



Hello Silver Blades Families,

We are thrilled to inform you that we have received the ice permits from the City of Toronto for the entire Fall-Spring 2022/23 Season. We will be opening online registration on **August 5th at 6pm**. Please click [here](#) to see the schedule. There will be one registration for sessions running from September 2022 – May 2023.

CanSkate & Pre-CanSkate

Back by popular demand, we will be offering Pre-CanSkate for the 2022/2023. The Pre-CanSkate program is designed for children who have never skated before. Average group size is eight skaters. The minimum age is four years old by December 31 of the registration season.

New Options for Preliminary Skaters in 2022/23

The transition from CanSkate to Preliminary is an exciting time for the skaters, but sometimes a challenge to navigate for Parents. While Skate Canada recommends commencing private coaching once reaching this level, we recognize that this is not the preferred option for some families. This year we will therefore offer **two options** to Preliminary level skaters. They will run concurrently on the same sessions:

Option 1: Intro to Preliminary (CanSkate 6-Star 2)

Silver blades will offer a new option this year for preliminary skaters. Intro to preliminary will offer rotating group lessons conducted by multiple club coaches for the entire session. Groups will be arranged by skating level. This option may be of interest to skaters who are new to preliminary and do not wish to start with private coaching immediately, for those who do not want private coaching every session, or for those skaters who have a private coach who is not available on a day they wish to skate.

Option 2: Regular Preliminary (CanSkate 6-Star 2)

This option will include rotating group lessons for 30 minutes, leaving 30 minutes for the skater to arrange a private lesson and/or train independently.

If you are a Preliminary skater who already has a private coach, please reach out to your coach to discuss your skating schedule and which options are right for you before registering. Private coaching is a relationship formed between parents and coaches independently and invoiced separately. If you are interested in finding a Private Coach, please [click here](#) for a list.

StarSkate Session Levels & Criteria

We will return to the Pre-Covid structure of offering 4 different levels.

Preliminary: must be in CanSkate 6 – Star2

Junior: must have passed 2 COMPLETE Star 2 skills/dance or free skate

Intermediate: must have passed all Star 3 tests skills/dance/free skate

Senior: must have passed Star 5 skills/dance/free skate

If you are unsure of your level, please contact your coach to determine which session you should sign-up for.

Open Ice: Open to Senior, Intermediate, Junior skaters. If Preliminary Skaters wish to skate on an Open Ice session, they must be accompanied by their coach.

Join Synchronized Skating Team

We still have spaces available on our Juvenile and Star 4 Teams. All levels welcome (including skaters new to Preliminary). Please contact synchro@silverblades.ca for more information.

Apparel Sale September 24, 2022

Mark your calendars and gather your items for resale at our Annual Apparel Sale. The sale will be held at Central Arena from 8a-1p on Saturday, September 24th. Can't wait!

While these hot summer days are fabulous, we are excited to get back to the rink. We will send out a reminder email prior to registration opening on August 5, 2022. If you have a private coach, please remember to check with them as to which sessions would be best suited for your skater.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in September!

Silver Blades Board