

## 2023 - 2024 Parent and Skater Handbook



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## About the High River Skating Club

The High River Skating Club offers many skating programs from those who are learning to skate to those at a competitive level. We have three Coaches who work with all levels of skaters at our club with each Coach offering unique experiences, a passion for the sport, and Skate Canada Coaching certifications.

Our club operates through the Bob Snodgrass Recreation Complex located in High River. At HRSC we are committed to instilling a love of the sport in each skater, encouraging each skater to achieve their goals, and providing a safe and fun environment on and off the ice.

We look forward to another exciting season!

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## Programs Offered at HRSC

## Canskate

For skaters new to skating and learning to skate. Training Stages 1 - 3 of the Canskate Skills Chart.


## Rising Stars

For skaters finishing the entire Canskate program (Stages 4-6) and prepping for Junior level.


## Junior

For skaters working on STAR 1 and 2 levels, beginning to compete.


## Intermediate

For skaters working on STAR 3-5 levels.


## Senior

For skaters working on STAR 6-GOLD levels.

## High River Skating Club Canskate

## Skate Canada Learn to Skate

This is Skate Canada's learn to skate program for beginners of all ages and offers basic skating instruction in a group format. It is taught by Skate Canada professional Coaches and assisted by Program Assistants.

Canskate develops future skaters by training their skills in balance, control, agility through a positive and engaging environment.

## How does it work?

Each session will include a warm up, fast track, and cool down. Skaters will be organized into groups and rotated around to each of the different circuits.

## 2023 Fall Class:

Wednesdays (Oct - Dec): 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

- 10 Classes
- Start: Oct 11 End: Dec 13
- CanSkaters will also perform at our Christmas Showcase!

Christmas Showcase: Dec 16 (6-8 pm)
All sessions are on the large ice.

## Motivation

The Canskate program is a motivating and encouraging atmosphere meant to develop the skater using skill progressions. Skaters will receive a report card with ribbons/badges.

## Program Assistants

Program Assistants are our Junior, Intermediate, and Senior level skaters who volunteer their time each week to assist in the delivery of the Canskate Program. PA's play a vital role in creating a fun and safe skating environment!

## Responsibilities of Skaters/Parents:

Ensure skater gets to the arena on time with skates and proper warm clothing (gloves), including a CSA approved helmet.

We prefer skaters to wear hockey skates or figure skates to ensure correct skill development.

## Register at: www.hrskate.ca

## 2024 Winter Class:

Wednesdays (Oct - Dec): 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

- 10 Classes
- Start: Jan 10 End: March 20
- CanSkaters will also perform at our Year-End Showcase!

Year End Showcase: End of March (Date TBA)
All sessions are on the large ice.

Cost: $\$ 120$ (plus mandatory Skate Canada Association Membership Fee)


## Canskate Skills Chart

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## Canskate Incentives Chart

Ribbons and badges are rewarded to skaters according to the fundamentals of balance, control, and agility, which each have 6 stages.

Canskate focuses on stages 1-3, Rising Stars on stages 4-6.


## HRSC Rising Stars

## Skate Canada Program

Rising Stars is designed to start the skater's transition from the Canskate program into the specific path of Figure Skating. This program is focused on stages 4-6 of the Canskate program. Your skater will begin to learn the fundamentals of figure skating:

Freeskating (elements such as jumps and spins)

Dance (Edges and Pattern Steps)
Interpretation (learning creativity and movement based on musicality and theme)

Skills (patterns of edges and turns to train balance and control of skater)

How does this work?
Once the skaters are on the ice, the coaching team will be working with them on their techniques and skating capability.



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This will be accomplished through group lessons where the skaters will be taught a skill then given time to practice, while the coach provides individual feedback.

Responsibilities of skaters:
Please come prepared to the arena with CSA approved helmet, athletic clothing (no jeans or long scarves), and water. Wear gloves! Show proper sportsmanship on and off the ice and be good role models of our sport.

Responsibilities of Parents:
Ensure your children get to the arena on time, be encouraging and patient with skaters, and work as a team with Coaching staff. Skaters must wear good quality figure skates.

Register at: www.hrskate.ca


## 2023 Fall \& 2024 Winter Classes:

This is a 2-day per week program from September to March.

