**What is included with your Skate Melfort registration:**

(September 9, 2020 to March 29, 2021)

**CanSkate**

The Club covers:

* 100% of coaching lessons and mileage
* all ice fees (1 hr/week starting first week in October)
* Skate Canada membership – includes insurance and Safe Sport fees
* all incentives and rewards (report cards, ribbons, badges)
  + handed out in Dec & Mar

*Additional costs* – Participation in other skating opportunities (such as CanSkate FunFest and Carnival) have additional costs, and are the responsibility of the parent.

* The Coach will notify the skater/parent of additional skating opportunities as they arise.
  + - See additional explanations below

*Fundraising* - CanSkate participants are expected to participate in a minimum of 1 fundraiser per season

* + - See additional explanation below

**Advanced CanSkate**

The Club covers:

* 100% of coaching lessons\* and mileage
* all ice fees (2 hr/week)
* Skate Canada membership – includes insurance and Safe Sport fees
* all incentives and rewards (report cards, ribbons, badges)
  + handed out in Dec & Mar

\* Daily lessons are broken down as follows:

* + 30 minutes instruction on Balance, Control and Agility
  + 15 min large group instruction (with STARSkate)
  + 15 min practice on their own

*Additional costs* – Participation in other skating opportunities (such as Seminars, Competitions, Off Season Skating Schools and Carnival) have additional costs, and are the responsibility of the parent.

* The Coach will notify the skater/parent of additional skating opportunities as they arise.
* See additional explanations below

*Fundraising* – Advanced CanSkate participants are expected to participate in a minimum of 2 fundraisers per season

* + - See additional explanation below

**STARSkate**

The Club covers:

* 100% of coaching mileage
* 30 min group instruction/week (Stroking, edges, field moves, power, etc)
* all ice fees (4 hr/week)
* Skate Canada membership – includes insurance and Safe Sport fees
* all report cards & assessment certificates
  + handed out in Dec & Mar

A simple breakdown of the daily lesson schedule is as follows (adjusted as the skaters acquire their programs):

* 30 min – skills – includes one large group instruction
* 30 min – jumps
* 30 min – spins
* 30 min – dance

*Additional lessons* - billed directly to the skater (see “Breakdown of Coaching Fees” handout).

Group lessons are encouraged as it enables the skater to receive more lessons while sharing costs.

On a weekly basis, Skate Canada mandates that all Star 1-5 skaters be taught the following disciplines:

* + Skills – includes power, turns, edges, and Field Moves,
  + Freeskate – Jumps & Spins
  + Dance
  + Synchro
  + Creative / Artistic

*Programs* - Star 2-Gold require a Freeskate program, and Star 5-Gold require an Artistic program for Assessment purposes. These programs will also be used at Competitions.

Additional costs for choreography include creating the program and music editing and are billed directly to the skater(s) involved.

* A skating dress(es) is required for program performance situations such as carnival or assessment days.
* To save on costs, skaters are encouraged to keep their programs for more than one skating season, and, in some cases, skaters will share choreography.

*Additional costs* – The Coach will notify the skater/parent of additional skating opportunities as they arise. Costs associated with these events are the responsibility of the parent. (see “Breakdown of Coaching Fees” handout for additional explanations).

Participation in other skating opportunities include:

* Assessments as the skater moves through the STARSkate program
* Seminars
* Competitions
* Monitoring
* other specialists
* Carnival
* off-season schools

*Fundraising* – STARSkaters are expected to participate in a minimum of 2 fundraisers per season

* + - See additional explanation below

**Carnival**

The Club covers:

* 100% of choreography costs
* 100% of ice costs, including dress rehearsal and carnival performance
* 100% of mileage for coaches and photographer

*Costumes* - A costume deposit is included in the Club registration fee which includes the purchase or rental of 1 or more costumes for carnival.

* Every effort is made to keep the costs affordable.
* Skaters may be required to supply additional items (pants, shirt) to go with the costume.

*Photos* - Group and individual photos will be available to purchase from the photographer.

**FunFest / Seminars / Competitions**

The Coach will notify the skater/parent of these additional skating opportunities as they arise.

Costs associated with these events are the responsibility of the parent.

Costs vary and may include:

* Registration fee
* Coach fee & expenses
* Personal expenses (travel, accommodation, food)

**Assessments / Monitoring**

The Coach will notify the skater/parent of Assessment opportunities as they arise.

Costs associated with these events are the responsibility of the parent and may include:

* Skate Canada fee – assessments only
* Coach fee
* Evaluator expenses
* a separate ice fee

**Off Season Skating Schools (March-August)**

Skating opportunities exist beyond the winter season (September-March)

The Coach will notify the skater/parent of additional skating opportunities as they arise.

Costs associated with these events are the responsibility of the parent and include:

* registration fee (separate from the registration fee for the winter – includes ice fees)
* Lessons – one 15 min group instruction is included with registration fee
* Any assessments, monitoring, or competitions, that occur during this time frame.

**Fundraising**

The Club encourages all members to participate in fundraising throughout the skating season to help keep registration fees affordable.

* CanSkate - participate in a minimum of 1 fundraiser per season
* Advanced CanSkate and STARSkate - participate in a minimum of 2 fundraisers per season

Fundraisers include:

* Skaters Lottery tickets (through Skate Canada-Sask.)
* Purdys chocolates
* Co-op gift cards
* Co-op BBQs
* Additional fundraising opportunities may be added throughout the season.

**Volunteering**

It takes a lot of work to run a skating club and Skate Melfort relies on volunteers.   
The Executive Board is always looking for help.

Members are asked to volunteer at various events throughout the year including Carnival, CanSkate FunFest, assessment days, and participation in fundraisers.

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