

STARSkate Membership Policy

2026–2027

Parent and Skater Roles:

The term “parent” refers to parents and guardians of skaters.

For skaters under 12 years old, a parent must be present in the arena at all times during the skater's session.

Parents and all skaters will follow the Club's [MSC Ice Etiquette Rules](#) or they will be requested to leave the ice rink.

The parent's name registered in the 'Member Account' is the Parent Member of MSC (provided their child has not reached the age of 18) with full voting rights at the AGM. See By-law No.1-2023 posted on the website under 'About Us'.

A registered adult skater (18 years of age and older) is an Ordinary Member of MSC with full voting rights at the AGM. See By-law No.1-2023 posted on the website under 'About Us'.

Skaters are not permitted on the ice without an MSC Coach present and Zamboni door must be closed.

Communications:

MSC uses its **website**, www.mississaugafsc.com and **email** info@mississaugafsc.com to communicate important information to its members. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that the Club has the correct email on file and to regularly check the website and emails for important updates. Members may change their email subscription preferences at any time by logging in to their profile under 'My Account', 'Communication Preferences' and clicking the 'Update' button.

If a member chooses to opt out of electronic communications from MSC, they acknowledge that they may not receive important communications regarding Club activities and notices regarding program information.

Qualifications as of September 1:

STARSkate LEVEL	MINIMUM SESSION QUALIFICATIONS
JUNIOR	Passed Stage 6 CanSkate or Evaluated as having sufficient skills to pass Stage 6 CanSkate or Currently working on STAR 1 level
INTERMEDIATE	Passed STAR 2 Skills and any other STAR 2 assessment
SENIOR	Passed STAR 5 skills and STAR 4 Freeskate Elements and STAR 4 Program OR STAR 5 Skills and STAR 5A and STAR 5B Dance

Any change in policy regarding qualifications for a STARSkate level will not affect skaters already classified in that level.

Minimum Session Requirement:

It is a requirement that skaters at the STARSkate level skate two or more sessions per week.

Moving Levels:

CanSkate and PreJunior skaters may move up to the PreJunior and Junior levels at the beginning of the Winter session (January) and Spring session (April) when they meet the new session qualifications.

STARSkaters may move up a level when they meet session qualifications or on the recommendation of the STARSkate Director.

Membership Categories:

Home Club Member

A Home Club Member is a skater (or their parent, if the skater is under 18) whose Home Club is MSC. They are required to skate a minimum of two days weekly. The membership includes Corporation membership with voting rights at the AGM and full Club privileges such as participation in the Ice Show / Gala and registration for MSC-hosted skater development sessions at member rates.

The member must pay the Skate Canada fee, volunteer and PA buy-outs (if applicable) and all program fees for the skater.

If the skater is not a resident of Mississauga, a non-resident fee is charged *annually* and forwarded to the City of Mississauga as per their policy.

As per MSC's By-law No. 1-2023, memberships are not transferable.

Associate Member

An Associate Member is a skater (or their parent, if the skater is under 18) whose Home Club is not MSC but is a member of another Skate Canada club or school. They are required to skate a minimum of two days weekly. The membership does not include Corporation membership with voting rights. The skater has limited Club privileges such as participation in Ice Show / Gala group number(s) only and registration for MSC-hosted skater development sessions at member rates.

The member must pay all program fees and must have paid the Skate Canada fee for the current skating season at the Home Club of the skater and fulfills the requirement of volunteer hours.

If the skater is not a resident of Mississauga, a non-resident fee is charged *annually* and forwarded to the City of Mississauga as per their policy.

The skater may only train with MSC Contracted Coaches and must obtain written permission from their Home Club if they wish to be assessed at MSC in accordance with Skate Canada rules.

Club Service Hours:

Volunteering presents an opportunity for our community to come together in supporting our athletes, meeting new people, learning valuable life skills and being part of an enjoyable, team environment.

Volunteer requirements are based on the skater's program level as of September 2026.

1. For Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Associate Member skaters, a parent (if skater is under 18 yrs) or Adult skater member (18 yrs +) must participate in the required Bingo and/or other volunteer activities within our Club OR pay a buyout of \$400.00 upon initial registration. **STARSkate members are required to complete 10 credits of volunteer commitment per skater for the 2026-2027 season (max 20 credits for more than two family registrants in STARSkate: in families with skaters across both PreJunior and STARSkate up to a maximum of 20 credits).** Various volunteer positions will be posted on a continuing basis throughout the season on the MSC website under the 'Volunteering Tab' with a credit value attached.

Members who do not complete their required credits of volunteer commitment by June 12, 2027, will be charged a prorated amount of \$400.00 based on credits earned to the credit card on file. For any volunteer time after this date (eg Bingos), funds will be credited back within 2 weeks once the service is completed.

Program Assistant hours for skaters under 18 yrs of age *do not* count towards the Club service hour commitment.

