



PRESENTS

THE ULTIMATE ROCK SHOW



MAY 10- 7:00 PM

MAY 11- 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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Parent Handbook

Your Guide to the 2024 Silver Blades Ice Show

Introduction

With the 2024 Silver Blades Ice Show fast approaching, this guide has been developed to ensure skaters and their families have all the information they need to have a positive and fun experience.

Our 2024 Ice Show theme is “The Ultimate Rock Show”. With a run time of roughly two hours, the show will be structured in two acts, with a 15-minute intermission in between. Each act will be made up of group performances as well as “Step Outs”, which are duo and trio skates by our Senior and Graduate skaters.

- CanSkate and Preliminary skaters will each participate in one group number.
- Junior and Intermediate skaters will each participate in two group numbers.
- Senior / Graduate skaters will each participate in three group numbers.
- Graduates, Boys, and Programs Assistant each have one group number.
- All Synchro teams will perform their Synchro number.

Ice Show Groups + Practices

Skaters were split into groups based on skating level. Ice Show groups were communicated via email in March and can be found on the Silver Blades website:

<https://www.silverblades.ca/sites/files/2024%20ICE%20SHOW%20GROUPS%20FINAL.pdf>

Efforts were made to schedule Ice Show practices on the same day that skaters practiced during the regular season, however, in some cases this was not possible. There will be three practices for each number. Practices are mandatory. If an absence or lateness is unavoidable, please inform the group coach as soon as possible. Attendance will be monitored, and the group coach and Ice Show Director will decide whether skaters who miss practices may participate in the performance.

Please ensure your child arrives at the rink with enough time to get their skates on and be on the ice prompt at the scheduled start time.

Communication

Changes to the schedule and other important information about the Ice Show will be communicated via email, through the weekly “In The Loop” newsletter, on the Silver Blades website (silverblades.ca), and on our Club Bulletin Board at the rink (outside Dressing Room 1).

If you are not receiving the weekly “In The Loop” newsletter via email, please take the following steps:

- Request to be added to the mailing list by emailing info@silverblades.ca.
- Ensure that you have opted in to receive emails, by logging into your account on the Silver Blades website and navigating to My Account -> Communication Preferences.

If you have any questions about the Ice Show, please reach out to iceshowchair@silverblades.ca.

Skate Preparation

Your child’s skates should be sharpened approximately 1 - 2 weeks prior to the first Ice Show performance.

Allen Carson will be providing skate sharpening at Silver Blades on Tuesday, April 30th from 4 - 9pm.

Alternately, we recommend the following skate sharpening services:

- Jake’s Skate Sharpening (Thornhill) 905-889-3279
- Figure Skating Boutique (Yonge & Finch) 1-877-236-1377
- Esta (Oakville) 1-877- 808-3782
- Newson’s (Dundas & Jane) 416-762-9976 (HOCKEY SKATES ONLY)

Costumes

Costumes have been rented for the Ice Show. They have been cleaned and fitted to the measurements of each skater, and then labeled with the skater’s name so that volunteers can ensure everyone has the right costume.

All skaters should be fitted in their costume prior to the Ice Show. Some fittings have occurred already, with the remainder of the fittings scheduled for April 20 and 21. Any skaters who have not been fitted for ALL of their costumes should come by the Silver Blades office between 9am and 4pm on Saturday, April 20 or Sunday, April 21.

Costumes will be worn at Dress Rehearsal and for the three Ice Show performances. Costumes MUST remain at the rink between performances. Under no circumstance should costumes or any accessories leave the arena.

Skaters will change into / out of their costumes in their designated dressing room. Please ensure that your child wears clothes that are easy to change into and out of to the Dress Rehearsal and all performances.

Please note that skates are not permitted to eat or drink (apart from water) while in costume. Skaters must change out of their costume before eating or drinking.

