



2025 - 2026 Skating Season Club Information Document

Please carefully read the following information regarding our skating season.

Our skating coach for this season is **Karen Voth**.

Lessons will run **Tuesdays & Thursdays, November 4, 2025 through March 12, 2026**.

Our Carnival is scheduled for **Saturday, March 14, 2026**

Our Program:

- **Pre-CanSkate:** This program is offered to our youngest skaters who are 3-5 years of age and who have not had any significant time on skates. It is designed to introduce children to the ice and help them become comfortable. The program teaches children the basics of how to get up when they fall down, how to move forward, basic backward movement, and how to stop. Music, toys, and games are used to help children feel ready to take the next step. Once the participant has gained these skills, they will be moved into the CanSkate program. All lessons are done in group format, so children must be somewhat independent and not require one-to-one supervision.
- **CanSkate:** This program is offered for children with at least some on ice experience. Skate Canada has indicated that children in this group must be able to skate forward and backward independently, as well as get up onto their feet without assistance. This is a learn-to-skate program that concentrates on basic agility, balance, and control skills. Under the direction of Coach Tracy and Program Assistants, the skaters will rotate through a circuit designed to target these skills. Please note that skaters will progress through these levels at their own pace and, as a result, may move levels in the middle of the season or start in the same level next season with just a few skills to complete before moving up.
- **STAR Skate:** This program is for more advanced skaters and focuses on ice dance, free skate and individual element skills. This level of instruction has a Skate Canada Star 1-5 testing component to be completed by our coach (additional Skate Canada Fees apply). Participants are invited to act as Program Assistants for our CanSkate program.

Skating Schedule:

- Skating Lessons will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays, November 4, 2025 through March 12, 2026.
- Skating lesson times will be announced after registration. WSC has 4-5:45 booked Tuesday/Thursday with WRCI.

On Ice Safety and Equipment:

- Helmets are **MANDATORY** for PreCanskate and CanSkate. The helmets must be CSA certified. **Bicycle or snowboard/ski helmets are not allowed.**
- Only Skate Canada members are covered by our insurance. Non-members are not insured and are therefore not permitted on the ice during scheduled lesson times.
- Skaters in STAR Skate should have their hair pulled back, and should wear a skating dress/skirt and tights or yoga style pants for better mobility on the ice.

The Booth:

- Our club is required to provide workers for a given number of booth shifts at our rink. This usually amounts to one shift per family, but may need to be extended to one shift per skater if scheduling requires it.
- Caution Cheques are taken to cover this booth shift responsibility. We require 1 \$60 cheque per skater, dated November 1, 2025. This cheque will only be cashed if you do not fulfill your booth shift obligation. An online 'Sign Up Genius' schedule will be sent to the email address you provided, as soon as we know the dates our club is required to work. If you cannot come for your scheduled time, please make arrangements to trade with another parent or have another adult come in your place.
- Please do not just fail to show up, as it puts us in a bind. Please let a member of the committee know if you are unable to find a replacement.

Fundraising:

Fundraising will be a raffle. We will start selling tickets in January. We will communicate ASAP the details.

Carnival:

This is our culminating performance at the end of the season, where every skater will showcase their new skills! Every family is required to help with the carnival in some capacity (set up, tear down, etc.). A 'Sign Up Genius' schedule will be sent out closer to the date. More details about carnival will be released as the year goes on.

Our Carnival this year will be held on March 14. The theme is TBD. We will require a costume fee of \$25 per skater to help cover the cost of costumes. The club will provide everything needed for costumes (except hair, tights, and skates).

Program Assistants:

PA's are STAR Skaters who act as coach helpers. They are responsible, under the direction of the coach, for additional supervision, coaching, and encouragement of our younger skaters during the Pre-CanSkate and CanSkate programs.

Lesson Cancellations:

On occasion, due to extreme weather, lessons may have to be cancelled. We try our best to avoid this, but we will notify our members via our Facebook page and email. Please watch for these announcements, especially on very cold days.

Parent Liaison:

Kirbie Swystun will be our parent liaisons this year. Please contact her with any questions, comments, or concerns and they will bring them to the committee's attention for discussion. When upset, we ask that you use the '24 Hour' rule before contacting our liaison, as it will give time to reflect and think about the situation after the heat of the moment has passed. Coming to the committee for full information, rather than discussing and sharing the opinions of others, will also help us resolve issues in a smooth manner. This will help us all remain subjective as we work together to find solutions.

Waldheim Skating Club Committee:

Kirbie Swystun: President, WRCI Representative, Parent Liaison

Jen Stricker: Treasurer, Registrations, Website

Elise Crowe: Secretary

Lisette: Member at large, Fundraising

We will keep our Facebook page 'Waldheim Skating Club' up to date with any pertinent information. You can also find copies of all our forms on the page.

Our email is waldheimskatingclub@gmail.com if you prefer to contact us this way.

We look forward to a successful year of skating with your family! Please feel free to contact one of us if you need to, we are happy to help!

The following contact information can be used to complete the KidSport paperwork :)

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