

**Ancaster Skating Club
Annual General Meeting
June 17, 2026**

Club Reports

For April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

As of June 10, 2026



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Presidents' Report 2025-2026

As we wrap up another incredible season, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything we have accomplished together. Whether your skater was taking their very first strides in CanSkate, mastering new jumps, or representing us proudly at competitions, you have all brought immense joy, dedication, and passion to our Club.

Some key milestones we experienced this season:

- **Strong Foundations:** We successfully refocused on reinforcing the basics on StarSkate, giving every skater the fundamental tools to succeed. Our skaters applied these technical basics to boost their GOE scores at competitions.
- **A Magical Ice Show:** Our community came together for a wonderful year-end show that celebrated the hard work of every participant.
- **Our Brand on Ice:** We proudly established a more permanent presence at our facility by adding our club logo onto both ice surfaces.
- **Club Modernization Project:** We advanced our ongoing partnership with Skate Ontario to modernize operations and future-proof our club during the second year of participation in this program.
- **Accessible Skating:** We increased the use of our skate rental program, making the sport available to more families in our community.

We were again able to run programming year-round, holding Fall, Winter and Spring sessions at Morgan Firestone Arena, as well as Late Spring and Summer sessions in 2025 at the Liuna 4 Ice Centre (formerly the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre).

The majority of our Learn-to-Skate programs filled once again to capacity, we increased participation in our Advanced CanSkate program and saw a larger number of skaters “graduate” to StarSkate. We successfully continued our team based coaching approach for our StarSkate programs, and Skate Ontario had the Club Modernization Lead visit our club several times per month to provide additional input and support to our coaches.

We held a number of performance opportunities throughout this past year, including a Star 5&Up simulation in November, synchro showcase in December, Jingle Skate featuring StarSkaters and Advanced CanSkaters (also in December), a Star 1-4 simulation in January, and an Ice Show in April. A number of our StarSkaters competed in competitions, and all our SkaterSkaters continued to successfully participate in the Skate Canada Assessment component of the Star program. We also had several skaters achieve their Gold levels in Artistic, Dance and Skills over this past year.

None of skaters' achievements would be possible without our dedicated coaches. Most of our coaches returned to ASC for the 2025-2026 season, including Blake, Braelyn, Danielle, Elena, Emma, Jen, Jennifer, Kaitlyn, Lyndsay, Matthew, Nicci and Victoria. Coach Grace went out of province for university but was able to help out with our Jingle Skate in December. We welcomed one returning CanSkate coach (Naiya) as well as three new CanSkate coaches: Annabelle, Emily and Milania. Five of our coaches (Blake, Danielle, Elena, Jen and Victoria) served as the Coach Coordinators for our various programs – CanSkate, Advanced CanSkate, PowerSkate, StarSkate, Teens and Tots and the Ice Show. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Coach Coordinators and all our coaches, you truly form the backbone of our Club and create an environment where our skaters continue to thrive and excel.

Fran Patterson served again as Club Administrator for 2025-2026 and her experience and knowledge has been invaluable in supporting the club. She also coordinated and mentored our music players and front desk staff throughout the season. Thank you Fran!

A big thanks is owed to our Board of Directors for all the work and volunteering they did in 2025-2026. The Board continued to move forward on some governance matters this past year, with the development of concussion and confidentiality policies, some updates to our By-Law, and the implementation of some of our objectives in our new Strategic Plan, etc.. Our Board members were also involved in many other initiatives and tasks which helped the Club to run smoothly: spearheading the fourth annual used skate and apparel sale in September; running the skate bank rental program; helping out with skater performance events and assessment nights throughout the year, and volunteering for various Ice Show tasks are just some examples. I can't thank all the Board members enough for their dedication and assistance over the past year, you have been a great team to work with.

We have two Board members who are retiring as of today and on behalf of the Board, I'd like to extend a big thank you to Caitlin Andersen and Sarah Petruszkiewicz for their involvement over the past several years. I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to the new members who will be joining the Board today.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our skaters and their parents for their ongoing support and participation in the programs here at ASC, we would not exist without you. It is exciting to see how the skaters continue to improve and excel each year – congratulations to all of you and your coaches on another successful season. Parents – we value the time and support you give to your skaters, and your commitment to our skating family!

The following are some key priorities for the upcoming year:

- Club Mission, Vision and Values and Strategic Plan: Set the priorities for the second year of the Strategic Plan.
- ASC Board of Directors and Governance: Focus on volunteer planning and engagement to help with succession planning.
- Program Planning/Delivery and Coach Development: Set and achieve the goals for our third year of participation in the Club Modernization Project.