2. Adult STARSkaters (18 yrs+) may choose to complete the Club service hours **OR** the Program Assistant requirement discussed further in this policy. Opting out of these commitments will require the higher buyout of \$400.00.

Bingo Service Commitment:

For the 2026-2027 season, MSC will be hosting approximately 3 monthly Bingo sessions at Delta Bingo, Rockwood Mall, 4141 Dixie Road, Mississauga and members may choose to attend Bingos which are valued at 5 credits per session. This is our Club's oldest fundraiser, assisting with payment of our rental ice time, in which we have participated since 1998.

There is a penalty of \$250.00 charged to the member's credit card on file if they are a 'no show' for their committed date or have not given a **minimum of 72 hours' notice by email to Club Registrar with 'Attention: Bingo' in the subject line at info@mississaugafsc.com** as we may forfeit the Bingo session and be heavily fined by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

****Members who volunteer for the Board of Directors positions are exempt from Club service hours *only while they remain Directors*. Should a Board member resign before the end of the season, volunteer participation will be required by the member (if they are an MSC skater or parent of an MSC skater) on a prorated basis.**

Fee Policy:

The fees for the 2026-2027 season are as follows:

Skate Canada Annual Membership Fee (includes insurance)	\$65.70
Mississauga Non-Resident Fee (if applicable)	\$60
Change Session fee	\$25
Declined Payment Processing Fee	\$25
Program Assistant Service Buyout	\$250
Withdrawal Fee	\$50
Club Service Hours Buyout (including Bingo)	\$400
Bingo Session 'No Show' Penalty Fee per shift	\$250

Payment Policy:

Payment for the STARSkate program is to be made by Visa or Mastercard credit card in Uplifter. Upon registration, payment will default to use of any credit(s) accumulated by the skater permitting a choice to apply them or bypass to credit card payment.

The annual Skate Canada fee is payable at registration covering Skate Canada membership and insurance from September 1– August 31, 2027 and is forwarded to Skate Canada.

If a skater is not a resident of Mississauga, a non-resident fee is charged *annually* on the November payment to the credit card on file and forwarded to the City of Mississauga as per their policy.

MULTI DAY SKATING DISCOUNTS:

To support and encourage consistent training, a **25 % discount *** will be applied to the program day with the lowest program registration fee under the following conditions:

- **Junior skaters:** must be registered to skate 3 or more days per week
- **Intermediate and Senior skaters:** must be registered to skate 4 or more days per week

* discount is not applicable to administration, membership or subscription fees or any non-program-related charge

The first installment must be paid at the time of registration. This will include the Skate Canada registration, volunteer buyout (if applicable), PA buyout (if applicable), and 25% of program fees.

Prorating of session fees begins immediately after session start dates for STARSkate programs.

Seven installment payments for the balance of the program fees will be charged monthly to the credit card on file beginning October 15, 2026 through to April 15, 2027.

It is the responsibility of the member to ensure that the credit card on record for installment payments is valid, as a processing fee will be charged for declined transactions. **In order to update credit card information, please email request to Club Registrar at info@mississaugafsc.com**

A skater may not participate in any on-ice or off-ice programs, competitions or club events if their account is in arrears.

Refund and Credit Policy:

Please email request to Club Registrar at info@mississaugafsc.com and allow up to 2 weeks for processing.

48 hours before season commences: Refund consists of repayment of session fee(s), plus Skate Canada registration, volunteer and PA program buyouts (if applicable), less the withdrawal fee. Refunds will be issued onto the credit card used to complete the initial transaction.

Up to withdrawal deadline: Refund consists of repayment of prorated session fee(s) and volunteer and PA program buyouts (if applicable), less Skate Canada registration, less the withdrawal fee. Prorated session fee(s) will be calculated from the date of the written (emailed) notice. Refunds will not be provided for unattended sessions or late registrations. Refunds will be issued onto the credit card used to complete the initial transaction.

After withdrawal deadline: Credit will be given only for prorated session fee(s) and prorated volunteer and PA program buyouts (if applicable), less Skate Canada registration, less non-resident fee (if applicable and paid), less the withdrawal fee. Prorated session fee(s) will be calculated from the date of the written (emailed) notice. Credits will not be provided for unattended classes. **NO Refunds.**

Credits will be posted to the member's MSC account and may be used for any family member residing at the same physical address within one year of the issue date of the credit.

***Medical credits** may be considered where a doctor's letter is provided, and the skater is absent for three (3) or more consecutive weeks of scheduled classes. Credits will be prorated from the date of doctor's letter until return date to skating as stipulated by the doctor, less a \$25 administrative fee. Medical credit may *only be used by the skater (ie not transferable)* and will be valid for 12 months from the initial date of the doctor's letter.

Adding/Changing a session:

If you wish to **add** a session, fees for the added session must be paid before the skater can participate in the program. The session may be added by registering online and is available only if space permits. There is no administration fee to add a session.

If you wish to **change** a session after registration, the difference in program fees plus a session change fee must be paid before the skater can switch sessions. This will only be permitted if space permits.

