



July 22, 2010

Dear Parents and Skaters,

The Gloucester Skating Club (GSC) would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 2010-2011 Skating Season. We are certain that this will be another exciting year. Please take a few minutes to read this letter to ensure you are informed of important dates and events.

Message from the President

GSC is a not-for-profit organization, and we strive to offer the best possible rates for our skating programs and ice costs. However, this fall, you will notice an increase in our fees from last year. The City of Ottawa has increased the cost of ice rental this year, and this has resulted in an increase of approximately 11% more per hour for ice rental (includes the new HST). We will continue to do our very best to minimize the impact of these cost increases for our skaters.

The upcoming skating year will be an exciting one for GSC, as we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary as a club. We will also be hosting our 20th annual Spring Festival Skate competition from April 8-10, 2011, as well as an Ice Show May 6 and 7, 2011. These events are major fundraisers for the Club and they will only be successful with the support and assistance of volunteers. These events will require approximately 1600 volunteer hours. We will be requiring all parents to volunteer in order to make these events a success. Please read the Volunteer Form carefully and mark your calendars!

FALL SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Fall Season will start August 30, 2010, and end December 31, 2010.

Registration Deadline – Friday, August 13, 2010 at 3:00pm

All Fall Registration forms are now available to be downloaded off the Web site. Please go to www.gloucesterskatingclub.ca and click on the tab "Programs and Registration" at the top of the page. This tab contains the following documents:

- Fall Schedule
- Fall Registration Form
- Fall Cancellation Calendar
- 20010/2011 Volunteer Form
- Medical Information Form
- Media Release Form
- Automatic Credit Card Authorization Form
- GSC Skate and Clothing Sale Information sheet
- GSC Skate and Clothing Inventory Sheet

If you are unable to download the forms you may go to the club office to obtain copies of the documents.

The following forms **MUST** be returned to the club by the registration deadline:

- Fall Registration Form**
- 2010/2011 Volunteer Form**
- Medical Information Form**
- Media Release Form**
- Automatic Credit Card Authorization Form (if payment by credit card)**

Please note that **all** sections of the registration form must be completed or it will not be processed. Remember to include your coach's name, tests passed and contact information.

2010 Fall School - Important Information

❖ **NEW - Early Morning Open Sessions:**

The Gloucester Skating Club is pleased to be able to offer early morning sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings this year for our skaters. This offers parents and athletes the opportunity for extra training time prior to the start of the school day.

❖ **NEW - Edge/Stroking Classes on Saturdays:**

GSC is pleased to offer an Edge/Stroking enrichment program on Saturdays. Classes will run from 30 to 50 minutes depending on the level. The cost for these classes is included in your registration fees. The goal of this change is to provide a more productive session focussed on edge development, turns and steps to improve overall skating quality. Dance/skills sessions and off-ice classes have been scheduled next to these classes for your convenience.

❖ **Featured On-ice training:**

- On-Ice Edge/Stroking Classes for all levels (included in the Registration Fees, includes coaching)
- Dance/Skating Skills (contact your Coach, coaching fees apply)
- On-Ice Harness (available to all Levels)
- Daily Private and Group Lessons (contact your Coach, coaching fees apply)
- Dartfish Technology for Skill Analysis

❖ **Off-Ice Training:**

We are pleased to continue with our commitment to incorporate off-ice training into your athlete's schedule. Off-ice classes are included in your registration fee and include off-ice jumping, conditioning, creative movement, dance and ballet. The off-ice harness is available to all levels as well.

We are very fortunate to have Stefanie Partridge, Kirill Chour, Allie Hann-McCurdy and Michael Coreno training our athletes—they come to our club with a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise.

Attendance and commitment to an off-ice program has shown to be a major contributor to accelerated skill development and the overall enhancement an athlete's on-ice

performance and long-term development. Our highly qualified off-ice instructors are also available for private or small group consultations. (**Please see Brochure for contact information**).

Parents, we encourage you to have your athlete at the rink 20-30 minutes prior to their on-ice session to do a proper warm-up.

❖ **Test day – Friday, December 10, 2010:**

Given the difficulty of obtaining judges/evaluators for testdays, skaters are required to be available for this date. Should a skater need to take a test at another club, the skater will incur additional costs set forth from the other club. If you know that you will have a conflict, please contact your coach to ensure that alternative arrangements can be looked into. We are doing our best to post the test day schedule on the Web site as soon as it is finalized. Mark this date on your calendar!