Respectfully submitted by: Anne Rocchi (President) on behalf of the ASC Board of Directors

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Treasurer's Report 2025-2026

ASC engaged the services of Taylor Leibow LLP Accountants and Advisors (TLAA) to conduct the 2025-2026 Review Engagement for ASC. The review engagement was conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards; the review and procedures performed in a review engagement are less in extent (and vary) from those performed in an audit. As a non-public benefit and non-profit organization, the club is not required to perform an audit based on its current revenue/expense levels; Skate Ontario recommends Clubs consider a full audit once revenues exceed \$500,000.

The Club Administrator previously adopted the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and continued to work closely this past season with TLAA to prepare the accounting records for the review.

ASC continued to see high registration levels throughout 2025-2026 and experienced a small surplus (\$4,146), although it should be noted we received a one-time grant of \$4000 from Skate Ontario due to additional costs incurred in the first year of ASC participating in the Club Modernization Pilot. After registration fees were not increased for the 2024-2025 year, an increase of 5% was applied for Fall/Winter 2025-2026 to help defray the City increase of 4% to ice fees and ensure a balanced budget. For the upcoming 2026-2027 season, the City is applying a 3.6% increase to ice fees; following a budget analysis, the ASC Board of Directors (BOD) has approved an increase of 4.2% to registration fees for 2026-2027 to allow the implementation of some items from our Strategic Plan.

The Board continues to oversee the ASC investment portfolio, and currently has \$90,000 invested in GIC's, an increase of \$10,000 over last year. Including investments, the net asset position for ASC sat at \$192,147 as of March 31, 2026, which represents approximately 5-6 months of operating expenses (guidelines for not-for-profit organizations recommend reserves equivalent to 6-12 months of operating expenses). ASC continues to be in a sound financial position as it moves forward into 2026-2027.

Key Recommendations for 2026-2027

- 1) Continue to use an engagement review instead of a full audit for 2026-2027.
- 2) The ASC Board should continue aiming to initiate its budgeting process for the 2027-2028 season by January 2027 with the goal of approving the 2027-2028 budget by April 1, 2027.
- 3) Continue to improve the methodology for setting registration fees, by using improved information regarding administrative and overhead fees and profitability.
- 4) Review regularly whether additional funds can be moved into the investment portfolio in order to increase interest revenue.

Respectfully submitted by: Anne Rocchi and Laura Fraser

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Secretary's Report 2025-2026

Board of Director Meetings were held as follows during the 2025-2026 season:

April 7, 2025
May 26, 2025
August 6, 2025
October 28, 2025
December 2, 2025
January 13, 2026
February 10, 2026
April 21, 2026
May 26/June 2, 2026

In between meetings, items needing attention were handled via email, with any motions passed being documented in the subsequent set of meeting minutes.

Minutes were recorded using a standard ASC Minutes template and a draft sent out to Board members in advance of the subsequent meeting, where they were reviewed and approved with changes as needed.

Meeting agendas were also sent to Board members in advance of meetings.

Respectfully submitted by: Frances Patterson and Meredith Hanel

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Registrar's Report 2025-2026

Not yet available.



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Assessment Committee Report 2025-2026

ASC completed its ninth full season with Skate Canada’s STAR 1-5 assessment program and its sixth full season with the STAR 6 and up assessment program. Use of on-line payments for STAR assessments continues to work extremely well. We continued to have a Board member (J. Floresca) submit the Star 1-5 results to Skate Canada, and all members on the Assessment Committee (J. Floresca, K. Cuthbert, C. MacInnes and A. Rocchi) provided ongoing support to running Star 6&Up assessment sessions with an outside judge.

For the Star 1-5 levels, coaches evaluate their own skaters during regular skating sessions. For the Star 6-Gold levels, assessments are conducted by outside judges brought in to evaluate skaters. During 2025-2026, ASC was again able to hold 6 Star 6&Up assessment days (May 2025, June 2025, August 2025, November 2025, December 2025 and March 2026). We also had several skaters achieve their gold assessment levels throughout 2025/2026:

- One skater achieved their gold dances in May 2025 and their gold skills in March 2026;
- A second skater achieved their gold artistic in June 2025;
- A third skater achieved their gold skills in August 2025;
- A fourth skater achieved their gold skills and gold dance in March 2026.

All Skaters and coaches are to be congratulated on their continued success and achievements!

CHART #1: Star 6-Gold Assessments Historical (ASC Skaters)

Date	# Star 6-Gold Assessments	# Passed	Pass Rate
May 2025/External	20/2	12/2	64%
June 2025	10	10	100%
August 2025/External	1/7	1/7	100%
November 2025	9	8	89%
December 2025	15	10	68%
March 2026	24	24	100%
OVERALL 2025-2026:	81	67	83%
May 2024	19	19	100%
June 2024	6	5	83%
August 2024	3	2	68%
October 2024	14	11	79%
December 2024	23	15	65%
March 2025	28	20	71%
OVERALL 2024-2025:	93	72	77%
OVERALL 2023-2024:	89	64	72%

Respectfully submitted: Anne Rocchi, Catherine MacInnes, Jamie Floresca and Kim Cuthbert

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StarSkate Report 2025-2026

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Off-Ice Report 2025-2026

Not yet available.



