What is CanSkate?

- Skate Canada'sofficiallearn-to-skate program for beginners of all ages
- Buildscoreskatingskills:balance, control, and agility
- Ideal forrecreationalskatersor those preparing for hockey or figure skating

How it Works:

- Taughtbycertifiedprofessional coaches with support from trained program assistants
- Followsa6-stagenationallyrecognized skill progression
- Grouplessonswithamaximum 1:10 coach-to-skater ratio
- Uses upbeatmusic,teachingaids, and fun activities to keep skaters engaged
- Skatersearnbadgesandribbons as they reach new milestones
- Pleasereadclassdescriptionscarefully to select the best option for your skater

Group Placement:

- Skatersaregroupedbyageand ability—not by CanSkate stage
- Groupcolorshelporganizeskaters but do not indicate level
- Groupsarereassessedeachseason and may be adjusted in the first few weeks to ensure thebestfit

Assessment & Progression:

- Assessmentstakeplaceregularly throughout the season
- Skaters progressattheirownpace—not all will pass a level each session
- When a stageiscompleted,badges or ribbons are handed out that day or within a few sessions
- Attendance,effort,andconsistent practice all affect progress
- Higher stagestypicallytakelonger, as skills become more advanced
- Missing severalclassesmaydelay or prevent assessment

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION NOTES

The annual Skate Canada Membership Fee is **$63.70** and covers registration, Safe Sport, and insurance. Register only when your group opens. Early registrations will be removed. Register online at HalifaxSkatingClub.com and review the club policies before registering. Questions: halifaxskatingclub@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION OPENS

Returning Members and Siblings
Tuesday, December 1 at 10:00 AM

Previously Waitlisted Skaters
Friday, December 4 at 10:00 AM

General Public
Wednesday, December 9 at 10:00 AM

If a session is full, join the waitlist.
We will offer available spaces before programs begin on Jan 3rd

Winter 2027

Including:

PreCanSkate, CanSkate, Teen CanSkate and Junior Academy





2027 Ice Show

April 4, 2027 • Centennial Arena

Our ice show is a chance for skaters to perform for family and friends and show what they've learned this season. All Halifax Skating Club skaters, including CanSkaters, are invited to perform or come cheer on their friends. Details for participants will be shared closer to the show.

HALIFAX Skating Club

Winter 2027 Learn-to-Skate Programs

CanSkate PatinagePlus

Required Equipment for All Skaters

- Supportive figure skates or hockey skates. Plastic buckle skates are not permitted.
- A CSA-approved skating, hockey, or ski helmet that buckles securely. Bike helmets are not permitted.
- Face shields are required for all Pre-CanSkate participants.
- Gloves or mittens.
- Skates and helmets are not provided. Rentals are not available.
- Please dress skates in comfortable clothing that allows them to move, fall, and get back up easily. Jeans are strongly discouraged.

Parent or Guardian Requirement

A parent or guardian must remain at the rink during the session. Your skater may need help with their skates, support after a fall, assistance finding the correct group, or comfort from a familiar adult.

Pre-CanSkate / Stage 1 — Ages 3–6*

Sundays Jan 3 - Mar 21 - ***NO SKATING Feb 28th***

For young skaters with little or no skating experience. Skaters learn basic movement, safe falling, balance, and gliding in small, coach-led groups. Trained Program Assistants are on the ice to support skaters. Parents do not go on the ice.

Skaters may work on skills from more than one level. Once skaters complete Pre-CanSkate, they will begin working on Stage 1/2 skills.

Do not register for back-to-back sessions.

Sunday PreCan - Session A: 2:30–3:00 PM | **11 weeks | $110**
Sunday PreCan - Session B: 3:00–3:30 PM | **11 weeks | $110**

CanSkate — *Ages 5+**

Thursdays Jan 7 - March 25th ***NO SKATING March 18th***
Sundays Jan 3 - Mar 21 - ***NO SKATING Feb 28th***

For skaters aged 5 and older, or younger skaters with previous skating experience. Skaters are grouped by ability and work on CanSkate skills from Stages 1–6. Sessions include group lessons led by professional coaches, with trained Program Assistants supporting each group. Parents do not go on the ice. Skaters should reg- ister based on their current CanSkate stage. Teen CanSkate is designed for skaters aged 10–18.

Teen CanSkate | Thursday | Ages 10–18 | 5:30–6:15 PM | 11 weeks | $150
CanSkate Session A | Thursday | Stage 3+ | 5:30–6:15 PM | 11 weeks | $150
CanSkate Session B | Thursday | Stages 1–3 | 6:15–6:55 PM | 11 weeks | $135
CanSkate Session C | Sunday | Stage 1+ | 1:45–2:30 PM | 11 weeks | $150
CanSkate Session D | Sunday | Stage 2+ | 3:40–4:25 PM | 11 weeks | $150

Junior Academy: Introduction to Figure Skating — Ages 10 and under | By invitation only| $445

For skaters who are still developing CanSkate skills and show a strong interest and potential in figure skating. Skaters are introduced to jumps, spins, edges, and choreography through small group lessons led by certified coaches. Skaters are assessed and selected through the CanSkate program. To request an assessment, please contact the club. **Skaters must attend both weekly sessions.** The program fee includes all coaching, on-ice training, and off-ice training.

Tuesdays | 5:05–7:00 PM January 5 to March 23, 2027 12 weeks
Includes off-ice training and shared ice time with advanced skaters.

Sundays | 3:00–4:25 PM January 3 to March 21, 2027 11 weeks
Includes figure skating development and a CanSkate session, with a break from 3:30 to 3:40 PM. **No ice Sunday, February 28.**