HALIFAX SKATING CLUB



Halifax Skating Club | November 2026

Dear HSC Club Members,

We're down to our last few weeks of fall skating, and it's been so nice to see how much our skaters have grown since September. We still have a few fun days at the rink before the break, and we'd love to see you there!

There's a lot in this month's newsletter, from upcoming events and registration deadlines to the last fall classes and January start dates. Please take a few minutes to read it carefully and keep it handy so you can come back to it as needed. You'll also find a copy on our website under **Club Corner → Newsletters**.

Important Registration Reminders

Friday, November 20
Registration opens for World Ice Skating Day and the Disney On Ice seminar.

Tuesday, December 1
Winter 2027 registration opens for:

- **CanSkate/ Learn to Skate Programs for returning members at 10:00 a.m.**
- STARSkate morning ice
- High Performance Gym

Tuesday, December 8 at noon
Registration closes for World Ice Skating Day.

CanSkate & Learn to Skate

PreCan, CanSkate, Teen CanSkate and Adult Learn to Skate

Last Fall Classes and First Winter Classes

- **Sunday sessions** • Last fall class December 13. First winter class January 3.
- **Tuesday sessions** • Last fall class December 15. First winter class January 5.
- **Thursday sessions** • Last fall class December 17. First winter class January 7.

World Ice Skating Day replaces regular Sunday classes on December 20. We'd love to see our Learn to Skate families there. You'll find the details under Around the Club.

Winter CanSkate registration

Registration for returning families opens **Tuesday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.** We'll email a reminder with the registration code a few days before registration opens.

We leave it up to parents to choose the best class for their child. Think about how your skater is doing in class now and how much help they need on the ice.

- **CanSkate:** If your skater has earned their PreCan ribbon and can skate comfortably on their own and stay with their group, please choose a CanSkate class that matches their level, such as **Stage 1+**.
- **PreCan:** This class is for skaters who still need extra help on the ice. Skaters at Stage 1 or higher can stay in PreCan if they still need that support. We group skaters with others of similar ages and abilities.

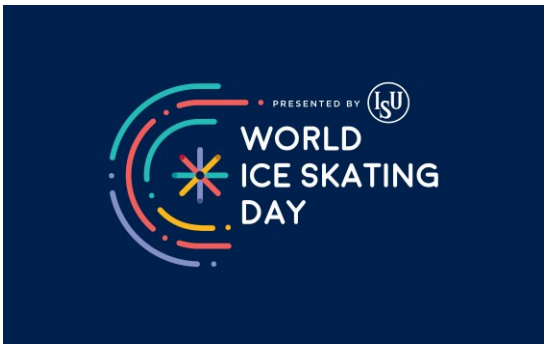
[WINTER 2027 CanSkate Brochure and Program Descriptions]

Fall report cards - On **November 30**, we'll update the records for skaters who have earned their PreCan ribbon. Fall CanSkate report cards will be completed over the holiday break and we will email families when they're ready to view.

Adult Learn to Skate - Winter registration will open later in December, once we confirm how much room we have in our January classes. We'll email current adult skaters when class options and registration details when they are ready.

Around the Club

World Ice Skating Day | Sunday, December 20



We're happy to have Bedford Skating Club joining us again this year for World Ice Skating day events. Skaters at all levels are encouraged to join the fun for the day.

- **CanSkate and STAR 1** can enter the CanSkate Fun Skate and be evaluated at their own level.
- **STAR 1 and up** can enter the Improv and Team events later in the day.

Please read through the event details and **register by noon on Tuesday, December 8**.

[View World Ice Skating Day details and register]

If you're a Program Assistant and would like to help with assessing the skaters or help run the CanSkate circuits, please contact LeeAnne or Becky.

We'll also need lots of volunteers at the registration table, with music and in other areas to make the day a success. If you're able to help, please let us know and we'll connect you with whoever is looking after that part of the day.

