

## **Carnival Information**

Plans are well under way for our Carnival "Road Trip 2010". Everyone is getting excited about their performances. Our carnival is a wonderful opportunity to show case our skaters and let them all be skating stars for the day. Coaches are spending some time each skating session working on their carnival numbers, so it is very important for your skater to be at all practices. Please read the information below to note changes to practice schedules and items requiring your help. If you have questions please ask a board member.

### **Costumes**

Getting an outfit that works with the number and makes each skater feel special is a big task. Please do the following when you come to the arena.

1. Ask if there is something that your skater should try on.
  2. Make sure a label with the skater's name is attached to the costume.
  2. If the costume requires altering, make sure it gets marked.
  4. Be sure the information gets recorded as to what needs to be done.
  5. Offer to help wherever you can. (If you have sewing skills, please let us know!)
- \*\*\*Most female skaters will require beige skating tights. A list will be posted on the bulletin board if you are required to supply other items. \*\*\*

### **Food**

All our skaters need nourishment. We ask however that you **do not** allow your skater to eat while in costume. Only water is permitted in the change area. Unfortunately when the no eating rule is not followed, accidents happen and expensive costumes are ruined.

For your convenience, the skating club will be offering a sub meal on Monday technical rehearsal and Thursday dress rehearsal nights. This meal must be purchased in advance and consists of a sub, drink and treat for \$5.

If you wish to stay at the arena between the afternoon and evening shows on carnival day, a pot luck dinner will be held and all skaters and families are welcome to attend.

### **Hair and Makeup**

Technical rehearsal - Parent/skater's responsibility. Head pieces, etc will be used on ice and for the group photos.

Dress rehearsal - Some hair and makeup will be tried out for the show. Not all skaters will require makeup.

Carnival day - Hair and makeup will be done in the board room. Basic makeup may be done in dressing room. If parents wish to do their child's hair, a list will be posted to indicate what it should look like. Please note that if your skater wears a helmet, he/she will still be wearing the helmet in the carnival. Please allow ample to time to have face painting done if your number requires it.

### **Tickets**

There are two shows. One show is at 2 pm and the other at 7:00 pm on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will cost \$ 8 /adult, \$ 4/children 12 and under and preschoolers are free. It is very important that you sell all the tickets you can so that we can cover our carnival expenses.

### **Parent Volunteers**

We ask that each family volunteer to help at one show. This will allow you to watch the other show and see your star skater in action. We will need volunteers to help with selling tickets and programs, doing hair and makeup, supervising change rooms, working with props behind stage, painting ice, set up and tear down, etc. Please sign list on bulletin board so schedules can be made.

### **Technical Rehearsal, Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Please check the board for the times that your skaters are on the ice. They should be in full costume for this rehearsal. They will need to be on the ice for their individual group numbers and an opening or finale number. The the opening number for Canskate A & B and PAs and is in the first scene of the Carnival (visiting the Olympic Site). The second one is the finale at the end of the show (Arriving back home in Embro) for the Introductory Starskate and Starskate level skaters.

Pictures will take place after ice time, please check the schedule.

### **Pictures, Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

All skaters will have their group pictures taken on the technical rehearsal night. There will be individual and group shots for skaters purchasing picture packages. The photographs this year will be prepaid. You will select and pay for your picture packages and group pictures on Monday night. Pictures will be delivered at a later date. Please check the schedule on the bulletin board for picture times. The photography form is attached so that it can be completed in advance.

Remember, hair and makeup is the skater's responsibility for the technical rehearsal. It is expected that any hair requirements or headpieces etc. needed, will be in place for the group photo shots. Hair and any make up wanted for individual shots are up to the parents.

If you wish to have special pictures taken please sign list on board. These pictures will be done as time permits.

### **New this year - Dress Rehearsal, Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Skaters are expected to be ready and in costume by times posted on the bulletin board. We will be running this in order of the show. Skaters are expected to wait in the change room area until their number is called. We ask that all parents helping on carnival day, be in their assigned area to learn the ropes. However, parents are still responsible for the supervision of their children that night. As change rooms can get crowded, we ask that only one parent be in the change room with their child. This is a closed rehearsal. There will be **NO** opportunity to view this performance. For the comfort and privacy of our older skaters, we ask that only same sex parents be in their change areas.

### **Carnival Day, Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Show time is 2 pm and 7:00 pm. All skaters in the first half of the show should arrive one hour before show time. **All skaters in the first half should be at the arena by 1:00PM and 6:15PM. If your skater is only in the second half of the show they are to arrive by 1:45PM and 6:45PM.**

Canskate parents are asked to please sign their children in and out of the change room. Please check with the parents supervising your dressing room. Unless the skater is performing in the second half of the show, they should be picked up at intermission. Younger skaters may wish to bring a small toy, colouring book, etc to entertain themselves while they are waiting to perform. **Remember, no food in change room areas. Any food or beverages other than bottled water will be removed from the change room.**

Each skater will be assigned a spot in the change room where their costumes will be placed. Please be sure all items are checked and hung up after each show.

**HAPPY SKATING!**