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CanSkate Report 2025-2026

The 2025/2026 season was overall positive for the CanSkate and Pre-CanSkate programs. We want to thank our dedicated coaching team and the ASC board of directors for their ongoing support in upholding the strong CanSkate programming we continue to offer at ASC.

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ We have continued to use the 3-station format on our learn to skate programs, and continue to offer ‘hybrid’ programming on certain sessions to allow for more skaters of different levels and ages to experience the joy of skating.
- ★ We incorporated more structure into the assessment days this season, providing coaches with assigned groups to assess during each lesson rotation. This resulted in an overall increase in the amount of ribbons and badges given out throughout the season.
- ★ We continued to see a strong amount of interest from our STARSkaters who are willing to assist on our learn to skate programs as Program Assistants. We encourage skaters to join us again this season. The contribution and support of PAs allows our CanSkate programs to be a very successful and enjoyable experience for all participants! Thank you PAs!

Suggestions for Next Season

- We hope to offer a mentorship program for new CanSkate coaches to help foster coach development.
- We hope to continue to work with CanSkate Coaches and the ASC board of directors to prepare for renewal of our recognition level through Skate Ontario’s CanSkate Excellence Program.

Submitted by: Blake Patterson and Danielle Losier

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Teen & Tot Programs Report 2026-2026

Our Parent & Tot and Teen/Adult programs had another strong year, fostering a welcoming skating community through the dedication of our coaches, the enthusiasm of our participants, and the continued support of our board.

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ **Ongoing Success of the Pre-Teen Program:** Our Pre-Teen program for skaters aged 10–12 continued to thrive, providing a welcoming, age-appropriate environment for older CanSkaters. The program supports skill development, builds confidence, and helps participants feel comfortable, engaged, and connected on the ice.
- ★ **Strong Engagement Across Age Groups:** Skaters in our Pre-Teen, Teen, and Adult programs demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season. Many embraced new challenges, made steady progress through the levels, and celebrated their accomplishments by earning ribbons and badges, creating a positive and rewarding experience for all participants.
- ★ **Parent & Tot:** The Parent & Tot program continued to operate in conjunction with a beginner CanSkate session. This format has been positively received and continues to attract strong registration, while offering a smooth transition to our PreCan Skate program.

Suggestions for Next Season

- **Expand Parent & Tot Sessions:** Given the continued popularity and strong demand for the Parent & Tot program, consider adding an additional session to accommodate more families, reduce waitlists, and maintain a high-quality experience for all participants.
- **Further Develop Pre-Teen, Teen & Adult Programs:** Continue to expand and enhance these programs in alignment with Skate Canada's *Skate Canada Skate for Life* philosophy, ensuring skaters have meaningful opportunities to stay active, develop skills, and remain engaged in skating at every stage of life. This could include offering additional ice time opportunities that bring together participants of all ages, as well as exploring ways to include adult skaters in STARSkate programming to further support progression, skill development, and long-term participation within the club.

Submitted by: Victoria Schreuer

Date: June 8, 2026



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Advanced CanSkate Report 2025-2026

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ AdvancedCAN sessions were offered 3 times per week this season (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sunday) to accommodate increased interest and support the opportunity for skaters to participate on multiple days.
- ★ We continue to see excellent progress from all participants; skaters are excelling and progressing through the CanSkate stages very quickly, and are well prepared to move into our STARSkate program upon completion of Stage 6 CanSkate.
- ★ AdvancedCAN skaters had the opportunity to participate in the Jingle Skate and the Ice show. Both performance opportunities were well attended and helped to foster a sense of community for these skaters and their families.
- ★ Access to the Skate Ontario Skate Bank has been a great support to our AdvancedCAN program, helping to reduce barriers for skaters to try figure skates for the first time. Thank you to the ASC Board and Skate Ontario for this great initiative!

Suggestions for Next Season:

- Continue to offer AdvancedCAN on multiple days to allow for skaters at this level to skate at least twice per week.
- Further develop the role of 'Senior PAs' to assist on AdvancedCAN sessions.
- Continue to utilize creative 'hybrid' programming options (i.e. AdvancedCAN + Power A) to help offer programming variety and to ensure that the ice is well used.

