



Subject: Silver Blades 2020/21 CanSkate Season

Hello Silver Blades Families,

We are thrilled to let you know that we have received ice permits from the City of Toronto and are now able to provide you with an overview of the 2020/21 season. Following the protocol established by Skate Ontario, which allows 36 skaters on the ice for Canskate, we have made the following decisions:

- Ice Sessions will be shortened to 45 minutes, to allow more skaters to participate
- We will NOT be offering Pre-CanSkate or CanSkate 1 in the 2020/21 season. Skaters must be able to move forward on the ice and stand up unassisted.
- There will be 5 groups of 7 skaters on the ice each session

Please click [here](#) to see the 2020/21 Season schedule that will begin **September 27, 2020**. Registration will open on September 11 at noon. CanSkate registration will be on a first come basis.

Due to the decreased number of skaters allowed for each session, our costs have gone up. A discount of 10% will be applied to registration of a 3rd skater in a family. No other discounts are available this year. We recognize that this is a difficult time for many families. The increase is as minimal as we can manage to cover the operating costs of our non-profit club.

We will be following the Covid protocols established by Skate Ontario and Central Arena.

FAQs

Q: Does my child need to wear a mask on the ice?

A: No, skaters do not wear masks on the ice. However, they are required to wear masks on premise and in washrooms, basically everywhere but the ice.

Q: Can I help my child with their skates and watch in the stands while they are skating?

A: Yes, only 1 adult per child can enter the arena and stay to watch. The adult must wear a face mask, remain in the stands and maintain the 2m physical distance from others. Skaters will be asked to arrive at the rink no more than 15 minutes before their start time, wearing their skating clothes, with skates on (with guards) prior to entering the rink. Benches in the front entrance and along the hallway will be cordoned off.

Q: If my child was in Pre-CanSkate last year, can I enroll him/her in CanSkate this year?

A: If your child can go forward on skates and stand-up unassisted, you can sign-up for CanSkate.

Q: If my child was still working on CanSkate level 1 last year, can I enroll them in CanSkate this year?

A: If your child can go forward on skates and stand-up unassisted, you can sign-up for CanSkate.

Q: Can my skater receive private lessons during a CanSkate session?

A: No. Skate Ontario Covid protocols only permit 5 Coaches and 4 Program Assistants (PAs) on the ice. Coaches are needed to conduct group classes, therefore will not be available for privates.

Q: Will CanPower be offered this season?

A: No. Unfortunately, with ice restrictions, we cannot offer CanPower for 2020/21 season

Thanks again for your patience while we navigate through these unprecedented times. We will follow-up with an email when registration opens on September 11.

Stay Safe,

The Silver Blades Board