



Carnival Information Package 2020
Show Dates: Saturday, April 25th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Port Credit Memorial Arena

Port Credit Skating Club is excited to announce that registration is open for our much anticipated bi-annual ice show - Carnival!

All PreCanSkate, CanSkate, and StarSkate level skaters are invited to register, regardless of ability. This is your skater's opportunity to show off their skating skills to families and friends in this fun-filled event.

Our past and present skaters consider Carnival to be one of their best skating memories. We want all of our skaters to be the star of the show, highlight their accomplishments and have fun with their skating friends. Carnival is always an event to remember.

We hope to create an entertaining show targeted to all ages. Here are important details for skaters and their families:

Registration

Registration is now open on our website and will close on February 15th, 2020. Please register your skater based on their current skating level. Your skater must be registered in a Full Year or Winter skating program at Port Credit Skating Club in order to be a part of Carnival. Full payment is required at the time of registration. Registration is non-refundable.

<i>Program</i>	<i>Registration Fee</i>	<i># Performances/Show</i>
CanSkate / PreCanSkate / Jumpstart	\$80.00	1
JD / Intro to Development/ Development	\$125.00	2
Pre Competitive	\$145.00	3
Competitive	\$160.00	4

What if I Miss the Registration Dates?

Please contact us at events@portcreditfsc.ca and we will review your late registration request. A late fee of \$25 will be charged to all **StarSkate** registrations after February 15th.

What do my Registration Fees Cover?

Carnival registration fees cover coaching costs and a small portion of the production costs. We expect to cover the majority of the production costs through ticket sales, program sales, and sponsorships/advertising. Please email us at events@portcreditfsc.ca if you or your business would like to be a Port Credit Skating Club Carnival sponsor or advertiser.

What if my skater does not wish to participate after I have registered?

Due to the costs and logistics associated with the production, all registrations are non-refundable. Refunds will be granted if a request is accompanied with a medical note.

Are there any extra costs?

Tickets for family and friends to watch performances will be offered for sale in April. Tickets will be priced at \$20 and \$30. All seating will be reserved in advance.

Carnival programs, flowers, pictures and Video orders will be available for purchase at the shows.

What are the Volunteer Opportunities?

It takes a village to produce Carnival and we look to our membership to be a big part of the team. When registering, you will be asked to select a volunteer position **prior** to completing your Carnival registration. If you volunteer for a Saturday performance you can purchase your ticket to watch the other show.

Some of our positions are:

- **Dressing Room Team.** This role is essential in the safe supervision of our young skaters in the dressing rooms during rehearsals and Carnival. You will be partnered with other parents. Your duties will include supervision, helping children with their costumes, getting skates on and off, and assisting in getting skaters to and from the ramp for their performances. Supervision will continue until every child is reunited with their parent(s).
- **Security/Usher.** You will be posted at entry/exit doors, elevators, usher duties. Please specify availability (in the comments section of your invoice) for either the Thursday or Friday Dress Rehearsal, Saturday afternoon or evening show and our volunteer coordinator will contact you to confirm.
- **Skater Check-In Team.** Duties include: greeting and checking-in skaters and escorting them to their dressing room. Please specify availability (in the comments section of your invoice) for either the Thursday or Friday Dress Rehearsal, Saturday afternoon or evening show and our volunteer coordinator will contact you to confirm.
- **Volunteer - position to be assigned.** You would like to volunteer your time, but can't plan this far ahead? The Volunteer Coordinator will work with you to assign a volunteer position in the weeks leading to Carnival. If you are not able to volunteer, you will be asked for a minimum \$50 donation to support Carnival.
- **Props.** Do you have an artistic side? Or can you help with building props for the show? This role will see you working in advance of the show to create and build props that will be used during the performances. Building, painting and a creative eye are essential in this role. Select "Volunteer – position to be assigned", specify "Props" in the comments section of your invoice and our volunteer coordinator will contact you.
- **Costumes/Sewing.** Many costumes are created and hand crafted for this remarkable event. If you have a talent for sewing, we need you! This includes hand sewing, machine sewing and crafting. This volunteer position is perfect for someone who can volunteer their time in advance of the show. Select "Volunteer -position to be assigned", specify "Sewing" in the comments section of your invoice and our volunteer coordinator will contact you.
- **Carnival Set-Up.** This daytime position on Friday April 24th is to help with the production set-up for the show. Various tasks will be assigned by our coordinators. You must be able to perform some light physical duties. Select "Volunteer -position to be assigned", specify "Friday Set-Up" in the comments section of your invoice and our volunteer coordinator will contact you.

Volunteering is a great opportunity for our parents and guardians to learn about our Club and be a part of our community!

