

Ancaster Skating Club
Annual General Meeting
June 16, 2025

Club Reports

For April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025



**Ancaster
Skating Club**



Ancaster Skating Club – 2025 AGM:

Presidents' Report 2024-2025

The Ancaster Skating Club experienced another great year of growth and experiences for our skaters.

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 2024 at Harry Howell Arena, via the Mohawk Four Ice Centre which was undergoing a second year of some roofing work.

The majority of our Learn-to-Skate programs filled to capacity, and with increasing registration levels in our StarSkate programs, we looked at better ways to deliver these programs. We introduced 100% coach-led Star 1-2-3 sessions during Spring 2024 to help increase our capacity and were excited to be selected by Skate Ontario last July as one of 5 Clubs in the Province to participate in a 3-year Club Modernization Project. Team based coaching is a foundational part of this project and the direction Skate Ontario wants to see Clubs move towards in the future, along with incorporating strong physical literacy into our programming, and good governance practices in the way the Club and Board operate. Participation in this project has brought some extra benefits to our Club – we received some additional equipment to use in our off-ice programs, as well as an inventory of quality figure skates, which we are using in a lending program targeted to Advanced CanSkaters. In late summer, our StarSkate coaches will receive some training from Skate Ontario to support quality team coaching, and we will be provided with our own skate sharpening equipment and training. We look forward to continuing to participate in this program over the next two years.

We held a number of performance opportunities throughout this past year, including an Ice Show in April; a Star 5&Up simulation in November, synchro showcase in December, a Jingle StarSkate Team Challenge and Solo Exhibition, a Star 1-4 simulation in January, and a StarSkate Spring Showcase in March. Our StarSkaters continued to successfully participate in the Skate Canada Assessment component of the Star program, and a number of StarSkaters competed in competitions. We also held our second annual used skate and apparel sale in September 2023.

We had a full complement of members on our Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 season, and I'd like to give a big thanks for all the work and volunteering they did during the past year. Board members for 2024-2025 were acclaimed at the 2024 AGM held in September 2024, and the Executive was determined by voting at the Board's first meeting in October. We had a couple of Board members step down as of our 2024 AGM, and big thanks were extended to Nadia Rennie as well as Lara Murphy for their dedication and service. We were very fortunate that Nadia agreed to return and help with announcing at a couple of events this past year! We welcomed two new Board members, Sarah Petruszkiewicz and Haylie Karik, who joined returning Board members Caitlin Andersen, Catherine MacInnes, Deana Worne-Laing, Gillian Savard-Boiteau, Jamie Floresca, Laura Fraser, Meredith Hanel, Paula MacDonald and Victoria Schreuer.

The Board was able to move forward on some governance matters this past year, particularly with the development of several policies: Privacy, Social Media and Dispute Resolution. Our most exciting accomplishment, however, was the creation of our Mission, Vision and Values statement as well as a Strategic Plan to guide our actions over the next 5 years.

Our Board members were also involved in many other initiatives and tasks which helped the Club to run smoothly: volunteering for various tasks for our first Ice Show in 7 years, held in April 2024; spearheading the third annual used skate and apparel sale in September; helping out with skater performance events and assessment nights throughout the year, are just some examples. I can't thank all of the Board members enough for their dedication and assistance over the past year, you have been a great team to work with.

Fran Patterson agreed to continue as Club Administrator for 2024-2025 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!

The following coaches were successful candidates for program coordinator positions during 2024-2025:

StarSkate/Off-Ice: Elena O'Brien
Advanced CanSkate: Danielle Losier
CanSkate: Blake Patterson and Danielle Losier
CanPowerSkate: Danielle Losier
Teen & Tots: Victoria Schreuer
Ice Show Coordinator: Victoria Schreuer
Summer Camp Coordinator: Victoria Schreuer

In addition to these coaches, most of our coaches from the previous 2023-2024 season returned, including: Nicole Audette, Jennifer Roberts, Matthew Korkoian, Emma Curtis, Brian Gula, Lyndsay Cartwright, Kaitlyn Bryant, Grace Laing and Braelyn Audette. We welcomed one new coach to both CanSkate and StarSkate this year, Jen Spence. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our coaches, you truly form the backbone of our Club and create an environment where our skaters continue to thrive and excel.