Skaters should wear / bring the following to the Dress Rehearsal and **EACH PERFORMANCE**:

All Skaters will need the following:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard) • Girls: Skin-toned tights • Boys: Black long sleeve shirt
CanSkaters will need the following, in addition to the above:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmets for practices, the dress rehearsal and all performances. If your child's helmet has a face guard attached, please remove it for the rehearsal and shows. • Girls: Thin, stretchy skin-toned gloves (e.g. mini gloves) • Boys: Thin, stretchy black gloves (e.g. mini gloves)
Senior + Graduate Skaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black tights for the opening number
CanSkate 8 Skaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black long sleeve shirt to wear under costumes
Program Assistant Skaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black leggings • Long-sleeved plaid shirt (any colour)

If you do not have these items, please purchase them for the show. Figure-skating specific items (guards, tights, gloves) can be found at the following stores:

- [Figure Skating Boutique](#)
- [ESTA](#)
- [Footloose Dancewear](#) (tights only)

NOTE: Please ensure that all of your child's personal items (including skate guards and gloves) are labeled.

Dress Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

- Attendance is mandatory for all Ice Show participants.
- Dress Rehearsal starts at **5:00pm** and will finish at approximately **8:00pm**.
- CanSkate and Preliminary skaters who are skating in Act II (CanSkate groups 3, 4, 7, 8 and Preliminary groups 1 and 4) should arrive promptly at **5:30pm**.
- All other skaters should arrive between **4:15pm and 4:30pm**.
- Full costumes will be worn for the Dress Rehearsal.

- CanSkate and Preliminary skaters may leave once their number has been rehearsed and they have changed out of their costumes.
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior level skaters must remain until the end of the Dress Rehearsal in order to rehearse the finale.
- Pizza will be available to purchase in the lobby for skaters. Please note that skaters must change out of their costumes before eating.
- **Parents/guardians of children under the age of 12 must remain in the arena for the duration of the dress rehearsal.**

Performances

There are three performances on the following dates and all skaters are expected to attend all three shows.

- Friday, May 10 at 7:00pm
- Saturday, May 11 at 1:00pm
- Saturday, May 11 at 7:00pm

Drop off and pick up times for skaters are noted below.

CanSkate and Preliminary groups in Act I (CanSkate groups 1, 2, 5, 6 and Preliminary groups 2, 3)

	Date	Act I Start Time	Drop-off Time	Pick-up Time
Show 1	Friday, May 10	7:00pm	6:15pm - 6:30pm	CanSkate: 8:00pm (intermission) Preliminary: 9:00pm (end of show)
Show 2	Saturday, May 11	1:00pm	12:15pm - 12:30pm	CanSkate: 2:00pm intermission Preliminary: 3:00pm (end of show)
Show 3	Saturday, May 11	7:00pm	6:15pm - 6:30pm	CanSkate: 8:00 p.m. (intermission) Preliminary: 9:00pm (end of show)

CanSkate and Preliminary groups in Act II (CanSkate groups 3, 4, 7, 8 and Preliminary groups 1, 4)

	Date	Act II Start Time	Drop-off Time	Pick-up Time
Show 1	Friday, May 10	8:00pm (after intermission)	7:15pm - 7:30pm	9:00pm (end of show)
Show 2	Saturday, May 11	2:00pm (after intermission)	1:15pm - 1:30pm	3:00pm (end of show)
Show 3	Saturday, May 11	8:00pm (after intermission)	7:15pm - 7:30pm	9:00pm (end of show)

All Junior, Intermediate and Senior skaters

	Date	Show Start Time	Drop-off Time	Pick-up Time
Show 1	Friday, May 10	7:00pm	6:15pm - 6:30pm	9:00pm (end of show)
Show 2	Saturday, May 11	1:00pm	12:15pm - 12:30pm	3:00pm (end of show)
Show 3	Saturday, May 11	7:00pm	6:15pm - 6:30pm	9:00pm (end of show)

Drop-off and Pick-up Protocol for Dress Rehearsal and All Performances

All skaters are to be dropped off and picked up at the **NORTH-END ENTRANCE** to the arena, rather than the east-facing main entrance that is regularly used. **All skaters must be signed in when they arrive and signed out when they depart by a parent/guardian at the North-End Entrance.** Skaters are not permitted to be picked up or leave via the main entrance. Please be prepared to wait patiently as there will be a lot of skaters arriving at the same time. Our volunteers will move as quickly as possible to get everyone in and out promptly.