Mondays: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Wednesdays: 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

- Starting Wednesday Sept 6
- End Monday March 25
- Christmas Showcase: Dec 16 (6-8 pm)

All sessions are on the large ice.

## STAR 1 - 5 (STARSkate) Content Overview

During the Junior, Intermediate, and part of the Senior STARSkate programs, your skater will be working on STAR $1-5$. This includes the 5 disciplines of Skills, Freeskate, Dance, Synchro, and later on, Artistic.
**Each discipline is separate, and your skater will be at different STAR levels for each discipline. Example - your skater can be working on STAR 1 Skills, STAR 2 Freeskate, and STAR 3 Dance at the same time.

## How does my skater pass levels?

Skaters will pass each level through assessments, which are completed by Coaches during regular sessions. Coaches will notify you when your skater is ready for assessment.

| SKILLS | FREESKATE | DANCE | ARTISTIC | SYNCHRO |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STAR 1 | STAR 1: Elements | STAR 1: Elements (just steps) |  |  |
| STAR 2 | STAR 2: Elements <br> STAR 2: Program | STAR 2A: <br> Dutch Waltz <br> STAR 2B: <br> Canasta Tango |  | STAR 2 |
| STAR 3 | STAR 3: Elements <br> STAR 3: Program | STAR 3A: Baby Blues STAR 3B: Elements (just steps) |  | STAR 3 |
| STAR 4 | STAR 4: Elements <br> STAR 4: Program | STAR 4A: <br> Swing <br> STAR 4B: <br> Fiesta Tango |  | STAR 4 |
| STAR 5 | STAR 5: Elements STAR 5: Program | STAR 5A: Willow Waltz STAR 5B: Elements (steps) | STAR 5 Program |  |

## Junior

By Invitation Only.
For skaters who have completed Rising Stars and are excited to advance into Figure Skating.

In the Junior Level your skater will be working on STAR 1 and 2, following the Skate Canada Program. These include:

- STAR 1 Freeskate: Jumps and Spins.
- STAR 2 Freeskate: Putting jumps and spins into a program choreographed to music.
- STAR 1 Dance: Edges and Dance Steps.
- STAR 2 Dance: Pattern dance (Dutch Waltz \& Canasta Tango) learned to music and partnered.
- STAR 1 \& 2 Skills: Edges and turns.
- STAR 2 Synchro: Block, line, circle or wheel.


## How does this work?

Skaters will receive lessons from the Coaches in various formats such as private (individual), semi-private (groups of 2), and group (3 skaters or more.) When skaters are not in lessons they will practice individually.

These lessons are a separate fee that is not included in registration. Registration includes ice costs, club fees, and Skate Canada fees.

Parents will be asked at the start of the season to hand in a lesson budget per month form which are used to schedule lessons. Parents are then invoiced by each individual coach at the end of each month and must pay each coach.

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Responsibilities of skaters:
Please come prepared to the arena with hair tied back, athletic clothing (no jeans or long scarves), and water. Show proper sportsmanship on and off the ice and be good role models of our sport.

## Responsibilities of Parents:

Ensure your children get to the arena on time, be encouraging and patient with skaters, and work as a team with Coaching staff.

## Assessments:



Assessments will be compieted by Coaches for each skater when they are ready to pass a level and move up to the next level.

Example: When your skater is ready to complete STAR 1 Freeskate they will be formally assessed by the Coach and move on to STAR 2 Freeskate.

How and when do these happen?
Assessments are done during regular lessons and will generally cost one lesson fee plus the mandatory Skate Canada fee of $\$ 12.00$.
**Parents will be notified by Coaches when their skater is ready for an assessment. They must be paid for online.

## Intermediate

By Invitation Only.
In the Intermediate Level your skater will be working on STAR 3-5, following the Skate Canada Program. These include:

- STAR 3-5 Freeskate: Elements and programs.
- STAR 3 -5 Dance: Steps, Baby Blues, Swing, Fiesta Tango, Willow Waltz.
- STAR 3 - 5 Skills: Edges, turns, and stroking on figures and patterns.
- STAR 3 \& 4 Synchro: Blocks, lines, circles, wheels, and transition elements.


