

# Oakbank Skating Club

2011 – 2012

## Member Handbook



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## OAKBANK SKATING CLUB

Welcome to the Oakbank Skating Club. If you are a new member, we thank you for joining, and if you are a returning member, we are glad to have you back and hope that everyone enjoys this skating season.

In this handbook, we provide you with the information you will need about our skating club. We are a member of Skate Canada – Manitoba division operating under their guidelines and regulations. We follow the Skate Canada – CanPowerskate, Canskate, GroupStar Skate, and Starskate programs, with instruction from NCCP certified coaches and trained program assistants.

Oakbank Skating Club is a non-profit organization, providing skating lessons for children and adults living primarily in Oakbank and the R.M. of Springfield. The Club is also open to skaters from outside of Springfield if space permits.

It is run by parent volunteers and willingly accepts help from all members and welcomes any suggestions and ideas.

Each year in April, an Executive Committee is elected at our Annual General Meeting to organize and manage all of our Club's affairs. We have a number of positions open on the Executive which we strongly encourage you to join.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

SKATING CLUB EMAIL: [oakbankskatingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:oakbankskatingclub@hotmail.com)

SKATING EXECUTIVE: Ingrid Walterson ph: 444-2668  
Lisa Bright ph: 444-5012

OAKBANK COMMUNITY CLUB WEBSITE: [www.oakbankcc.ca](http://www.oakbankcc.ca) (provides links to skating club, canteen schedule, etc.)

OAKBANK ARENA: 444-2979

SKATE CANADA-MANITOBA WEBSITE: [www.mbskates.ca](http://www.mbskates.ca)

## ICE TIME SCHEDULE

All programs (except PowerSkating) operate for 20 weeks on Tuesdays from October 11 – December 13, 2011, then resume January 10 – March 13, 2012 out of the ONE Insurance Arena on Almey Avenue in Oakbank. No lessons are held over the Sunrise School Division Christmas Break.

PowerSkating runs for 10 weeks on Tuesdays from October 11 – December 20, 2011. (No lessons on November 1<sup>st</sup>.)

TUESDAYS:           4:30 – 6:30 pm STARSKATE  
                          5:15 – 6:00 pm POWERSKATE LEVEL 3  
                          6:00 - 6:30 pm POWERSKATE LEVEL 1 & 2  
                          6:30 – 7:15 pm CANSKATE  
                          6:45 – 7:15 pm KIDSKATE

## DRESSING ROOMS

We ask that you use the following dressing rooms when bringing your child(ren) for the skating programs:

Dressing Room #1 – Coaches, Program Assistants, Starskaters

Dressing Room #2 – Kidskaters and Canskaters

Dressing Room #3 - PowerSkaters

Once your child is dressed and ready to go on the ice, we ask that they

*remain in the dressing room*

until the Program Assistants and Coaches come and get them to go out to the ice. We ask that parents watch their child(ren) from the netted viewing area opposite side of the arena from the players bench, or from the arena lobby.

*For insurance and liability issues, the Players' benches are reserved for Skate Canada registered: Coaches, Program Assistants, and Skaters.*

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

If skating lessons are cancelled due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances, the Executive of the Skating Club will contact families by email. Please ensure we have your correct email address. If you are unsure of a cancellation, contact the arena at 444-2979, or call Ingrid at 444-2668 or Lisa at 444-5012. The Club will make every attempt to reschedule cancelled classes, but it is not guaranteed.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Oakbank Skating Club receives no financial support from municipal, provincial or federal government sources, and must therefore rely on registration monies and fundraising to make ends meet. Fundraising is an integral part of the Club's existence. It is not mandatory, however we encourage all families to participate and welcome any fundraising ideas which members may have.

## **COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS**

Email will be the primary means of communication with skating families. Please ensure we have your correct email address. The Skating Club's email is: [oakbankskatingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:oakbankskatingclub@hotmail.com)

Also, please check the Skating Club bulletin board in the arena lobby for updates and changes to our program.

In order to keep printing costs to a minimum, this handbook will be available online at the Oakbank Community Club website [www.oakbankcc.ca](http://www.oakbankcc.ca). Just click the Skating Club link.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Oakbank Skating Club operates much like a small, non-profit business, with financial books to keep, deadlines to meet, programs to plan and meetings to attend. Currently it is operated by only two volunteers (Ingrid Walterson & Lisa Bright), therefore many duties go undone. Volunteers are especially needed to play music during skating times, organize theme fun nights, fundraise, act as communication liaison with families and Club, just to name a few. We are asking each family to put in a little of their time to help all of our kids. It would be greatly appreciated!!

If you can volunteer with one of the above duties or want to be a member of the Executive, please contact either Ingrid at 444-2668 or Lisa at 444-5012.

*Thank you for choosing Oakbank Skating Club !!*

Please review the attached RULES OF CONDUCT with your family.

## **OAKBANK SKATING CLUB – RULES OF CONDUCT**

The Oakbank Skating Club strives to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for skaters and their families. Please review the following rules with your family prior to the first day of skating to ensure that these important rules are followed:

- Have fun !
- All skaters under the age of 8 are required to wear a helmet on the ice.
- PowerSkating participants of all ages must be in full hockey or ringette gear
- Skates should be firmly tied with laces tucked into skate boot – **NEVER** wrapped around the ankle.
- Once your skater is ready to go on the ice, please have them remain in the dressing room. The Program Assistants (PA's) and Coaches will escort each group to the ice.
- Parents and spectators **MUST** view from the lobby area or from the netted viewing area. The player's benches are reserved for Skate Canada insured coaches and skaters **ONLY**.
- Skaters should get up quickly after falling.
- No eating or chewing gum on the ice or in the player's benches.
- Be courteous of other skaters' lesson times and do not interrupt while others are being coached.
- Aside from "Family Skate" and "Bring A Friend" skates, only members registered through Skate Canada will be allowed on the ice.
- On special events (such as Family Skate and Bring a Friend) all non-registered skaters must sign an insurance/liability waiver before they are permitted on the ice.
- Be respectful of Coaches, Program Assistants, and other Skaters.
- Have fun !

*Thank you from Oakbank Skating Club*