

Information Package for Parents of Recreation Skaters

Winter Session: October 11, 2017-March 25, 2018

Welcome to the winter skating session at Preston Figure Skating Club (PFSC). The winter session starts on Wednesday October 11, 2017. We are looking forward to working with your child! This information package contains important information about the winter program. Please read this document carefully to ensure that you have an understanding of the program expectations as well as the various activities that take place throughout the winter session.

Required Attire and Parental Responsibilities

- All skaters must wear a CSA approved helmet for all skating sessions (helmets are only optional at the advanced recreation level). Bicycle helmets are NOT permitted.
- All skaters must wear mittens during skating sessions.
- For insurance purposes parents are not allowed on the ice for any reason. A head coach with intensive training and experience is on duty at all times to assist your child as needed. If the head coach requires your assistance they will bring your child to the ice entrance to consult with you.
- If your child needs to use the washroom a helper will bring them to the ice entrance and ask you to assist your child while they are off the ice.

End of Year Gala

At the end of the winter session your child will have an opportunity to participate in the annual skating gala for PFSC! The gala showcases all skaters, from beginner right up to international competitors. The show has many professional features including lighting, props, sets, costumes, and special effects. The gala is a great opportunity for children to show their families what they have learned during the year, and for children to learn how to perform in a fun and supportive environment. All skaters are encouraged to participate in this exciting show! The gala will be held the weekend of March 24, 2018 – please plan to join in the fun! More information will be sent out about the gala closer to the date.

Fundraising

Preston Figure Skating Club holds several fundraising initiatives throughout the winter season. All proceeds from fundraising sales go towards the cost of the annual gala.

There will be a total of 4 fundraisers during this winter session:

- MacMillans Gourmet Frozen Foods
- Laura Secord Chocolates
- Fundscrip Gift Card fundraiser
- Oil change package

More information will be sent out to parents about each fundraiser closer to the date that they will be offered. Please consider supporting these fundraisers when you are buying gifts for Christmas, Valentine’s Day, birthdays, etc. Your support of the gala through these fundraisers is greatly appreciated!

Volunteer Options

In order to complete your registration please choose one of the following 3 options:

- 1) Volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per family. We require many volunteers to assist in various roles throughout the season. Families are encouraged to choose this option. There are many volunteer roles to choose from including the following:

Gala Volunteer opportunities:

Volunteer Services throughout the Season:

Marketing/publicity	Assist with Family Christmas Party
Ushering	Assist with organizing fundraisers
Ticket Sales	Assist with Team parties
Dressing Rooms	
Security	
Costumes	
Set Up and Take Down	
Set Painting	

You do not need to choose a specific volunteer role during the registration process. More information will be sent out about the volunteer options throughout the season so that you can choose a volunteer role that suits your schedule and interests.

- 2) Volunteer to fundraise \$100 through one or more of the fundraising initiatives (see details under ‘fundraising’).
- 3) Volunteer opt out. If you are unable to volunteer you may opt out of volunteering and pay a fee of \$25 per child. This fee will be added into your registration fee.

Family Skates

In order to thank families for their support, PFSC will be offering a family skate in October and December. Dates will be provided in an upcoming newsletter.

Keeping you Informed

Preston Figure Skating Club will send out monthly newsletters throughout the winter session. Please take time to review the newsletter to keep informed of upcoming events, fundraisers, etc. If at any time you have questions or concerns please contact prestonfsc@live.com. We are looking forward to a great season!

Preston Figure Skating Club