Finally, I would like to thank our skaters and their parents for their ongoing support and participation in the programs at the Ancaster Skating Club, 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!

The following are some key priorities for the upcoming year:

1. Club Mission, Vision and Values and Strategic Plan: Set the priorities for the first year of the Strategic Plan.
2. ASC Board of Directors and governance: Continue to work on policies such as Concussion Management, Confidentiality, etc.
3. Succession planning: Parent engagement is extremely important for the long-term health and sustainment of the Club. Finding ways to increase parent engagement will help with succession planning to replace outgoing Board members.
4. Commitment to sound program planning/delivery and coach development for the future: This is ongoing.

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

Date: June 16, 2025



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Treasurer's Report 2024-2025

ASC engaged the services of Taylor Leibow LLP Accountants and Advisors (TLAA) to conduct the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025. During 2023-2024, the Club had experienced a surplus (\$32,313). Although the City applied an 8% increase to ice costs for 2024-2025 and the ASC Board of Directors (BOD) approved a 5% increase to ASC coach rates for 2024-2025, the BOD decided not to increase registration fees for 2024-2025 across all programs. This approach combined with a capital purchase (\$5500 for a new jump harness) has resulted in a small deficit for 2024-2025 (-\$4,417). The City will be increasing ice fees for 2025-2026 by 4% and the BOD has approved an additional 5% increase to ASC coach rates for 2025-2026, so registration fees will need to be increased for 2025-2026 in order to achieve a balanced budget for next season.

The Board continues to oversee the ASC investment portfolio, which consists of \$80,000 along with interest generated being re-invested in GIC's. Including investments, the net asset position for ASC sat at \$261,413 as of March 31, 2025, which represents approximately 7-8 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 2025-2026.

Key Recommendations for 2025-2026

- 1) Continue to use an engagement review instead of a full audit for 2025-2026.
- 2) The ASC Board should continue aiming to initiate its budgeting process for the 2026-2027 season by January 2026 with the goal of approving the 2026-2027 budget before April 1, 2026.
- 3) Continue to improve the methodology for setting registration fees, by using improved information regarding administrative and overhead fees and profitability.
- 4) Consider moving additional funds into the investment portfolio.

Respectfully submitted by: Anne Rocchi and Laura Fraser

Date: June 16, 2025



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Secretary's Report 2024-2025

Board of Director Meetings were held as follows during the 2024-2025 season:

May 27, 2024
June 17, 2024
October 7, 2024
November 4, 2024
December 2, 2024
February 3, 2025
March 3, 2025

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: Sarah Petruszkiewicz

Date: June 16, 2025



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Registrar's Report 2024-2025

Skate Canada New Registrations ASC Fiscal 2024-2025:

Description/ ASC Program Season	Spring/Late Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Fall/Winter 2024-25	Spring 2024	Total
Skate Canada Season	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024/2025	2024/2025	2024-2025
# Skate ASC Skaters Registered with Skate Canada during specified season:	96	0	521	107	724 ¹

Program Registration Breakdown ASC Fiscal 2024-2025:

PROGRAM	Spring & Late Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Fall/Winter 2024-2025	Spring 2025
CanSkate ²	56	0	336 ³	77
STARSSkate	1	0	73 ⁴	1
PowerSkate	28	0	49	28
Adult Synchro	8	0	42	
PA's (non-skaters)	3	0	6 ⁵	1
Officials	0	0	1	
Board/Admin ⁶	0	0	14	
TOTALS:	96	0	521 ⁷	107

¹ Paid Skate Canada for 708 Skate Canada Member Registrations.

