

# Ajax Skating Club

## Pre-CanSkate News

The Pre-CanSkate schedule has changed slightly for 2018/2019. This year our Pre-CanSkate group will start at the same time as the CanSkate group and run for 30 min. Starting the Pre-CanSkate group earlier will allow us the option of a 2<sup>nd</sup> group during the latter half of the session if necessary. This will greatly reduce our waitlists in this program and allow more young skaters join in the FUN!



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## What's New for the 2018/2019 Skating Season

Ajax Skating Club is looking forward to the 2018/2019 season. It promises to be a great season and we have some great new things happening at the club.

2018/2019 will bring some new programs to the Ajax Skating Club. For those looking towards a future in hockey or ringette we will be offering a group on Saturday mornings that will focus more on these skills. While not a separate session, skaters that wish to focus on hockey or ringette can register for the PrePower group during the regular Saturday CanSkate Session. Skaters will complete the warm up and cool down with the entire group and then during the group lessons the PrePower skaters will be in their own group. These Skaters will continue to work on the CanSkate badge program but the focus will be slanted toward hockey and ringette skills and terminology. Skaters do not require any special equipment for this (no pads/sticks etc).

Another new option coming in 2018/2019 is the Special Needs CanSkate and PreCan Skate groups on Saturday mornings. Again, this is not a separate program. Skaters will

warm up and cool down with the entire group and then will break off into a smaller group for the lesson portion of the class. The Special Needs group will be staffed according to the skater's needs providing more support to our skaters with physical, intellectual and emotional exceptionalities. Skaters in this group may also have future opportunities to participate in Special Olympics programming.

CanSkate Elite will be offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays this year. Skaters that have completed CanSkate Stage 4 (or have been recommended by a coach) can register for this program. This program runs concurrently with the STARSkate Level 1-2 program and helps accelerate the skater's progression through the remainder of the CanSkate Stages. This program also offers skaters an introduction into the STARSkate program and figure skating in general.

We are very excited about these new options at Ajax Skating Club and hope it will allow our participants to fulfill future goals and become life long skaters.

# STARSkate News

This year our STARSkaters will be participating in the 2019 Skate Ontario Lottery. This is a fundraising lottery organized by Skate Ontario that benefits both Skate Ontario and Ajax Skating Club. Each STARSkater will be required to sell one \$40 ticket book (20 tickets per book/\$2.00 per ticket). The cost of the lottery ticket book will be added to each STARSkater's account upon registration and they will be required to return the sold tickets in early February. \$22.00 of every ticket book sold goes to our club and skaters are encouraged to sell more than one book.

Prizes include:

First Prize:

2019 Ford Mustang (est. value \$35,000)

Second Prize:

\$5000 Best Buy Gift Card

Third Prize:

\$3,500 Travel Certificate (Air Canada)

Fourth Prizes:

5 prizes of an Apple MacBook Air 13"

Fifth Prizes:

5 prizes of an Apple iPad



## Ajax Skating Club Ice Show

Mark your calendars for March 23, 2019. This will be the skater's opportunity to show off their skills. Skaters from all levels of skating programs will have the opportunity to participate in this show. Parents won't want to miss this change to take videos and photos of their skater showing off all they have learned!

While we recommend that skaters participate in both the Fall and Winter seasons in order to maximize their potential, all skaters enrolled in the Winter season (even if they didn't participate in fall) will have the opportunity to participate!!!

Watch for more details and the call for volunteers in the coming months.

## Special Olympics Eastern Ontario Regional Competition

Ajax Skating Club is proud to have been selected as host of the 2019 Special Olympics Eastern Ontario Regional Competition.

***“Let me win,  
but if I  
cannot win,  
let me be  
brave in the  
attempt”***

- Special Olympics Athlete Oath

This unique competition will bring athletes with intellectual disabilities from across Ontario to Ajax Community Centre to compete in disciplines such as CanSkate Skills, FreeSkate and Ice Dance.

## Events Coming in 2018/2019

**There are some exciting  
events happening this year!**

We have several competitors right here in our club and many of our Special Olympics athletes will be continuing on to the Provincial Championships later in the season.

Admission to this event will be free so we hope to see many families out to cheer on these exceptional athletes. We will also be looking for volunteers to help out, so watch your email.

