

NOVEMBER 2011

# FROM THE EDGE

*Our monthly newsletter...for your information!*



## It's November!

Congratulations on making it through the first few weeks of skating! It only gets easier! As we move into November, the leaves fall and it is just as cold outside the rink as it is on the ice – remember those mitts! Planning for the holiday parties at the end of the session will begin – keep an eye out for emails and newsletter items about our holiday parties.

If you have not yet handed in a progress sheet from a previous year or club, please do so today.

## Winter Session Registration

Registration for the winter 2012 skating session, from January to March 2012, will take place on the days noted below. Please bring your completed registration form and cheques with you when you register. Forms are available on the Club's website.

**Kinsmen Arena:** Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9:00-11:00am  
**Tipton Arena:** Sunday, Dec. 4 from 4:00-6:00pm

Remember that you can still call the Club to register by phone or register on-line via the Club's website.

## Ice Show Date

We now have a date for our season-end ice show! The ice show will take place on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at Confederation Arena. All Club skaters participate in the ice show. The show is a chance for skaters to showcase what they have learned throughout the season. Please mark this date aside in your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

## Calling all Volunteers!

If you have volunteered for an event with the Club, please watch your email for upcoming information. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact the Club.

## Bingo Volunteers

Please check the Club website for Bingo dates and times. Contact the Club if you have any questions.

## Pre-CanSkate Theme Weeks

Pre-CanSkaters, get ready for some fun on the ice! Coaches have come up with some fun theme weeks to keep the on-ice fun going. Here's what to look forward to:

Oct. 9-16: **Orientation** Week  
Oct. 17-23: **Duck** Week  
Oct. 24-30: **Halloween** Week  
Oct. 31-Nov 6: **Sesame Street** Week  
Nov. 7-13: **Red Remembrance** Week  
Nov. 14-20: **ABC-123** Week  
Nov. 21-27: **Disney** Week  
Dec. 28-4: **I'm a Star!** Week  
Dec. 5-11: **Carnival** Week  
Dec. 12-18: **Christmas** Week



Encourage your skaters to get into the theme dressing up and using their imaginations!

## Reminder: Helmets

**It is the skater/parent's responsibility to ensure that skaters have safe equipment.** All skaters enrolled in Pre-CanSkate, CanSkate, and power skating are required to wear a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved skating or hockey helmet.

Bicycle helmets are designed for single-impact, primarily side collisions and are not suitable for skating. Skaters will **NOT** be allowed on the ice without an appropriate helmet. **Make-up lessons will not be granted for forgetting or not having an appropriate helmet.**

Check out the club website for a coupon you can use to purchase a new helmet.

## Progress Reports

Coaches will distribute progress reports to skaters enrolled in group lessons on the last lesson of each session.



If you have a report card from another year or Club, please hand it in to your coach or any Executive Committee member as soon as possible.

## The Fed on Facebook

A great way to stay in touch with Club news is by liking us on Facebook. The Club has a brand new Facebook page! Search us on Facebook. You can like it by using the link at the bottom of the Club website's homepage. We'll be using Facebook to post announcements and handy reminders. You'll also find photos to help put names to faces. Check it out!



## Safety First!!!

- Players' boxes must be kept clear for safety.
- Please watch lessons from the bleachers. You will be asked to leave the boxes.
- Please refrain from talking or yelling over the stands to skaters and coaches on the ice. It is distracting for everyone.
- Skaters and coaches need to concentrate on lessons. Please talk to them outside lessons.
- Skaters are **ONLY** permitted on the ice when a Coach has given permission and is present.
- Only registered skaters are allowed on ice.
- Skaters must wear an appropriate helmet (see section on helmets).
- Leave gum, candy, and scarves in the dressing room. They are a choking hazard.

## SkateWatch

**Hard, plastic skate guards** extend the life of your blades by preventing them from becoming dull and from scratching the metal.



Dull, scratched blades need sharpening more often, and excessive sharpening shortens blades' lifespan. Guards also keep dirt off your blades – dirty blades make dirty ice, and can cause skaters to slip.

**Soft blade covers** are for when you are not wearing your skates. They protect the blades from scratches and from damaging your skate bag with their sharp edges.



They also absorb any excess moisture left from the ice and snow, so your blades won't rust and will last longer. Both types of skate guards are available at skate shops.

## Private Lessons

Private lessons are a great way to fast-track skaters' progress, and are available for every skater and skill level. Contact the coach of your choice directly to book your private or semi-private lessons. Check out the Coaches' page at [www.federationskatingclub.com](http://www.federationskatingclub.com).

## DATES & EVENTS

### Fall 2011 Session Group Start & End Dates

Tipton Saturdays: Sept. 24 – Dec. 16  
Tipton Wednesdays: Oct. 12 – Dec. 14  
Kinsmen Saturdays: Oct. 15 – Dec. 17  
Tipton Sundays: Oct. 16 – Dec. 18

*Note: Christmas parties will take place at each arena on the last lesson day.*

### Winter 2012 Session Group Start & End Dates

Kinsmen Saturdays: Jan. 7 – March 17  
Tipton Saturdays: Jan. 7 – March 24  
Tipton Sundays: Jan. 8 – March 11  
Tipton Wednesdays: Jan. 11 – March 14

### Holiday Break – No Lessons Dec. 22 – Jan. 6

**Annual Ice Show**  
Sunday, March 18, 2012 @  
Confederation Arena