



2023-2024 SKATING SEASON



Skaters of the month!!!

Pre-can: Katrina Tiedemann

CanSkate: Nara Ritcey

PreStar: Anja Haydo

StarSkate: Elena Hryciw

Adult: Nicolette Lehman

October Parent Meetings

Parent meetings for PreSTAR and STARSKATE will be held on the following dates. Only one meeting needs to be attended.

More information about these meetings will be sent out this coming week.

October 11th at 5:15pm and October 21st at 1:00pm

Halloween Dress Up!

Dress up week returns for Halloween Tuesday, October 24- Monday October 30th!

For safety, please ensure that no masks are worn over the eyes and that costumes are above the ankles to avoid tripping hazards.

(No CanSkate on Tuesday October 31st, but yes to StarSkate)

Figure 8

SKATING CLUB



Dear Club Members,

It has been a busy first month of skating for Figure 8 Skating with the return of our skaters to the ice, new coaches joining our team, and the AGM & awards ceremony held on September 17th!

I wanted to introduce myself, I am Erin Turnell and as of the AGM in September I am the new President for Figure 8 Skating. My involvement with Figure 8 Skating started in 2016, first as a CanSkate parent and continues today as a proud parent of a STARSkater. I have been on the board for the past three years as the Programs Coordinator and I am looking forward to stepping into the President position.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and “thank you” to outgoing Board members:

- Scott Olsen for his commitment, advocacy, and leadership as President of Figure 8 Skating this past year. Prior to the President position, Scott held the VP and Covid-19 Coordinator, an instrumental position that helped navigate the club through the Covid years.
- Nikki Mauer for her dedication over the years as Fundraising Coordinator in which she coordinated several fundraising events including the 50/50 draws, Skip the Depot, and of course the casino.
- Kyla Ward, Volunteer Coordinator, who coordinated and organized the many volunteer roles and positions this past year.
- Lindsay Swyrd, Events Coordinator & Club Spirit, who organized several team building activities for our skaters last year.



It is my pleasure to announce two new individuals joining the board – Josh Bergen, Programs Coordinator, and Jason Chu, Treasurer. Thank you for volunteering to be on the board, we are happy to have you!

To all members – Figure 8 Skating needs you! There are a few vacant positions on the board, and we need some new members to join. The more hands-on deck, the better the club runs! This is an excellent way to meet other skating families, get involved, and help the club run effectively. The board meets once a month (virtually) plus a few additional hours a month depending on the role and time of the year. **The board cannot run without volunteers!** Please consider stepping forward and filling one of the positions (there is lots of support to help you settle into the role). We are currently looking to fill the positions of:

1. Volunteer Coordinator
2. Fundraising Coordinator

If you are interested in joining the board, please email president@figure8skating.ca

This year you will see some new faces on the ice! **Please welcome Abby Kozma, Figure 8 Skating's new Skating Director.** To learn more about Abby, please take a minute to read her introduction and if you see her at the rink, stop and say "hi"! Abby is taking over the position from Shelly Douglas, who stepped down at the end of the 2022/2023 season. Thank you, Shelly, for all your work in keeping our skaters on the ice and advancing the Figure 8 Skating programs over the past year.

I would also like to welcome three new CanSkate coaches to the team: Elleah Mauer, Ariana Filiplic, and Charlotte Prokopuk. These three have been part of Figure 8 Skating for a number of years and it is fantastic to now see them on the ice as coaches!

Wishing you all a happy skating season!

Erin



Monthly- Meet a coach!!!

Abby Kozma, Skating Director



A little bit about me...I have been passionate about figure skating my whole life and skated for 13 years; camel spins, spirals, and double flips are just a few of my favourite things to do on the ice.

I have coached figure skating for 11 years and am a NCCP provincial certified coach. Two of my favourite things to coach are freeskate and choreography/artistic expression. I love to continue to learn as a coach and I attend as many seminars and workshops as possible. I have travelled across Canada (as far as St. John's Newfoundland) to attend coaching seminars.

Before joining Figure 8 Skating, I was the head coach for Andrew FSC for 7 years. In that time, I coached skaters from CanSkate up to Gold STARSkate and Pre-Novice

Competitive; some of whom won various medals at STARSkate Championships and Sectionals.