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, January 10 th	• Carnival Registration Opens
Saturday, February 15 th	• Carnival Registration Closes
Early February	• Costume measurement days (to be announced)
Early April	• Cast List & Detailed practice Schedule Posted
Early April	• *Pre-Can and CanSkate practices begin during their regular skating sessions
Early April	• *StarSkate practices begin
Thursday, April 23	• *Production Run Through - rehearsal of the show Skaters arrive at 3:40 PM (No PreCanSkate level skaters)
Friday, April 24 Production Run-Through	• Dress Rehearsal - Full production of the show with costumes and lighting. ALL skaters arrive at 3:40 PM
Saturday, April 25: 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM Shows	• Skaters arrive by 1:00 PM for the 2:00 PM show • Skaters arrive by 6:00 PM for the 7:00 PM show

* Indicates attendance is mandatory for all participating skaters except where indicated

Are there any other Special Dates?

Yes, we have a few more days important for skaters and volunteers that we will announce and communicate to our Members

- Photo Day will be announced in early April
- Volunteer Info Sessions will be announced in early April
- Ticket Sale dates will be announced in early April

When and where are Practices/Rehearsals?

All practices, rehearsals and show performances will be held at the Port Credit Memorial Arena. PreCan and CanSkate practices will be held from the beginning of April during regular skating sessions. StarSkate practices will be held from the beginning of April.

CanSkaters and StarSkaters are required to attend the Production Run Through on Thursday April 23rd (PreCanSkaters are not required to attend on the Thursday) starting at 3:40 pm. **ALL** skaters must attend a Dress Rehearsal on Friday, April 24th from approx 3:40 pm to 7:00 pm for our younger skaters and 3:40 pm to 9:00 pm for our older skaters. A detailed schedule will be provided in further communications.

Why is Practice and Rehearsal Attendance so important?

Our aim is for each skater to skate confidently during the show. In many cases, skaters will be learning new skills, and skating in a group and learning a skating program for the first time. Skaters take pride in their performances, so it is important that every skater attends every practice and rehearsal. Skaters that miss practices or rehearsals may not be able to participate in Carnival.

When and where is the Carnival held?

Carnival performances are held at the Port Credit Memorial Arena on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Skaters must participate in the dress rehearsal, the production run-through as well as both show performances. PreCanSkate level skaters are not required to attend the Thursday production run-through but are required to attend the Friday dress rehearsal.

Is Carnival open to all skaters?

Yes! All skaters registered in a Port Credit Skating Club Full Year or Winter skating program can register regardless of ability. Our Carnival highlights all skaters from Pre-CanSkate, CanSkate and through all levels of StarSkate.

If you have attended a past Port Credit Carnival, you will already know that our Pre-Can and CanSkaters always steal the show!

What will my skater be doing?

Each skater will be assigned to a specific Carnival group, according to skill level. During practice time, our coaches will choreograph a number to fit the accompanying music, and it will be performed by the group during both Carnival performances.

Skaters are grouped according to skill level, and our coaches design each show number to showcase the appropriate skating level, so everyone can participate and enjoy!

How are skaters grouped for the ice show?

Once registration is complete, our Carnival Directors and our coaches work to group skaters of similar skill level together. We aim to ensure that every skater is comfortable in their Carnival group, so they feel confident skating together. Because of this we are unable to take requests to put friends in the same group or to change groups based on practice times.

What about helmets?

As per Skate Canada rules, skaters up to CanSkate Level 5 must wear helmets. Our costume committee prides itself on their creative ways to incorporate helmets into your skater's costume.

What about Costume Sizing?

When registering you will be asked for some basic sizing information about your skater, and you will have the opportunity to provide us with additional special information.

We will announce Measurement Days where our costume volunteers will be at the arena to measure your skater before and after their normal skating session times. A parent or guardian is welcome to attend and participate.

Does my skater get to keep his/her Carnival costume?

No. Our costumes have been lovingly handmade and collected over the years by our Club. They are a vital part of our show and we take great care to keep them in pristine shape so they can be reused.

Costumes will be provided to the skaters at the arena on Photo Day, Dress Rehearsal and both shows. Skaters will leave their costumes at the arena with the exception of our Pre-CanSkaters.

We appreciate that it is difficult to wrangle young children into costumes, so we will provide costumes to our Pre-CanSkaters before Dress Rehearsal so they can be dressed at home.

All costumes and accessories must be returned in good condition right after the final Carnival performance.

Does my skater need to provide any costumes or accessories?

Yes. We expect all skaters to bring and wear the following:

- Skate guards
- **StarSkaters** will be required to purchase Mondor over-the-boot Performance tights in Suntan.

We will provide opportunities for you to purchase these at the arena through our Club sponsor, The Figure Skating Boutique.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

Please email us at events@portcreditfsc.ca and we will answer your questions as quickly as possible. You can speak to any Board Member at the arena...you can normally find them at the CanSkate table during CanSkate sessions. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Whether this is your skater's first Carnival or their last Carnival as a graduating skater, we know this will be a highlight of their year. Thank you for your help and support!