## Senior

By Invitation Only.

- STAR 6-Gold Freeskate: Elements and programs.
- STAR 6-Gold Dance: 15 dances: Ten Fox, European, Foxtrot, Kilian, Starlight, etc.
- STAR 6-Gold Skills: Edges, turns, and stroking on figures and patterns.
- STAR 5, 7, 9, \& Gold Artistic


## How does this work?

Skaters will receive lessons from the Coaches in various formats such as private semi-private, and group. When skaters are not in lessons they will practice individually.


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STAR 1-5 is Assessed by Coaches in regular lesson format. They will generally cost one lesson fee plus the mandatory Skate Canada fee of $\$ 12.00$.
**Parents will be notified when their skater is ready for an assessment. They must be paid for online.

## Test Days

STAR 6 - Gold will need to be tested at a scheduled test day. Coaches will coach skater on test day and a Skate Canada Evaluator/Judge will test skater and decide if they are ready to Pass.

Test days are scheduled in advance at various clubs in our region during the skating season. Expect to be attending a test day every couple of months at clubs such as Okotoks, Black Diamond, and our own HRSC.


## STAR 6 - Gold Content Overview

Seniors and some Intermediates will be learning and training the STAR 6-GOLD content. These assessments must be completed at an organized Test Day with a Skate Canada judge/evaluator (exception: STAR 6-Gold Skills \& STAR 5 Artistic.)

Shaelyn is qualified to assess skaters on STAR 6-Gold Skills Assessments.
Once a Senior skater achieves a GOLD status in any discipline(s), they will receive a plaque and a certificate from Skate Canada. An amazing achievement!

| Dance |  | Freeskate | Skills | Artistic |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Star 6A | Ten Fox | STAR 6 Elements | STAR 6 Skills | STAR 5 Artistic |
| STAR 6B | European Waltz | STAR 6 Program |  |  |
| STAR 6C | Fourteenstep |  |  |  |
| STAR 7A | Keats Foxtrot | STAR 7 Elements | STAR 7 Skills | STAR 7 Artistic |
| STAR 7B | Harris Tango | STAR 7 Program |  |  |
| STAR 7C | American Waltz |  |  |  |
| STAR 8B | Rocker Foxtrot | STAR 8 Elements | STAR 8 Skills |  |
| STAR 8A | Kilian | STAR 8 Program |  |  |
| STAR 8C | Starlight Waltz |  |  |  |
| STAR 9A | Paso Doble | STAR 9 Elements | STAR 9 Skills | STAR 9 Artistic |
| STAR 9B | Blues | STAR 9 Program |  |  |
| STAR 9C | Silver Samba |  |  |  |
| STAR 10A | Cha Cha Congelado | STAR 10 Elements | STAR 10 Skills |  |
| STAR 10B | Westminster Waltz | STAR 10 Program |  |  |
| STAR 10C | Quickstep |  |  |  |
| Gold A | Viennese Waltz | Gold Program | Gold Skills | Gold Artistic |
| Gold B | Argentine Tango |  |  |  |
| Gold C | Gold Rhythm |  |  |  |

## Our Coaching Team

## Importance of a Coach

Our Coaches are here to support you and your skaters through their skating career. A Coach's primary purpose is to teach your skater and encourage them to be the best skater that they can be, both on and off the ice. Skating is a passion for all of our Coaches, and they strive to teach this sport in a fun and safe environment.

Our current Coaches at the High River Skating Club: Shaelyn Case, Lisa Siggelkow, Josh Brauner, and Katrina Strom.

## The Cost of Coaching

Each coach has their own set of qualifications, specialties, and rate per lesson. During the Canskate, Rising Stars, and Synchro lessons, the coaching cost is included in registration as a group fee.

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior skaters will receive individual, semi-private, or group lessons during their sessions as well. Coaches will stick to each parent's monthly budget when planning lessons and invoice each parent at the end of the month. Please see the lesson budget sheet on the next page.

At the end of each month, coaches will send an invoice to each skater based on the lessons they received. These invoices are paid to the specific coach and can be paid by cash, cheque, or E-transfer.