❖ **Placement/Movement of Skaters on Sessions:**

All skaters registering for the 2010-11 season **must register where they qualify** as of the registration deadline, **no exceptions**. All sessions will be reviewed as to the number of skaters on the session, the viability of a session and the level of skaters. Skaters will also be assessed by the Professional Coaching Staff to determine any upward movement.

❖ **Fundraising and Volunteering:**

A very integral and important part of the Gloucester Skating Club is volunteering and fundraising as they help to keep ice and program costs reasonable for everyone, at every level of skating.

For the 2010-2011 year the Board of Directors (also volunteers) are asking the entire GSC membership to make all of our major fundraisers this year extremely successful with a strong showing of both your volunteer support and financial support. Please see the enclosed volunteer information, plan for your participation now, and let us know how you are willing to help!

GSC Fundraisers for 2010-2011:

- **Spring Fest** (April 8-10, 2011) and **Ice Show** (May 6 and 7, 2011). All members will be asked to participate in volunteering at these events.
- The **Ontario Skater's Lottery booklets**. A \$40.00 fee has been added to the Fall School registration form, for which each member will receive an Ontario Skater's Lottery Booklet. Once all the tickets in the booklet have been sold, you recoup your initial investment of \$40.00. You may either keep the tickets for yourself, or sell them—it's your choice. The lottery draw will take place during the Trillium STARSkate Championships in March 2011. There are some wonderful prizes to be won! Return your booklet to the GSC Office by January 7, 2011.
- Used **Skate and Clothing Sales**. These fundraisers directly support the Competitive Team in September 2010 and the EOSIC Team in January 2011. Our Fall Skate and Clothing Sale is coming up on **Saturday, September 11, 2010**. Now is the time to go through your closets and find old skates, dresses, sweaters,

or any skating attire which you no longer use or wear. See the enclosed sheet for more details.

- Have a receipt from **Boston Pizza** located on Innes Road? Please bring them into the club office. GSC receives 10% back from the receipts collected!
- **Nevada tickets** at the Mac's convenience store – if you like the lottery, please purchase your Nevada tickets at Mac's across the street from the rink! GSC gets a 50% return on each ticket sold!
- **Silent Auction** at the Annual Awards Banquet/Ice Show Gala on May 7, 2011. Do you have something you would like to auction? Please let us know—we're taking items now for spring 2011!
- **Boomerang Kids Clothing and Equipment Consignment.** Bring in your children's gently used clothing and/or toys and equipment and say it's for the Gloucester Skating Club. Boomerang Kids will do the rest—it's that easy! Boomerang Kids is located in the Orleans Gardens Shopping Centre (1605 Orleans Blvd).

❖ **Competitive Training Ice:**

Competitive Training Ticket Ice will be available from Monday to Friday for **Juvenile to Senior Level competitors**. Two options are available, either a 2-hour block of sessions 2:30-4:20pm (Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday), or a 1-hour block 3:30-4:20pm (Monday to Friday). Tickets can be purchased on the Fall school application form. If you have questions please contact your coach or the office for further information.

❖ **Youth and Adult Synchronized Skating:**

The Gloucester Skating Club has one Youth and three Adult Synchro Skating Teams, for further information on the Synchronized Skating Programs please contact:

Fine Line	Catherine Hodgkinson at Catherine.hodgkinson@cma.ca
Green Machine	Joni Sleigh at jj.sleigh@gmail.com
Quest	Meredith Rocchi at Meredith.rocchi@gmail.com
Kaleidoscope (Youth)	Meredith Rocchi at Meredith.rocchi@gmail.com

❖ **Calendar of Events:**

The Fall Cancellation Calendar is available on the Web site. Please check the GSC Bulletin Board and the News section of the GSC Web site for updates/changes.

In closing, we hope to assist you, both athletes and parents, to accomplish your goals and dreams, allowing you lifelong health, enjoyment and success in the sport of figure skating.

If you feel you could be of assistance to the Gloucester Skating Club, as a Board Member or volunteer, please contact the Club office @ 830-1610.

Remember that together as a **TEAM**, we all achieve more.