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CanSkate 2025/26



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CANSkate



- CanSkate is Skate Canada's flagship program and Canada's only **national learn-to-skate program**.
- Strong basics for hockey, ringette, speed and figure skating.



- Designed for beginners of all ages.
- Skaters will earn badges and other incentives as they learn fundamental skating skills.



- Lessons are given in a group format and led by an NCCP (National Coaching Certification Program)certified coach.
- Coaches are assisted by trained Program Assistants. The coach to student ratio is a maximum of 1:10.



Skate Canada Membership



- Individuals who participate in a Skate Canada program will become Associate members of Skate Canada. All Skate Canada members are assigned a unique membership number that is theirs for life.
- The Associate member fee is an annual fee of \$61.70 and is paid directly to the member club or skating school, who will then submit it to Skate Canada. Included in this fee is the mandatory member accident insurance.



CanSkate Program



The three fundamental areas have strong focus on skating for all skating sports (figure/speed skating, hockey and Ringette)



- Agility focuses on jumps and turns
- Balance focuses on forward skating
- Control focuses on backwards skating and stopping



All three fundamental areas begin with the basic skill. As the skater progresses through the elements in each stage, the skater is then challenged to increase the speed and/or difficulty of the element.



- Stage 1 - 3 introduce the use of edges, turns and skating basics
- Sport specific skills will be introduced in Stages 4 - 6



Emphasis on skill progression and repetition:

- Better skill progressions will be reinforced as the skaters develop skills.
- Skills will be repeated at various stages throughout the program with gradually increasing the performance requirements.

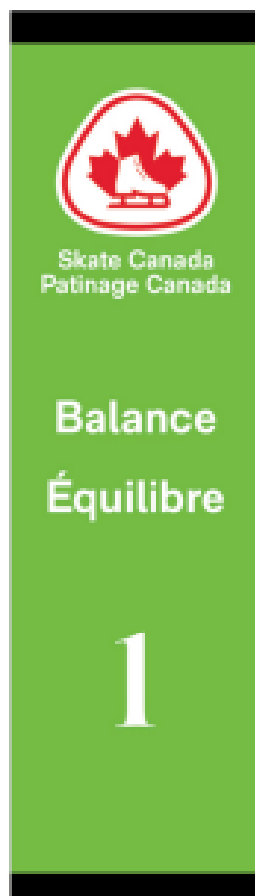


Awards

Additional awards in the form of ribbons which correspond to the new fundamental areas have been added to provide skill benchmarks and help motivate skaters.



CanSkate Awards





What does the CanSkate session look like?





- **Colourful teaching aids**
- **Circuits**
- **Station rotation**
- **Fast Track**
- **Challenge Zone**
- **Up Beat music**



**What to expect when first showing
up at the Rink?**



- 1) Pick-up your child's name tag and make sure it's securely fastened to an outside layer of clothing. Please do not take the name tags home, your coach will be removing them before the end of the session.**
- 2) Please use the assigned dressing rooms or the rink stands to get your child ready for the session.**



Rules for the ice



1. NO food, drink or gum on the ice
2. NO one is allowed on the ice with-out skates
3. All skaters must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet
4. All skaters must be register with Skate Canada
5. NO un-instructed games, example tag
6. Horseplay will NOT be tolerated and skaters will be asked to leave the ice.



Parents or Guardians



- Parents or guardians are required to be present for the duration of the CanSkate session. Skaters are not permitted to leave the ice during a session unless a parent or guardian is at the door to meet them.



Equipment





Helmet Policy



- **Skate Canada requires all skaters on a CanSkate session to wear a CSA Hockey helmet.** Bicycle, ski and snowboard helmets are not permitted.
- Skaters will NOT be allowed on the ice without the proper helmet



Fitting a Helmet



- **Protection:** A helmet should fit sure the chinstrap snug to prevent any shifting and maximize protection. Make can be adjusted so it gently makes contact under the chin when fastened.
- **Comfort:** You should always look for equipment that feels comfortable. Although most helmets are lined with a protective foam, some helmets will feel better than others. Try on different brands of helmets for fit and comfort.
- **Fit:** With your helmet opened to it's largest setting gradually begin to downsize the helmet until a comfortably snug fit is achieved. The helmet should rest on the head so that the rim is one finger width above the eyebrow and making contact with the top of your head.
- **Hats** should not be worn under the helmet. If the helmet fits properly it will keep your child warm. The hat will slide down and cover their eyes, making it very dangerous.



Fitting Skates



- Start with the basic models of a good quality skate. Skaters at the beginner level do not need top-of-the-line skates, but do need adequate support and a good fit.
- Shop at a skate or sport shops, speciality shops often have buy-back programs and a stock of good “lightly used” second hand skates.
- Skates run a bit large, so start with a couple sizes smaller than their shoe size when trying on. Try on skates with their normal sock (no extra socks).
- Lace up the skates all the way, including the top notch. While they can have a small amount of room to grow, ideally the skates should fit fairly snug.
- Have the child walk in the skates. There should be no rise in the heel or too much wiggle room in the toes.
- Different brands will fit different types of feet; if one brand doesn't seem to fit properly try a different brand.



How to Tie Skates

- The laces should be snug but not too tight from the toe of the skate to the ankle.
- At the ankle, laces should be quite tight. This will give the ankles the support they need.
- Above the ankle, it is best to tie the laces fairly loosely. This way, it will be much easier for your child to bend, which is very important in skating.





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Suggested skates for Stage 1-2



Not suggested Skates





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Suggested skates for stages 3 and up



Not Suggested





Skate Sharpening



- Skates should be sharpened after about 30 hours of use, if well looked after.
- Toe picks should not be removed; they assist with balance and are not only for jumping.

Recommended Skate Sharpeners:

1. Figure 8- Hockey One – Industrial Rd (613) 731-4007
2. BSharp – 4235 Standherd Dr. Unit 2 (613)680-4800



Clothing



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What To Wear



Layering clothing is the best way to ensure your child stays warm while skating.

To Wear	Not to Wear
Mitts/Gloves	Scarfs
Splash pants	Jeans (soak up water, become heavy and cold)
Vests	Long coats
Bomber style jackets	Ski pants
Long underwear/ tights	Snowsuits
Sweaters	Pants that are flared at bottom

Please make sure that pant legs DO NOT hang below sole of skate. Your child may trip and hurt themselves.



Protective Wear



- Knee pads should be worn under pants. When placed over the pant leg, they slide on the ice and make it difficult to get up.



- The NextSTAR program is for those skaters interested in figure skating working on Stage 4+. Skaters are invited to this transitional program which is recommended to continue to participate in the CanSkate program.

Questions?



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