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OFSC NEWS



IMPORTANT EVENTS

OUR 69TH SEASON BEGINS

As you read this newsletter, we begin our 69th year of skating as the Orono Figure Skating Club.

Our StarSkaters will begin their season on Monday September 26 with group lessons, stroking sessions and goal setting with their coaches. Skaters across Canada will be participating in the next phase of the new STAR 1-5 program. Skaters will find a more structured approach to their ice time, with dance, freeskate, stroking and skills sessions.

As the CanSkaters step on the ice starting Tuesday October 4, it will be exciting to see just how far they will progress by Christmas and by the time of our annual season-ending carnival.

Every organization needs an identity. The community of Orono and the surrounding area identifies the Orono Figure Skating Club with quality skating instruction while maintaining our small town atmosphere.

Welcome everyone!

- BOARD MEETING – September 19 6:00 pm
- STARSKATE BEGINS – Monday September 26
- PA CLINIC – Sunday October 2 11am-1pm
- CANSKATE BEGINS – Tuesday October 4 6:00 pm





CANSKATE PROGRAM 2016-17

We are planning an exciting year for our CanSkaters. The CanSkate program is a learn to skate program that helps children learn the basic to advanced skills of skating. The children are rewarded through ribbons and badges as they master the various skills in each stage. The program is taught by professionally qualified Skate Canada coaches, with assistance from Program Assistants who have been instructed on teaching methods. Our Program Assistants are a critical part of the success of our program.

We ask parents to remain in the arena to watch over their child's progress. At times skaters may need assistance to visit the washroom. We also ask that parents not remain at the glass area near the entrance to the ice surface or the players' benches. To conform with our insurance policy, only OFSC board members, coaches, registered skaters and Program Assistants are permitted on or near the ice surface.

Please make use of the dressing rooms provided. The arena staff ask that you not dress your child in the lobby to avoid damage to the floor from skate blades. Our club table is always open during CanSkate sessions for parents to receive information about the program or drop by with questions. When arriving at the arena, stop by the Club table to pick up your skater's name tag before heading to the dressing rooms.

OUR OFSC COACHES

The Orono Figure Skating Club takes great pride in the professional coaches that we have working to support our skating programs.

Collectively they bring many years of skating expertise to the rink. All former skaters themselves, they bring an obvious love of the sport of figure skating and an enthusiasm that is infectious.

We are so proud of our coaches to be representing our club and offer them a big welcome to the 2016-2017 season as well.

Our coaching staff for the 2016-2017 season includes:

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We are very excited about the upcoming season and ask all parents to remember there is always a helpful executive member ready to answer any question you may have. The skating office and Canskate table are always open and are the perfect places for you to find answers. If you wish to email any question you may have to me directly, please do not hesitate to use my personal email at Kaitic@hotmail.com. Let's have a fun and exciting season!