² Includes CANSkate, PreCANSkate, Parent & Tot, Teen/Young Adult 13+, PreTeen 10-12 yrs, & Advanced CANSkate/Pre-STAR, 23 Parents from P&T also included

³ 4 Skaters initially registered in CanSkate moved to STARSSkate.

⁴ At end of season, STARSSkate enrollment was 77 skaters.

⁵ Includes 2 off-ice instructors and 4 on-ice Program Assistants. Desk monitors and music players (4) were all registered STARSSkaters.

⁶ Includes Board members plus Admin Coordinator.

⁷ 4 Board members also participated in Adult Synchro, this has been adjusted in the total.

Key Registration Points for Spring 2024:

- Due to running an Ice Show on April 14, 2024, a shortened Spring 2024 season was offered, with most programs running for only 4 weeks.
- The majority of learn to skate programs were at over 80 % of their capacity.
- An additional hour of PowerSkate was added at 8:15 AM on Saturdays during Spring.
- An additional hour was added to Mondays to allow three hours of STARSSkate programming.
- Few Sundays were available during Spring (hockey tournaments, etc.), so regular Sunday programming was not offered.

- STAR 1-2 and 1-3 GROUP format (100% coach led) was piloted for the Spring season to add additional capacity to accommodate new STARSkaters (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays).
- Late Spring programming was offered for five weeks at Harry Howell Twin Pad Arena due to roof repairs at Mohawk 4 Ice Centre.
- Only Advanced CanSkate, Teen/Adult, PowerSkate and STARSkate were offered in Late Spring
- Late Spring registration for Advanced CanSkate, Teen/Adult and PowerSkate programs was lower than expected.

Key Registration Points for Summer 2024:

- Summer programs were offered at Harry Howell Twin Pad Arena due to ongoing roof repairs at Mohawk 4 Ice Centre for 2024.
- Six weeks of Summer 2024 programs were exclusively on a drop-in basis; if a skater registered for six or more drop-ins on the same invoice, a discount of \$3 per drop-in was applied to the invoice.
- While a limited ice footprint of 5 hours per week was scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, enrollment was significantly lower than expected, with programs at 50% capacity or less.
- Programs offered included Advanced CanSkate/PreStar, Teen/Adult, PowerSkate, and StarSkate.
- Registration fees were adjusted to reflect the higher hourly ice costs at the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre.

Key Registration Points for Fall/Winter 2024-2025:

- Due to consistent issues with rep hockey behaviour through the Fall/Winter 2023-24 season, a request was made to move our Monday programs from Pad A to Pad B at Morgan Firestone Arena; 30 minutes was added to the Monday footprint.
- All Programs were offered (PreCanSkate, CanSkate, Teen/Adult PowerSkate, Advanced CanSkate, StarSkate, Adult Synchro, as well as Parent & Tot), and Fall and Winter learn to skate programs were filled to capacity.
- Parent & Tot was broken into Fall A 2024, Fall B 2024, and Winter 2025 registrations to offer programs for 6 weeks.
- Learn to Skate programs were broken into Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 seasons with separate registrations; StarSkate programs ran for the full Fall/Winter with one registration.
- With ASC's participation in the Skate Ontario Modernization Pilot project, StarSkate 1-2-3 sessions continued with a 100% coach led format introduced in Spring 2024.
- StarSkate off-ice programming was expanded to include Thursdays (in addition to Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays).
- During the Fall/Winter season, we explored the possibility of holding a week-long summer 2025 day camp, however, the results of a parent survey did not provide enough support, so planning was discontinued in January 2025.

Key Registration Points for Spring 2025:

- The Spring 2025 season started immediately after March Break which allowed for 8-9 weeks of programming at Morgan Firestone Arena; the first 1-2 weeks fell into the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- All Learn to Skate programs were offered in Spring 2025 (CanSkate, PreCanSkate, Advanced CanSkate, Parent & Tot, and PowerSkate); as in past years, an additional hour of ice was booked on Saturday mornings to allow for 2 hours of PowerSkating, with registration at capacity.
- An additional hour of ice was acquired on Mondays from March 31st onward which allowed for increased StarSkate programming.
- The Thursday schedule was started 30 minutes earlier in order to permit a flood prior to CanSkate.