Please email requests to Club Registrar at info@mississaugafsc.com.

Missed Lessons:

A skater CANNOT attend a different session on a different day or at a different time to make up for a missed session. NO refunds or credits will be issued for missed sessions.

Guest Skating:

A guest ice ticket permits a STARSkater to attend an on-ice session for which they are not registered but are qualified, space permitting and permission of the STARSkate Director contacted by email at info@mississaugafsc.com. Skaters may use up to 1 guest ticket per calendar month. Printed tickets purchased in Uplifter must be handed to an MSC Coach to be scanned before stepping onto the ice. Screen shots and photocopies will not be accepted. Tickets are non-transferable.

Home Club Members: will be limited to 5 tickets per season at \$ 40.00 per session class.

Associate Members: will be limited to 5 tickets per season at \$ 40.00 per session class.

Assessments:

STARSkate members who wish to try Skate Canada assessments at MSC must be members in good standing. MSC follows Skate Canada's recommended Assessment Guidelines.

Associate members must obtain written permission from their Home Club if they wish to be assessed at MSC, in accordance with Skate Canada rules and email this to Club Registrar at info@mississaugafsc.com

STAR 1-5 Assessment Standards:

The skater's parent or Adult skater will be notified of an upcoming opportunity to assess. Assessments in the STAR 1-5 Program are evaluated by a qualified Club Coach. Assessments are scheduled during regular skating sessions and are evaluated based on Skate Canada standards (Bronze=*below* standard, Silver=*meets* standard and Gold=*exceeds* standard).

Coaches must submit a notification of the planned assessment to the skater at least one week prior to the desired assessment date. The skater or their parent must purchase an Assessment Ticket in Uplifter and print a receipt to present to their Coach on the scheduled day before attempting the assessment.

Skate Canada Assessment Fee	\$15 per assessment attempted
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STAR 6-Gold Assessment Standards:

Coaches must submit to the STARSkate Director, the names of skaters and assessments to be tried 3 weeks prior to the Assessment Day. Pulls (withdrawn assessments) must be submitted 2 weeks prior to the Assessment Day.

Assessments are evaluated by Skate Canada Qualified Evaluators. Assessment Days are scheduled based on the guidelines published by Skate Canada. Since each Evaluator works at his / her own pace, please arrive 30 minutes before the first scheduled assessment as the time may change by up to 30 minutes.

Assessment fees are due before the assessment is skated and must include the Skate Canada assessment fee (\$15.00 per assessment forwarded to Skate Canada) together with one Club administration fee (\$15.00) which is used for Assessment Day expenses for the Evaluator and ice costs. The skater or their parent will purchase an Assessment Ticket(s) in Uplifter and print a receipt to present to the STARSkate Director on the scheduled day.

A skater failing to show up on Assessment Day will still be charged the Club administration fee of \$15.00.

Assessment Fee for First Assessment	\$30.00
Each Additional Assessment	\$15.00

Program Assistants:

Program Assistants (PA's) are qualified club STARSkaters who assist Coaches with CanSkate, PreJunior and Junior program delivery. They help with the setup of the sessions and mentor the younger skaters under the direction of the MSC Coaches.

The PA's must attend a mandatory Training Clinic in September before the season begins to receive training in their responsibilities and a second Training Clinic in January, 2027. **The Club requires each skater to commit to a minimum of attending one class weekly for the Fall, Winter and Spring sessions or pay a buy-out of \$250.00 upon registration.** Attendance and punctuality are of paramount importance as the Coaches depend upon the PA's assistance.

The minimum age is 10 years as per Skate Ontario guidelines. The PA's may use their accumulated time towards high school volunteer hours if applicable or receive a **\$10.00** credit per PA session which may be applied towards next season's registration payment. This credit has no cash value and may not be transferred to another skater.

Program assistants must contact the CanSkate Director at the rink or by email with as much advance notice as possible if they will be absent from a session

Adults PAs (18+) are required to submit a clear background check (E-PIC) in alignment with MSC's Screening Policy.

Program Assistants receive a vest on loan which they are required to wear at each session on which they assist. This vest must be returned in good condition at the end of the season (June 2027) or there will be an \$85.00 charge to the member's account.

MSC contracted Coaches are exempt from this mandatory Program Assistant requirement.

Private Lessons:

Coach instruction provided independently on non-club approved ice is not considered a Club program or activity. Any instruction provided outside of club-approved programming is undertaken at the coach's and skater's own risk and may not be covered by Skate Canada's insurance and injury benefit. The Club assumes no responsibility or liability for such instruction.

Ice Changes:

The Club reserves the right to:

- Change rink locations and times of sessions as necessary when requested by City of Mississauga.
- Cancel a program due to insufficient enrollment.
- Limit the number of skaters on each session.
- Cancel a session due to severe weather or other circumstances beyond the control of MSC.
- Cancel skating if the City of Mississauga closes the arena facility.

NO refunds, credits or make-up classes are provided for cancelled sessions.