When I am not coaching, I am running my small business of growing flowers and doing floral design. In the summer I love being in the garden and in the winter, I am always busy crafting.

I look forward to helping Figure 8 Skating club grow over the next few years and am excited to implement athlete development initiatives to help our skaters become more well-rounded skaters. My goal is to develop programs for the club that support all types of skaters, from recreational to competitive.

I look forward to getting to know all the skaters and families this year. Keep your eye out for some parent meetings in mid-late October. This will be a chance for me to meet members and to go over the skating programs, how skaters advance, and proper equipment.

~Abby



<p>NO REGULAR CLASSES:</p> <p>Oct 9, Oct 31 (No CanSkate), Nov 11</p> <p>UPCOMING EVENTS:</p> <p>Rising Stars Event - Nov 19</p> <p>CanSkate Element Event Nov 19</p> <p>Family Fun Skate - Dec 17</p> <p>Winter Gala - Dec 17</p> <p>Connect with us on FACEBOOK, and INSTAGRAM for club news and updates!</p> <p>Also check out our WEBSITE!</p> <p>Office Hours: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 Saturdays 11:15-12:15</p> <p>No Office Hours: Oct 7th Dec 16th Jan 26th Mar 9th</p>	<p>BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2023-2024)</p> <p>President - Erin Turnell president@figure8skating.ca</p> <p>Treasurer - Jason Chu treasurer@figure8skating.ca</p> <p>Secretary - Laura Delahaye</p> <p>Assessment Coordinator - Diane Slauenwhite assessment.coordinator@figure8skating.ca</p> <p>Program Coordinator - Josh Baergen programs@figure8skating.ca</p> <p>Volunteer Coordinator - vacant volunteercoordinator@figure8skating.ca</p> <p>Communications & Marketing - Sherry Prokopuk</p> <p>Event Coordinator & Club Spirit- Asif Ali</p> <p>Casino Coordinator - vacant fundraising@figure8skating.ca</p> <p>Coach Representative - Justine Toppin</p>	<p>COACHES</p> <p>Abby Kozma (Skating Director) skatingdirector@figure8skating.ca</p> <p>Justine Toppin (CanSkate Coordinator Mon/Sat) canskatecoordinator@figure8skating.ca</p> <p>Cassidy Connell (CanSkate Coordinator Tue/Wed) connellcassidy@gmail.com</p> <p>Brittany Forsyth skatecoachbrittany@gmail.com</p> <p>Regan Barford reganbarford@hotmail.com</p> <p>Abby Hill abby.kat.hill@gmail.com</p> <p>Lana Bezik lane.bezik@gmail.com</p> <p>Chloé Gauvreau - CanSkate chloegauvreau@gmail.com</p> <p>Rochelle Beekman - CanSkate rochbeekman@gmail.com</p> <p>Claire Slauenwhite - CanSkate claireslauenwhite@gmail.com</p> <p>Charlotte Prokopuk - CanSkate charlotteprokopuk@gmail.com</p> <p>Elleah Maurer - CanSkate elleahmaurer@shaw.ca</p> <p>Ariana Filiplic - CanSkate ariana.filiplic1@gmail.com</p>
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2022/2023 Award Recipients

CanSkater of the Year- Hargreaves family (Chris, Clara, Morgan, Tristan and Adrian)

CanSkate Champions- Keiranjit Panghali and Felix Murphy

Most Improved PreSTAR Skater of the Year - Anja Haydo

Most Improved STARSkater of the Year - Adelaide Tkach

Elaine Higgins GRACE Award- Claire Slauenwhite and Charlotte Prokopuk

Alice Taylor Memorial Gold Test Award- Regan Barford, Abby Hill and Claire Slauenwhite

Program Assistant of the Year - Elleah Maurer

PreSTAR Skater of the Year- Evelyn White

STARSkater of the Year- Claire Slauenwhite

Adult Skater of the Year- Jacklyn Blades

Marg Hrynew Outstanding Volunteer Award- Erin Turnell

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9 No skating 	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	Halloween Dress up (October 24th-30th)					28
29	30 Halloween dress up	31 No CanSkate 	1	2	3	4	