



Skate Canada

Carnival 2023 Newsletter

BACK TO THE 80's

Sunday April 2nd @ 1:00 pm

Admission - \$5.00 (free for ages 5 and under)



WHAT IS A CARNIVAL:

The Carnival is like an end of season "recital". It is an opportunity for all skaters to show their family and friends their skills learned during the season as well as highlight skater accomplishments. This year the theme of our show is "Back to the 80's".

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Does my child have to participate in Carnival?

No, your child's participation is up to you. If your child is not participating in the carnival, they will still have regular skating for the remainder of the season.

Is my child too young for carnival?

No! Most often our youngest skaters steal the show. Family and friends love to watch the littlest ones show off what they have learned to do. The Program Assistants will be on the ice with all PreCanSkate and most CanSkate lines to guide their performance. The coaches will be behind the scenes.

What is the cost of admission?

Admission of \$5.00 per person (over the age of 5) will be payable at the door on the day of the show. All volunteers receive free admission.

What is my admission paying for?

Our year-end showcase acts as one final fundraising opportunity for our club. The admission fee is used to cover the costs of preparing for the show (ice costs, costumes, awards etc.) Your annual registration fees are calculated to cover only ice fees and coaching costs. Other club expenses such as purchase of CanSkate supplies, repairs to equipment etc. is paid for through fundraising efforts.

Can my skater miss a practice and still participate in the Carnival?

We strongly encourage all skaters attend all practices. We have a limited amount of time for skaters to learn and remember choreography. We want all participants to feel ready and comfortable to perform in front of their friends and families. Lines are choreographed with each skater having their own place. Missing a practice not only means your skater is missing important rehearsal time, it also makes it confusing for the rest of the group as your skater will be missing from their “place”. This makes it difficult for others to remember who they are beside or following for certain elements of the performance.

If your skater will be absent from a practice, please notify the club at perthfsc@gmail.com as soon as you know.

When do practices take place?

PreCanSkate and CanSkate practices take place during regularly scheduled skating times on the following dates:

Saturday February 25, 2023

Saturday March 4, 2023

Saturday March 11, 2023

Saturday March 18, 2023

Saturday March 25, 2023

Schedules to follow for Intro to StarSkate and StarSkate skaters.

Are there any additional costs to participating in the carnival?

No. The only **potential** cost that could arise is purchasing an item of clothing to wear with/under your skater’s costume. The club will provide most of the costume, but may ask that a specific item of clothing be worn under the costume. We do our very best to keep this as simple as possible so it is likely your skater already has this item of clothing in their wardrobe. As an example, your skater could be asked to wear black leggings or a plain bright T-Shirt under their costume.

What does my skater do during the show?

A show schedule will be provided to each parent by the group supervisor with specific times listed for drop off and pick up.

Skaters performing in the first half of the show: Will be dropped off before showtime and picked up at intermission.

Skaters performing in the second half of the show: Will be dropped off at intermission and picked up at end of show.

When skaters are not in the dressing room with their group, they can sit in the stands with their families.

All Skaters will be dropped off to their assigned dressing room and dressed for their performance. Group supervisors are responsible for signing skaters in and out to their parents. Group supervisors and dressing room attendants will ensure your skaters skates are tied and will handle costume malfunctions.

These are just some of the questions we receive when preparing for a carnival. If you have any additional questions please reach out by email at perthfsc@gmail.com or feel free to ask one of our executive members at the rink.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED / POSITION DESCRIPTIONS:

We have been looking forward to bringing back our carnival after two years off! Volunteers are essential to a successful carnival. If you are unable to volunteer on the day of the show there are several jobs needing completed beforehand. Below you will find a list of volunteer positions. A link has been provided at the end of this newsletter where individuals can express interest to volunteer.