Alumni Day & Family Open Skate | Sunday, December 27



Whether you skate with HSC now or haven't been back in years, we'd love to see you at our annual Alumni Day. Bring your family, invite an old skating friend and come for a skate, a visit on or off the ice!

[Register Alumni Day & Family Open Skate]

Program Assistant and STARSkate Social - We're planning our annual get-together for Program Assistants and STARSkate skaters. We'll email families once the details are finalized.

Academy - Figure Skating

STARSkate Academy | Bronze, Silver and Gold

Winter Registration Reminder - Tuesday and Wednesday morning ice at Greenfoot and High Performance Gym have separate fall and winter registrations. If your skater plans to continue in January, please register them again for each program they'll attend. Winter registration opens Tuesday, December 1.

World Ice Skating Day performances - On December 20, our Junior Academy and Sunday Bronze Group Training skaters will have a chance to show families the synchro numbers they've been practising. We'll also invite skaters from other levels to perform. Details will be shared with skaters invited to perform during the showcase portion of the day. Everyone else is invited to come watch and celebrate all things skating during the showcase performances.

STAR 6+ Assessment Day | Friday, December 18 - Your coaching team will be in touch if your skater is doing an assessment. Please reach out to them directly if you have questions. There are no regular sessions that day. Good luck to all those doing assessments.



Disney On Ice is coming to Centennial! | Tuesday, December 22 - Here's a chance for our skaters to learn a few moves from Disney On Ice performers right hereon our session! After the on-ice seminar, skaters will get to meet a Disney character and take photos. Registration opens Friday, November 20. This event is open to HSC home-club skaters in STARSkate Academy and Junior Academy skaters at Stage 5 or higher who receive an invitation.

There are 30 spots, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please sign up only if your skater can attend. If the event fills, join the waitlist in case a spot opens up.

[View the schedule, register or join the waitlist]

Holiday ice schedule

- **Friday, December 18** • STAR 6+ Assessment Day. No regular sessions.
- **Sunday, December 20** • World Ice Skating Day only. No regular sessions, including Dal.
- **Monday, December 21** • No skating.
- **Tuesday, December 22** • Disney On Ice seminar for registered skaters.
- **Wednesday, December 23** • Regular Forum sessions run. Drop-in spots may be available.
- **December 24–26** • No skating.
- **Sunday, December 27** • Regular Dal session runs. Alumni Day at Centennial.
- **Monday, December 28** • No skating.
- **Tuesday, December 29, 4:00–6:00 p.m. • STAR 2+ drop-in ice.** Spots are limited. Please register online.
- **December 30–January 2** • No skating.
- **Sunday, January 3** • Regular Sunday sessions resume.
- **Friday, January 8** • No Greenfoot sessions due to a hockey tournament.

The full calendar is under Club Corner on our website and in your online portal. Please check it before heading to the rink over the Holiday break.

[View the club calendar]

[Register for December 29 drop-in ice]

HSC Skaters in the Spotlight

It's been a busy fall for our skaters, from club performance days to competitions here in Nova Scotia and beyond. We've seen skaters perform for the first time, earn personal bests and pull off skills they've been practising, even with a few nerves. It's been just as nice to see them cheering for their friends and having fun together at the rink.

This Saturday, November 21, some of our newest STARSkaters will take part in their first event. Good luck to them and to everyone still competing this fall. We'll be cheering you on!

Follow HSC on **Facebook and Instagram** for photos and updates. If you'd like your skater included in an event wrap-up, please send us their photos and a quick note about how they did soon after the event. Getting those updates early helps us celebrate as many skaters as possible in the wrap-up.

[View our social media submission guidelines]

[Follow HSC on Facebook] [Follow HSC on Instagram]

On behalf of everyone at Halifax Skating Club, thank you for spending part of your fall with us. However you spend the holidays, I hope you and your family stay safe and healthy and get to enjoy some time together.

See you at the rink!