



July 21st, 2009

Dear Parents and Skaters,

The Gloucester Skating Club (GSC) would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 2009-2010 Skating Season. We are certain that this will be another exciting year at the club. Please take a few minutes to read this letter to ensure you are informed of important dates and events.

The Fall Season will start September 1st, 2009 and continue through until December 31st 2009

Message from the President

The Gloucester Skating Club is a not-for-profit organization, and we always try 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. The Gloucester Skating Club will continue to do our very best to minimize the impact of these cost increases for our skaters.

The upcoming skating year will be exciting for the Gloucester Skating Club as we will be not only hosting our annual Spring Fest competition from 09-11 April 2010 but we will also be hosting EOSIC 2010 from 18-21 February 2010. 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

Registration Deadline Monday August 17th, 2009 - 3:00pm

All Fall Registration forms are now available to be downloaded off the website. Please go to the GSC website (www.gloucesterskatingclub.ca) and the tab "Register for Skating Programs" at the top of the page. This tab contains the following documents:

- Fall Schedule
- Fall Registration Form
- Fall Cancellation Calendar
- 2009/2010 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 off the website 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 of Monday August 17th, 2009.

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.

- Fall Registration Form
- 2009/2010 Volunteer Form
- Medical Information Form
- Media Release Form
- Automatic Credit Card Authorization Form (if payment by credit card)

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Additional Information

Featured Figure Skating Training (On and Off the Ice)

- Off-Ice Classes - Off Ice Jumping, Conditioning, Creative Movement / Dance / Ballet (Included in your Registration Fee)
- On-Ice Power, Edge Classes for all levels (Included in your Registration Fee, includes coaching)
- On-Ice Spin Class (Competitive), included in your Registration Fee, includes coaching)
- Dance / Skating Skills
- Off-Ice and On-Ice Harness (Available to all Levels)
- Daily Private and Group Lessons (Contact your Coach, coaching fees apply)
- Dartfish Technology for Skill Analysis

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**).

Skaters are required to be at the rink 20-30 minutes prior to their on-ice session to do a proper Off-ice warm-up.

Off-Ice Training

We are continuing with our commitment to incorporate off-ice training into your athlete's schedule. We are pleased to include **three days a week** of off-ice training for the skaters enrolled at the Gloucester Skating Club. Studies on Figure Skating continue to show that skaters who are physically prepared for their on-ice sessions will be more productive, and less likely to become injured. As 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. We are very fortunate to have Stefanie Partridge, Meghan Lynch and Kirill Chour training our athletes; they come to our club with a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise.

2009 Fall School Important Dates

Testday - Friday December 11th, 2009

Skaters and parents are encouraged to mark this date on your calendar. Given the difficulty of obtaining judges/evaluators for testdays, the skaters are required to be available for this date. Should a skater be required 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 website as soon as it is finalized.

Placement/Movement of Skaters on Sessions

All skaters registered for the 2009-10 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.

Volunteering

The Gloucester Skating Club is a "Not for Profit" organization that relies upon its volunteers to run efficiently. Your time and personal contributions make a difference to all of our membership. Your involvement will help us achieve our goals and help maintain and grow our programs while controlling the Club's cost. Please read the enclosed documentation on volunteering and return the volunteer form with your registration.

Fundraising and Volunteering

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

At GSC for the 2009-2010 year there will be a greater emphasis on fundraising and volunteering than in the past. The Board of Directors (volunteers) will be asking the entire GSC membership to make all our major fundraisers this year extremely successful by a strong show 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!

Fundraisers for GSC 2009-2010

1. **EOSIC** (18-21 February 2010) and **Spring Fest** (09-11 April 2010) – these two excellent and exciting competitions need to earn the much needed revenue for the Club. All members will be asked to participate in volunteering at these events. In addition, there will be opportunities for volunteers to help find sponsors, and financial support for these competitions.
2. The **Ontario Skater's Lottery books** - 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. We would like you to return your booklet to the GSC Office by January 8th, 2010. The lottery draw will take place during the Trillium STARSkate Championships in March 2010. 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 is your choice. There are some wonderful prizes to be won!
3. **FundScrip** Gift cards for EVERYONE! A new initiative planned for later in the Fall is for all GSC members to purchase gift cards when they can from the GSC office for their personal use at local retailers. Going grocery shopping? Purchase a gift card at the GSC office before you go. Need gas? Purchase a gift card before heading to the local gas station. Going for coffee at Starbucks?! Buy the gift card at GSC first!

The FundScrip gift card program allows GSC to earn money on the items that you normally buy on a regular basis while helping to support GSC. For each gift card purchased, GSC earns a small percentage as a return. It's the kind of fundraising where no one has to spend more than they already would, and there are no chocolate bars to sell or fancy soaps.

Just think, school supply shopping = \$100 gift card for Staples which earns GSC \$3.

Make Christmas gift giving easy with gift cards - and GSC gets a present too!

In order for the FundScrip program to be a financial success for GSC, we hope everyone will participate - get your neighbor to buy grocery gift cards too!

Please watch the notice board and email for when gift cards will be available for purchase.

4. GSC **Skate-a-thon** 2010 is planned for 07 March 2010 – start collecting your pledges and join us for some on-ice fun!
5. Used **Skate and Dress Sales** – these fundraisers directly support the Competitive Team in September and EOSIC team in January 2010.

Our Fall Skate and Clothing Sale is coming up on **Saturday, September 12th, 2009**. 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. The Skate Sale is a great way to buy and sell skate wear, while also contributing to the Gloucester Skating Club. See the enclosed sheet for more details.

6. Have a receipt from **Boston Pizza** located on Innes Road? Please bring them into the office. GSC receives 10% back from the receipts collected!
7. Nevada tickets at **Beckers** – if you like the lottery, please purchase your Nevada tickets at Beckers across the street from the rink! GSC gets a 50% return on each ticket sold!
8. **Silent Auction** at the Annual Awards Banquet in May 2010 – have something you would like to auction? Please let us know! We're taking items now for Spring 2010!

Competitive Training Ice

The Gloucester Skating Club will be offering Competitive Training Ticket Ice from Monday to Friday for Juvenile to Senior Level competitors. Two options are available this year, 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). Ticket purchases are available on the application form for Fall School. If you have questions regarding this competitive training ice, please contact your coach or the office for further information.

Youth and Adult Synchronized Skating

The Gloucester Skating Club has one Youth and two 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

Kaleidoscope (Youth) Meredith Rocchi at Meredith.rocchi@gmail.com

NEW: Early Morning Open Session

The Gloucester Skating Club is pleased to be able to offer on a monthly basis an early morning session (Tuesdays 6:30 -8:20am) for our skaters thus offering parents and athletes the opportunity for extra training time prior to the start of the school day.

Please contact your coach prior to August 14th, 2009 if you are interested in doing this. The cost would be divided by the number of Skaters.

Calendar of Events

A tentative Calendar of Events/Cancellations is included with this mailing. Please check the GSC Bulletin Board and on-line @ www.gloucesterskatingclub.ca for updates/changes.

In closing, we hope to assist you, as 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.

The Gloucester Skating Club

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

**Be a part of the
PASSION. SPIRIT. TRIUMPH
at the Gloucester Skating Club**