6 – Star 6 – Gold Test Day (no regular sessions)
	Saturday, March 9, - Last day of Fall/Winter sessions
	Monday, March 11 – Saturday, March 16 – March Break (rink is open as there are Ice show Rehearsals for all skaters EXCEPT PreCanSkate and CanSkate groups) More info to come in Ice Show Package
	Monday, March 18 – Saturday, April 6 -Ice Show Rehearsals
	Friday, March 29 – Good Friday (no sessions or rehearsals)
April, 2024	Monday, April 1 – Easter Monday (no sessions or rehearsals)
	Monday, April 8 – Thursday April 11– Ice Show Production week
	Friday, April 12 – Sunday April 14 – Ice Show
	Monday, April 15 – Spring Session starts - tentative

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 full-time coach of your choice directly for information.

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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.

Co-Presidents	Meredith Blake and Cathy Manion
Past President	Shawna Sheldon
Vice President and Registration Co-Coordinator	Ann Nakashima Chan
Treasurer and Office Liaison	Cathy Manion
Registration Co-Coordinator	Jen Hayward
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