

Your Ice Show how-to guide!

Getting started

The 2018 Silver Blades Ice Show is fast approaching, so we have created this handy guide to get you ready. It has all of the information you'll need to help your skater have a fun and positive experience. Our 2018 Ice Show theme is "Fantasy on Ice". 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 short group performances and a several duo and small group skates by our Senior Skaters.

Practices

You should have received an email from us in February letting you know which group number(s) your child has been assigned to, as well as the dates and times of their practices. This information is available on our website at https://www.silverblades.ca/pages/Events/Ice-Show/.

Skaters have been grouped based on their skating skills, and while we made every effort to schedule their practices on the day they skated during the season, it was not always possible. Each group will have at least three practices, and it's important that they attend all of them. If an absence or lateness is unavoidable, you must 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 still be in the performances.

Please make sure your child arrives at the rink a little early for each practice so that they are on the ice promptly at the scheduled start time.

Communication

Changes to the schedule and other important information about the Ice Show will be communicated through postings on our Club Bulletin Board at the rink (outside Dressing Room 1) and on the website (silverblades.ca).

We will also send email updates, so make sure that we have your current email address on file. It's as easy as sending us a quick email at info@silverblades.ca, or you can leave a voicemail message at 416-233-8331.

Skate preparation

Your child's skates should be sharpened approximately two weeks prior to the first Ice Show performance, and we recommend the following skate sharpening services:

Jake's Skate Sharpening (Thornhill) 905-889-3279
Figure Skating Boutique (Yonge & Finch) 416-225-1377
Esta (Dundas & Hwy 427) 905-282-1362
HOCKEY SKATES–Newson's (Dundas & Jane) 416-762-9976

Costumes

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

Please ensure your child wears clothes that are easy to change into and out of to the dress rehearsal and all performances.

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.

Absolutely no food or drink will be allowed in the dressing rooms. And costumes will not be allowed to leave the arena under any circumstances.

All skaters will require the following:

- Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a slipping/falling hazard)
- GIRLS—beige skating tights in good condition (footed or footless; no over-the-boot tights or boot covers, please)
- BOYS—black skating or dress pants

If you do not have these items, please purchase them for the show. You can find them at:

- Figure Skating Boutique
- ESTA
- Footloose Dancewear (tights only)

PreCanSkate and CanSkate participants will also need:

- 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.
- Thin, stretchy gloves—beige for girls, black for boys
- Some costumes may be sleeveless—if your child would be more comfortable wearing a warm layer underneath, please ensure that it is white or beige (colours or patterns will distract from the costume)

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

Dress Rehearsal

Thursday, April 12

- Attendance is <u>mandatory</u> for all Ice Show participants
- CanSkate/Preliminary skaters who are skating in Act II (CanSkate groups 5, 6 &
 7 and Preliminary group A & C except Beginner Synchro skaters) should arrive promptly at 5:30pm
- All other skaters should arrive between 4:15pm and 4:30pm
- Dress rehearsal starts at 5:00pm
- Full costumes will be worn
- PreCanSkate/CanSkate/Preliminary may leave once their number is over and they have changed out of their costumes (parents, please stay in the arena)
- We will announce when each group is ready to be signed out
- Junior, Intermediate & Senior level skaters must remain until the end of the dress rehearsal in order to rehearse the finale
- Parents/guardians of children under the age of 12 must remain in the arena for the duration of the dress rehearsal

Performances

Friday April 13, 7 pm; Saturday April 14, 1 pm; and Saturday April 14, 7 pm.

All skaters are expected to attend all three shows. Each skater is important to the number they are participating in, and absences affect the performance of the entire group.

PreCanSkate/CanSkate/Preliminary groups in Act I

Winnie the Pooh (CanSkate 1)

Frozen (CanSkate 2)

Mary Poppins (CanSkate 3)

Little Mermaid (CanSkate 4)

Be Our Guest (Preliminary B)

Beginner Synchro Team

	Date	Start Time	Drop-off Time	Pick-up Time
Show 1	Friday, April 13	7:00pm	6:15pm - 6:30pm	CanSkate: 8:00pm (approximately intermission) Prelim: 9:00pm (approximately end of show)
Show 2	Saturday, April 14	1:00pm	12:15pm - 12:30pm	CanSkate: 2:00pm (approximately intermission) Prelim: 3:00pm (approximately end of show)
Show 3	Saturday, April 14	7:00pm	6:15pm - 6:30pm	CanSkate: 8:00 p.m. (approximately intermission) Prelim: 9:00pm (approximately end of show)

CanSkate/Preliminary groups in Act II

Minions (CanSkate 5)

Finding Nemo (CanSkate 6)

Wreck it Ralph (CanSkate 7)

Annie (Preliminary A)

Beyond the Sea (Preliminary C)

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ALL Junior, Intermediate and Senior skaters

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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 you used during the season.

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).

All skaters must be signed in and signed out by a parent/guardian. 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, 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.)

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 next section below).

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 can select the specific group that your child is in as long as there are still spots available for that group.

Patience is a virtue

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. We ask that you remember and respect that, and your cooperation with all of their efforts is much appreciated.

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 \$20 Children 3 to 12 \$15

Children under 3 FREE (but a ticket is still required)

Once your payment is processed, simply print your email receipt and bring it with you to pick up your tickets from Mar 25 on from Heidi during office hours at Silver Blades. Non-members can either have a member purchase online tickets on their behalf, or buy tickets in person from Heidi during office hours:

Tuesday – 5:00pm to 8:30pm Friday – 4:00pm to 6:30pm Saturday – 9:00am to 12:00pm

Photography/Videography

- The show will be professionally videotaped. You can purchase the Video Recording in advance for \$25. If you wait to order your copy at or after the Ice Show performances, the cost will be \$35.
- The Video Recording will be provided on an USB memory stick approximately 3 weeks after the show.
- No flash photography is permitted during the performances.
- You may only videotape your own skater.

Sponsorship

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

Thank You!

On behalf of all of us at Silver Blades Skating Club, thank you for taking the time to get up to speed on Ice Show protocol. We hope you have found this how-to guide useful, and with your help and support, we're looking forward to another smooth and successful production.

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