## Example of a monthly invoice:

| DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
| :--- | :--- |
| Feb 7 - Private Lesson - Freeskate Jumps $(10 \mathrm{mins})$ | $\$ 12.00$ |
| Feb 10 - Semi Private - Freeskate Spins $(15 \mathrm{mins})$ | $\$ 6.00$ |
| Feb 28 - Private - European Dance $(15 \mathrm{mins})$ | $\$ 12.00$ |
|  | TOTAL |
|  | $\$ 30.00$ |

## Best Parts of Coaching

The best parts of coaching are watching skaters enjoy their time on the ice, attending competitions, and having a laugh (or two) during lessons. These are fun times in your skater's life and we are proud to share these exciting moments with all of our families at the High River Skating Club.

## Lesson Budget Ontions

Skaters registered in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior STARSkate programs (sessions) will receive private lessons from our coaches. These will be individual ( 1 coach:1skater), semiprivate ( 1 coach: 2 skaters), or group lessons ( 1 coach: $3+$ skaters) that will be planned by the coach coordinator based on your skaters goals, needs, and development.

These lessons are a separate cost from your program registration, which pays for ice costs and a few large group lessons per week. The purpose of this sheet is to choose a budget that will work comfortably for your family while also providing awesome skating lessons for your child!

Please read through the monthly budget options below and feel free to ask questions.
Our coaches will invoice each skater/family at the end of every month with the actual cost of lessons they received - but we will stay within your budget!

Session $=$ each skating timeframe (ex. Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 pm)
Lesson $=10-15$ minutes in length (cost will reflect this)
Exceptions: Test Days, Competitions, \& Choreography (\$12 coaching fee + expenses)
Note: We often come in under budget, especially for Junior \& Intermediate skaters.
Remember, our season is only from September to March.

| Skater Name: | Parent Signature: |
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## Option A



Option B


## Option C

1 Lesson per session
(Approximately \$10-\$12 per session)


## 1-2 Lessons per session

(Approximately \$10-\$25 per session)

## Monthly Costs

Skating 2 days/week $=\$ 70.00-\$ 100.00$
Skating 3 days/week $=\$ 100.00-\$ 130.00$

## Monthly Costs

Skating 2 days $/$ week $=\$ 120.00-\$ 180.00$
Skating 3 days/week $=\$ 180.00-\$ 250.00$

If preferred, please state your monthly lesson budget amount that works for you.
$\$$ Per month OR $^{\$} \quad$ 2+ Lessons (unlimited within reason) per session

Please return to a coach or email your form to Shaelyn (shaelynssc@gmail.com)

## How ło Pay Assessment/Test Fees

## How Many Assessments do I pay per year?

STAR 1-5 (and STAR 6-Gold Skills) is assessed by Coaches in regular lesson format. The mandatory Skate Canada fee is $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 . 0 0}$ per assessment.

Skaters working on STAR 1-5 can expect to complete 3-4 assessments during the skating season.
Please pay online once your coach has emailed you; we are no longer keeping track of pre-payments.

## How to Pay Online:

1. Login to your Uplifter Account
2. Open the Registration tab
3. Click the Purchase Products button (on left hand side of computer screen)
4. Click ADD next to Test Fee (test fee for low test) and pay through your account

## How Many High Test Days (Assessments) per year?

STAR 6 - Gold (except Skills) will need to be tested at a scheduled test day.

The Skate Canada Assessment fee is still \$12.00 each, however ice costs are also divided among skaters attending. A typical high test will cost $\$ 30.00$ each.

Test days are scheduled in advance at various clubs in our region during the skating season. There are usually 3-4 opportunities to attend Test Days during the winter (however they will be at various locations such as HR, Okotoks, Great Plains, etc.)

Skaters working on STAR 6-Gold can expect to complete anywhere between 2-6 assessments during the skating season.

Coaches will coach skater on test day and a Skate Canada Evaluator/Judge will test skater and decide if they are ready to Pass.

Note: Partnering Fees will be invoiced separately by the partner (the same as private lesson fees).

## How to Pay Online:

1. Login to your Uplifter Account
2. Open the Registration tab
3. Click the Purchase Products button (on left hand side of computer screen)
4. Click ADD next to High Test Day Fees and pay through your account
