

North Kawartha Figure Skating Club

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Daina's Notes

Special points of interest:

- Keep hair tied back
- Learn to Skate skaters must wear CSA approved helmets
- Everyone must wear gloves
- NO JEANS
- Pants must not go any longer than the heel of the boot of the skate
- All skaters should be at the arena, ready to go, 15 minutes before their lesson time
- No Gum

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I would like to welcome everyone to the North Kawartha Figure Skating Club 2023-2024 season. It is always great to be back on the ice.

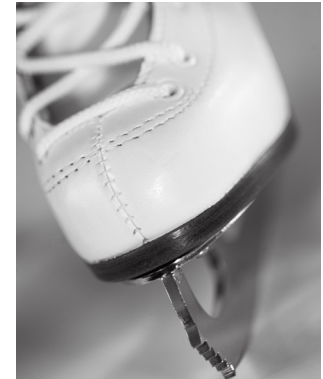
I will periodically prepare and distribute a newsletter which will be available at the NKCC (as a hard copy), on the "[Figure Skating](#)" page of The Township's website: www.northkawartha.ca, and a copy will be emailed to those of you who wrote your email address on your registration form.

I also invite skaters and parents to join our Facebook page [North Kawartha Figure Skating Club](#). I will post news, information, reminders and interesting skating articles. Parents, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me anytime, at dainaashton@yahoo.com.

I look forward to this year's program, so many young skaters to work with! This year's beginner group will be the foundation of the program for years to come. So, a big thank you to the parents, for allowing your kids to participate in the program.

In October we will celebrate Halloween at the end of the month. It would be great if all skaters could wear their costume on the 31st and we will have a fun Halloween skate. Please remember that costumes need to allow skaters to move freely on the ice.

October to December we will continue to focus on the basic skills which are a must for all groups. These skills will allow our skaters to enjoy their ice time, be safe on the ice, and promote a suitable learning environment for all groups.



I would like to take this opportunity to ask for volunteers to come on the ice to help on Tuesdays. This is the highest number of skaters of any class, especially the kinder skate group, which is very exciting for the growth of the figure skating club, but without the help of volunteers this class would not be able to grow and be successful. I would really appreciate your help.

About The Coach

A lot of you are returning skaters, but for those of you that are new to our skating club, I would like to tell you a bit about my skating background.

I started skating lessons at a very young age and continued with them through high school. I competed at Canadians with a precision skating team for three years, amongst other competitions within Canada and the United States.

After high school, I attended Seneca College where I received a diploma in Figure Skating Coaching Techniques, and acquired my National Coaching Certification Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 theory and technical.

I have coached at different clubs within Toronto, St. Catharines, Yellowknife, NWT, and Queenstown, New Zealand.

I also toured with a professional ice show in South America for close to two years, spent two summers in Japan skating in a park show, and toured Australia and New Zealand for one year.

This is my ninth year coaching for the North Kawartha Skating Club and I am excited and looking forward to another great season of skating!

The Importance Of Our Fundraiser— Please Read!!

Fundraisers and parent volunteers are an integral part of ensuring the viability of most programs, and that is true for the North Kawartha Figure Skating Club. Fundraising assists us in keeping annual registration fees affordable, and helps to cover ALL other skating club expenses such as ice show costumes, lights, and the other expenses that help us put on such a great show at the end of the season.



This season's annual Yuk Yuk's fundraiser will be held on Saturday, August 10th, 2024. For this event to be

successful we need not only volunteers to help at the event, but it is also extremely important that parents help with this fundraiser financially.

In the past, parents were obligated to pay the cost of their child's costumes for the ice show, which could add up to hundreds of dollars. And on top of that, throughout the season, there would be multiple fundraisers such as the selling of chocolate bars.

During the course of the winter there are so many fundraisers through the school and for other events, that adding another one is not ideal. That is why the Yuk Yuk's show is really a great way to fundraise with just one event. It is one night in the summer, it's extremely affordable, and it is a night of laughter, great food, and a chance to spend time with family and friends.

Currently, this is the one and only fundraiser we have, and as such, we must ask every skater to be responsible for two Yuk Yuk's tickets, which is \$40 at \$20 a ticket. The tickets can be used by the parents, they can be sold (if you need more please ask), or the tickets can be purchased but donated back to be re-sold.

These tickets are available to purchase immediately, and we would ask that all fundraising money be paid by March 1st, 2024. I know it is difficult to commit to plans so far ahead, especially in the summer, but again, the money from our Yuk Yuk's fundraiser goes directly towards the skating club's many expenses. If you have any questions about Yuk Yuk's, please ask me or Jim Elder.

Our last Yuk Yuk's fundraiser was held on August 12th 2023, and once again it was a really fun night. I would like to personally thank our volunteers that made this event possible: Randy Greene, Shandis Wilson, Blair Wilson, Denise Dunford, Emerald Belford, and Dawn Knightly. I'd also like to say a special thank you to Jim Elder, for all his help and the time he puts in to organizing this event.

And finally, a big thank you to our corporate sponsors: Randy Greene ([RG Saunas](#)), and Andrew Waddell ([Waddell Custom Homes](#)), and the [Apsley Lions Club](#). Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ice Show - "The Game Of Life!" March 30th

Please read through the schedule for all ice times, dress rehearsals, and ice show.

The dress rehearsal will be on Tuesday, March 26th at 4:00, and I hope all skaters are able to attend. This gives the skaters an opportunity to try on and skate in their cos-

tumes, and practice a full run-through of the ice show.

Thursday, March 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 is regular ice time for intermediate and seniors, and will also be a time to work out any problems that occurred during the dress rehearsal.

There is a final rehearsal on Friday, March 29th from 4:00 to 7:00, and I will send out another newsletter in March, with more information about costumes and detailed times.

Don't forget to sign up to be a volunteer!

Important Dates

October 31
Halloween Dress-up Night

November 25
Christmas Parade

December 19
Christmas Skating Party

December 22 - January 08
Xmas holidays, no skating

March 26
Dress Rehearsal 4 - 7 pm

March 28, 29
Final Rehearsals 4 - 7 pm

March 29
Set-up 7-9 pm

March 30
Ice Show 6 pm
"The Game Of Life!"

April 10
Skating Awards Banquet

August 10
Yuk Yuk's Fundraiser

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Schedule 2023/24 Season

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	7-8:30 am Ticket Ice	4-4:50 Inter. Stages 5&6 5-5:50 Senior 6-6:30 Learn to Skate 1&2 6-6:50 Learn to Skate 3&4 Oct. 31 Halloween Dress-up	7-8:30 am Ticket Ice	4-4:50 Intermediate Stages 5 & 6 5-5:50 Senior Advance Levels 1 & 2	7-8:30 am Ticket Ice	
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