Submitted by: Danielle Losier, Advanced CanSkate Coordinator

Date: June 8, 2026

Signature:



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PowerSkate Report 2026-2026

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ Power A & Power B programs continue to be well attended during Spring, Fall and Winter.
- ★ Interest from players of many different ages and levels: house league, rep, AAA from multiple leagues in the Hamilton and surrounding arena (girls and boys).
- ★ Each Power session is very different based on the diversity of skaters that register. Our coaches demonstrated great flexibility and collaboration to ensure that each session met the needs of the participants.

Suggestions for Next Season:

- Continue to offer the option for participants to drop-in; this option works very well with changing hockey schedules.
- Continue running the additional session in early Spring – this aligns well with hockey tryouts, when there is more demand for skating development.
- The Ancaster Skating Club and its respective programs, coaches and board members have developed a strong relationship with the minor hockey programs. It is top priority that we continue to work collaboratively with minor hockey and maintain the positive relationships.
- Consider developing connection with PWHL Hamilton team for community building initiatives.

Respectfully submitted by: Danielle Losier, Power Coordinator

Date: June 8, 2026

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Synchronized Skating Report 2025-2026

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING – “Steel City Synchro” (SCS)

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- SCS teams are comprised of skaters from various local clubs including: Hamilton, Ancaster, Flamborough, Dundas, Dofasco, Brantford, Grimsby, Niagara, Glanbrook
- The SCS teams offered the following team levels in 2025-2026:
 - Intro to Synchro
 - STAR 3/4 Beginner
 - STAR 4 Under 12 (Pre-Juvenile)
 - STAR 4 Over 12 (Elementary)
 - STAR 6 (Juvenile)
 - STAR 8 (Pre-Novice)
 - Adult 1
 - Adult 2
 - Adult 3
- The SCS youth and adult teams attended competitions from December to March.
- The SCS teams participated in simulation performance events in November (youth & adult), December (youth & adult) and March (youth).
- The SCS STAR 8 and STAR 6 teams qualified for the Skate Ontario Provincial Championships at the end of March. The SCS Adult 1 and Adult 3 teams both competed at the Skate Ontario Adult Championships in March in Kanata, ON. We are very proud of their hard work and the success of our teams!
- The SCS coaching staff is so proud of the continued dedication, teamwork and positivity that the skaters at every level of team continue to demonstrate.
- We are grateful for the continued support from all of the synchro families, as well as the Ancaster Skating Club and Hamilton Skating Club.
- The 2026-2027 synchro season is well underway. This season will mark the 10th year of Steel City Synchro. We are very excited to see what this new season brings for SCS!

Submitted by: Danielle Losier, Steel City Synchronized Skating Co-Coach

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Signature:



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Ice Show Report 2025-2026

During the 2025–2026 season, we completed the planning and the majority of the behind-the-scenes preparation for the 2026 Ice Show. The success of the planning process was made possible through the collaborative efforts of our Board, coaches, and volunteers. We were also pleased to see an increase in skater participation this year, reflecting strong interest and enthusiasm for the event across our programs.

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ **Increased Skater Participation:** We welcomed a larger number of participating skaters this year, contributing to a vibrant and exciting show and demonstrating the continued growth and engagement of our club members.
- ★ **Strong Board Leadership:** Board members played a key role in initiating, organizing, and advancing the planning process, helping to keep preparations on track throughout the season. Having a dedicated individual assist with managing the ice show budget was a valuable addition this year.
- ★ **Coach Engagement:** Coaches contributed valuable ideas and feedback, particularly during music selection and program planning, and were supportive throughout all stages of the preparation process.
- ★ **Dedicated Volunteer Team:** Although we had a smaller volunteer team than in previous years, those who volunteered demonstrated exceptional commitment and flexibility. Their willingness to take on multiple responsibilities ensured that all aspects of preparation were completed successfully. Contributions included securing sponsorships, creating props and décor, maintaining the costume room, coordinating costumes for group numbers, repairing costumes, and assisting with many other preparations. Increased use of high school student volunteers seeking community service hours helped reduce costs, strengthen community involvement, and provide valuable volunteer experience for local youth.

Suggestions for the Planning/Preparation Phase of the Next Ice Show

- **Continue Early Planning and Promotion:** Begin planning and advertising well in advance to maximize skater participation and increase community awareness and engagement.
- **Recruit Volunteers Early:** With increasing skater participation, early volunteer recruitment and clear role assignments will help distribute responsibilities more evenly and support a sustainable workload for volunteers.
- **Incorporate Ice Show Fees into StarSkate Registration:** Coaches suggested including ice show fees within StarSkate registration fees. This model has been successful at several other clubs and may simplify administration while encouraging participation.
- **Include Parent Admission in Ice Show Fees:** Consider including one complimentary admission ticket per participating skater for a parent or guardian as part of the ice show fee structure.

Submitted by: Victoria Schreuer

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