



# Welcome

Welcome to the Fort Saskatchewan Skating Club. We are so happy to have you and your skater join us for the 2024 Fall Skating Session. The following are some tips, tricks and facts to help you get orientated with the first day of classes as well as throughout the skating classes. Please note that if you have any additional questions, comments or concerns feel free to reach out to us at [fortsaskskating@gmail.com](mailto:fortsaskskating@gmail.com).

## First day of classes info:

- For classes at the DCC (Dow Centennial Centre) please enter through the doors to the left of the main doors to the building. This side entrance is direct access to the rink and locker rooms. Once you enter these doors you will find to the left on the wall a board which will have class times, class name and locker room number on it. Please check this prior to every class to ensure you are dressing in the correct locker room for your class.
- For classes at the JRC (Jubilee Rec Centre) please enter through the player entrance at the back of the building. Please note that the JRC is still currently under construction so be mindful. Once you enter the doors you will find a board on the wall which will have class times, class name and locker room number on it. Please check this prior to every class to ensure you are dressing in the correct locker room for your class.
- Please note for the first day of classes a table will be set up and have members of the Board of Executives at it helping you along the way. You will be given a small package of information for the skating session and your child's name tag will be available in the locker room. Please note name tags need to be returned after every class. There will be a colored cloth that you can attach it to after every class. Name tags need to be worn by the child at every class.

**What to expect first, during and last day of classes:**

- For your child's first class you will be expected to sign in with the Board of Executives at their table by the entrance. You will receive a small package of information along with your child's name tag that can be found in the locker room - see above for rules on name tags.
- You will accompany your child to the designated locker room and help them get ready for the lesson. It is advised that you arrive about 15 minutes prior to the class to help your child dress and tie skates. Please note coaches will not be helping with dressing or tying skates.
- Once class starts parents are asked to go to the spectator viewing areas located in the arena. Please do not stay on the bench as it is distracting for the children and coaches. If your child requires your assistance a coach will flag you down and ask you to come down to assist.
- While your child is on the ice please respect the coaches and their teaching. If you have any problems, comments or concerns, please either bring it up to a Board member or coach after the lesson. You can also email the club at [fortsaskskating@gmail.com](mailto:fortsaskskating@gmail.com) as well.
- 5 minutes prior to the end of class parents are allowed to make their way down to the locker rooms to assist their child in undressing and taking off skates. Ensure you double check that you are leaving with what you came with as left items may not make it to the lost and found.
- During the Fall Session of skating there will be some fun activities scheduled for the children; such as jersey day, Halloween party, Christmas color day, etc. Please review the calendar you are given on the first day of classes to see what the coaches have lined up and on what days.
- At the end of classes a report card with your child's achievements will be given out.

**Important Dates:**

- Please note that classes start the week of September 9-14. Please see your calendar in the Clubs Portal for more information.
- Please note that classes end the week of December 9-14. Please see the calendar you were given in your first day package for more information.
- Please note there are no classes on September 30, October 14, October 31 and November 11-16.
- Note that on December 19 we will be hosting a Family Fun Skate for all Fort Saskatchewan Skating Club members. Each member is allowed to bring their family and friends to this family fun event. Refreshments will be provided and Santa may even make an appearance!

**What to Wear:**

- Each child for any type of skating lesson is required to wear the following:
  - CSA approved helmet
  - Skates that fit the foot properly
  - Snow Pants or Splashpants overtop of comfortable and stretchable pants such as sweats or leggings.
  - Jacket overtop of comfortable and stretchable clothing such as a t-shirt or light sweater. Jersey's can also be worn, just please ensure your child is warm enough while on the ice.
  - Mittens or hockey gloves
  - Neck Warmers are not necessary, but can be worn if your child needs it.

**Other Information:**

- Please note we are looking into doing a skating swap later in the season, perhaps November-December 2024. Please stay tuned for more information on this. You will be allowed to swap skates, equipment (not helmets) and clothing with other skate families at discounted prices.
- Fundraisers will be occurring throughout the season. This is a great way to earn your fundraising money(s) back. Also a great way to get some Christmas shopping out of the way and to get your family and friends to support your child. Please stay tuned for what will be offered and when.
- Family Fun Skate will be happening again this year. It was such a huge success last Christmas we wanted to do it again. Please note refreshments will be provided. Please stay tuned for more information on this later in the season.

This is going to be a fun-filled Fall Skating Session and we are excited to share it with you and to watch your children grow and learn. If you have any problems, comments or concerns at any time please feel free to reach out to any of the Board of Executives, Coaches or email the club at [fortsaskskating@gmail.com](mailto:fortsaskskating@gmail.com).

Thank you and have a great season!

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