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# OFSC NEWS



## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- BOARD MEETING – September 22 6:30 pm
- STARSKATE BEGINS – Monday September 28
- PA CLINIC – Sunday October 4 11am-1pm
- REGION 2 INTERCLUB/INFORMATION MEETING HOSTED BY OFSC – Sept. 27 11 am
- CANSKATE BEGINS – Tuesday October 6 6:00 pm

## OUR 68<sup>TH</sup> SEASON BEGINS

As you read this newsletter, we begin our 68<sup>th</sup> year of skating as the Orono Figure Skating Club.

Our StarSkaters will begin their season on Monday September 28 with group lessons, stroking sessions and goal setting with their coaches. Skaters across Canada will be participating in the next phase of the new STAR 1-5 program. Skaters will find a more structured approach to their ice time, with dance, freeskate, stroking and skills sessions.

As the CanSkaters step on the ice starting Tuesday October 6, it will be exciting to see just how far they will progress by Christmas and by the time of our annual season-ending carnival.

Every organization needs an identity. The community of Orono and the surrounding area identifies the Orono Figure Skating Club with quality skating instruction while maintaining our small town atmosphere.

Welcome everyone!

# ORONO FAIR FUNDRAISER

To the volunteers who spared some time to help out in the food booth for the Orono Fair, many thanks for showing your commitment to the club.

Although the weather was not what we ordered, it didn't dampen our spirits. Folks who visited our booth were treated to delicious chicken wraps, hamburgers, hot dogs and our own "Skater" sandwich.

The final tally has not been completed but all profits will go towards offsetting the costs for the season.

## OUR OFSC COACHES

The Orono Figure Skating Club takes great pride in the professional coaches that we have working to support our skating programs.

Collectively they bring many years of skating expertise to the rink. All former skaters themselves, they bring an obvious love of the sport of figure skating and an enthusiasm that is infectious.

A special welcome to our newest coaches: Ann Gouin, Samantha Leitch and Sarah Pogue.

Our coaching staff for the 2015-16 season includes:

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## CANSKATE PROGRAM 2015-16

We are planning an exciting year for our CanSkaters. The CanSkate program is a learn to skate program that helps children learn the basic to advanced skills of skating. The children are rewarded through ribbons and badges as they master the various skills in each stage. The program is taught by professionally qualified Skate Canada coaches, with assistance from Program Assistants who have been instructed on teaching methods. Our Program Assistants are a critical part of the success of our program.

We ask parents to remain in the arena to watch over their child's progress. At times skaters may need assistance to visit the washroom. We also ask that parents not remain at the glass area near the entrance to the ice surface or the players' benches. To conform with our insurance policy, only OFSC board members, coaches, registered skaters and Program Assistants are permitted on or near the ice surface.

Please make use of the dressing rooms provided. The arena staff ask that you not dress your child in the lobby to avoid damage to the floor from skate blades. Our club table is always open during CanSkate sessions for parents to receive information about the program or drop by with questions. When arriving at the arena, stop by the Club table to pick up your skater's name tag before heading to the dressing rooms.