### Hi Everyone,

Welcome to CanSkate, Skate Canada's flagship learn-to-skate program! CanSkate is geared towards beginner skaters of all ages- skaters will earn badges and other incentives as they learn fundamental skating skills in Balance, Control, and Agility.

My name is Daniela, and I am one of the coaches here at the Kimberley Skating Club. Please direct any questions or concerns about any of the following information to <u>headcoach@kimberleyskatingclub.com</u> and I will get back to you as soon as possible!

### Important Information:

### Who teaches CanSkate?

NCCP- certified professional coaches (Jessica and Daniela), assisted by trained program assistants.

# What will you learn?

A complete series of balance, control and agility skills taught in six stages of learning that pertain to hockey, ringette, speed skating and figure skating as well as general recreational skating. CanSkate uses nationally-tested and proven curriculum and delivery methods that guarantee skater success in developing stronger basic skills and developing them faster.

### What can you expect?

Action, movement, and fun! Lessons are given in a group format with a coach/PA-to-student ratio of a maximum 1:10. Skaters progress at their own rate and coaches make sessions active using teaching aids, upbeat music and a wide variety of activities that create a motivational environment and promote learning. Badges, ribbons and other incentives are used to benchmark skaters' progress and reward effort and participation.

# What do you need to participate?

- Skates (please check that they have been sharpened prior to skating)
- CSA- approved hockey helmet (no goalie masks)
- Mittens/gloves
- Long Pants
- Warm Sweater or Jacket

# Schedule Canskate

October 28<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup> on Monday's and Wednesday's from 4:30-5:15pm.

#### Schedule Pre-Canskate

October 28<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup> on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:45-5:15pm. Skaters will start with an off ice warm up before going on the ice. This will happen by the gate that we use to enter the ice.

# Entry

Skaters will be entering the arena through the Creek side doors. These are the doors to the left of the arena when looking at the main entrance.

## **Calendar of Events**

Please check the front page of our website for Canskate & Pre-Canskate information and updates.

There will be no skating on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day. We will have a Halloween Dress up Day on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that Halloween costumes are skating appropriate (not too long) and don't include masks that obstruct vision. Our Ice Show will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. Dress rehearsal for the show is on Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The time for the Canskate groups will be determined closer to the date. Watch for communication regarding the show. Finally, we will be having a Family and Friends Christmas skate on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30pm. Come join us for skating, snack and fun. You can come for all of it or just a short time.

Thanks everyone and happy skating!

Kind Regards,

Daniela Hewison