Once a skater is signed in by a parent / guardian, a volunteer will escort them to join their group in one of the dressing rooms, where there will be another set of volunteers to help them get ready (costumes, make-up, skates, etc.). When a parent arrives to sign a skater out, a volunteer will go get the skater from their changeroom and bring them directly to their parent / guardian.

The dressing room area will be very congested so please do not send additional or unnecessary items (e.g. backpacks, bulky coats) with your skater.

NOTE: Parents are not permitted in the dressing rooms—we simply don't have the space to accommodate this. But rest assured, your children will be safe and well cared for by our parent volunteers. And if you would like to stay with them, you can always sign up to be a volunteer (see Volunteering section below).

Parking

Please observe parking restrictions in the arena parking lot and on neighbouring streets, or you will risk fines and/or towing. Additional parking is available Friday evening and all day Saturday at Etobicoke Collegiate Institute (immediately north of the arena, past the railroad tracks).

Ticket Sales

Tickets are available for purchase online on the Silver Blades website using the link below:

<https://www.silverblades.ca/registration/products/>.

Pricing is as follows:

Adults/Seniors	\$25 (\$30 at the door)
Children 3 - 12	\$17 (\$25 at the door)
Children under 3	FREE (ticket still required)

Once your payment is processed, simply print your tickets or save a copy to your phone. Non-members can have a member purchase online tickets on their behalf and send it to them via email, or can purchase a ticket at the door.

Concessions

Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the Ice Show. Food and drinks can be purchased using cash or "Silver Blades Bucks" (SBBucks). SBBucks are tickets that must be purchased in advance and can be used in lieu of cash to purchase food and drinks at performances. SBBucks may be useful for people who don't usually carry cash or to give to children to purchase drinks and snacks. In addition to the main concessions stand, there will be an "Express" concessions stand selling drinks and pre-packaged snacks which will only accept SBBucks to ensure quick service.

- Each SBBuck is worth \$1
- SBBucks can be purchased on the SilverBlades website, along with Ice Show tickets
- SBBucks can be picked up in the main lobby at the Dress Rehearsal

Photography and Videography

Group photographs will be taken at the dress rehearsal and all registered skaters will receive a link to the photographs 2 - 3 weeks after the show.

The Saturday afternoon show will be live streamed as well as professionally videotaped. All registered skaters will receive a link to the video 2 - 3 weeks after the show.

There is no additional cost for photographs or video.

Volunteering

Our shows would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our many volunteers. If you'd like to help out, email us at volunteer@silverblades.ca or visit the website at <https://www.silverblades.ca/volunteering/search> where you can sign up for a volunteer role online.

For Dressing Room Attendant positions in Canskate and Preliminary, you can select the specific group that your child is in as long as there are still spots available for that group.

Please remember that every single person working at the Ice Show is a volunteer from our skating community, and they are doing their best to ensure that things run smoothly and efficiently. Your cooperation with their efforts is much appreciated.

Sponsorship

If you own a business and would like to advertise in our Ice Show Program, please send an email to iceshowchair@silverblades.ca.

Thank You!

On behalf of all of us at Silver Blades Skating Club, thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with the logistics for the 2024 Silver Blades Ice Show, the Ultimate Rock Show.

With your help and support, we are looking forward to a fun and successful production!

Sonya von Kaufmann – Ice Show Director

Jo Ann MacMillan – President

Sarah Knight – Vice President

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