Pease Note: Any volunteers in dressing rooms will require a vulnerable sector check to be provided to the club prior to the Carnival. These are now completed online free of cost through the Ontario Provincial Police website: [Ontario Provincial Police - Police Record Checks \(opp.ca\)](https://www.opp.ca). A letter will be provided from the club to each individual required to upload with their application.

Volunteer Expression of Interest Survey: <https://forms.gle/akXFrwz2qLJgxcpZA>

Group Supervisors (Vulnerable Sector Check Required)

of Volunteers Required: 9

- 4 PreCanSkate
- 3 CanSkate
- 1 Intro to StarSkate
- 1 StarSkate

This individual is normally a parent of a skater within each group.

Each group requires a group supervisor to act as the "go-to" person for that line. This position will require volunteer time leading up to and on the day of the show.

Each supervisor will act as the liaison between the parents of the group and the coaches and executive to ensure skaters have their costumes, attend practices and are organized for the day of the show.

Leading up to the show, group supervisors will assist with the distribution of costumes (provided by the club) to their group on practice days in their assigned dressing rooms. They will ensure each group member has all elements of their costume needed and that each component fits properly. They will answer any questions parents may have about the show, or forward their questions to an executive member who can help.

On the day of the show group supervisors will help with supervision by tracking sign-in and sign-out of the group participants. They will be supported by the runners and dressing room attendants to ensure skaters are ready on time and get to and from their performance.

Once the group has completed their performance, group supervisors will be responsible for collecting costume components owned by the club and ensuring each skater has been picked-up and signed out by their parent.

Dressing Room Attendants (Vulnerable Sector Check Required)

of Volunteers Required: 6

The dressing room attendants are required to be in the dressing room for the skaters during the show to support the group supervisor. They will be required to help with skate and costume adjustments (skaters are to come dressed) and to have the groups ready to meet the runner when time comes for their performance. This role will require each volunteer to be in the change room during each half of the show. All volunteers will be responsible for costume malfunctions. Two volunteers will be required for each of the three change rooms. **Only parents signed up for this task will be present within the change rooms.**

Runners (Vulnerable Sector Check Required)

of Volunteers Required: 4

This task will require 4 volunteers (2 for the first half and 2 for the second half). This role will involve following the schedule and escorting skaters from change room attendants to the ice surface for their performance. The runner will then meet the line at the door they exit the ice surface from and return them to the dressing room attendant. Runners will transport belongings from the entrance of the ice surface (jackets / guards) back to the groups when they exit the ice.

Welcome Table / Ticket Sales

of Volunteers Required: 2

This position will require volunteer time starting 1 hour before the show up to showtime.

These individuals will be responsible for checking-in volunteers & skaters, welcoming the audience to the show, collecting admission and handing out programs.

Flower Sales

of Volunteers Required: 1

A table will be set up near the entrance to the ice surface for flower sales. This position will require volunteer time starting 1 hour before the show up to showtime.

50/50 Sales

of Volunteers Required: 2

These volunteers will be over the age of 18 and be responsible for the 50/50 sales before the show and during intermission. The treasurer will be responsible for counting sales and splitting the prize money.

Carnival Set-up and Tear Down

of Volunteers Required: At least 10

“Many hands make light work”. These volunteers will be required on the day of the show, before and after showtime. This position will require volunteer time starting 2 hours before the show and 1 hour after the show. These volunteers will assist with on ice set up/take down, table set up/take down, signage for change rooms.

Master of Ceremonies

of Volunteers Required: 1

This position will require volunteer time leading up to the show to rehearse script (provided by the club) as well as 1 hour before showtime.

This volunteer will be responsible for all announcements during the carnival. This individual will need to be outgoing and have a clear speaking voice. The task may be assigned to coaches and board members if no volunteer presents.

O'Canada Singer

of Volunteers Required: 1

Does a member of your family have a wonderful singing voice and enjoy performing in front of crowds?
We are looking for an individual to open our show by signing our national anthem.

If no volunteer presents, track will be played.