Online Registration with Uplifter:

- All registrations were completed online through Uplifter.
- Steel City Synchro Adult Levels 1, 2 and 3 Skating Teams were again registered through ASC.
- During the 2024-2025 season, the Club paid a total of \$14,589 in online related processing fees:
 - \$10,430 in online credit card fees;
 - \$4,054 in Uplifter fees;
 - \$105 to Square (for ice show/skate swap transactions).
- E-blast communication through Uplifter to ASC members continues to be used as the main method of mass communication regarding registration dates, events, etc.
- The Club's email info@ancasterskatingclub.ca continues to be the point of contact for all inquiries and follow-up.

Respectfully submitted by: Frances Hunter Patterson and Anne Rocchi, Ancaster Skating Club

Date: June 16, 2025



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Assessment Committee Report 2024-2025

ASC completed its eighth full season with Skate Canada's STAR 1-5 assessment program and its fifth full season with the STAR 6 and up testing 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, G. Savard, 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, tests are conducted by outside judges brought in to evaluate skaters. During 2024-2025, ASC was again able to hold 6 Star 6&Up assessment days (May 2024, June 2024, August 2024, October 2024, December 2024 and March 2025). We also had one skater achieve their Gold Artistic in May 2024, and another skater their Gold Dances in March 2025. 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 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 (2 dates)	28	20	71%
OVERALL 2024-2025:	93	72	77%
May 2023	21	17	81%
June 2023	10	8	80%
August 2023	4	3	75%
October 2023	10	8	80%
December 2023	20	20	100%
March 2024	24	8	33%
OVERALL 2023-2024:	89	64	72%
May 2022	27	15	56%
June 2022	13	12	92%
August 2022	3	3	100%
October 2022	10	8	80%
December 2022	18	18	100%
March 2023	18	18	100%
OVERALL 2022-2023:	89	74	83%

Respectfully submitted: Anne Rocchi, Gillian Savard-Boiteau, Catherine MacInnes and Jamie Floresca

Date: Date: June 16, 2025



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StarSkate Report 2024-2025

The STARSkate program experienced significant growth and changes throughout the 2024–2025 season. It was a dynamic and engaging year, with skaters taking part in simulations, competitions, and Bring on the Fun events!

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ A more collaborative team approach among coaches enhanced the quality and effectiveness of our STARSkate sessions.
- ★ The change in session format has encouraged greater interaction among skaters, helping them build friendships and fostering a stronger sense of community and team spirit within the club.
- ★ The Kurt Browning seminar in September was an inspiring way to launch the season, providing motivation and excitement for skaters, coaches, and parents.

Suggestions for Next Season

- Continuation of special events and seminars during the year.
- A comprehensive, year-round training plan implemented in collaboration with Skate Ontario will help structure sessions more effectively and support continued growth and development within the club.

Respectfully submitted by: Elena O'Brien

Date: June 16, 2025



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Off-Ice Report 2024-2025

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ The use of outside instructors (Certified Personal Trainer, Yoga Instructor and Barre Teacher) helped skaters develop strength, flexibility and movement that was transferable to on ice skills.
- ★ New off ice equipment was provided by Skate Ontario to help enhance programming.
- ★ Expanding to three jump classes per week provided more opportunities for skaters to participate, and also contributed to noticeable improvements in their on-ice jump technique.

Suggestions for Next Season

- Include the physical literacy component to align with the goals of the Skate Ontario Club Modernization Pilot.
- Include workshops for mental training strategies/techniques.

Respectfully submitted by: Elena O'Brien

Date: June 16, 2025



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CanSkate Report 2024-2025

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ We want to thank our dedicated coaching team and the ASC board of directors for their ongoing support in upholding the CanSkate Excellence standards. We are very pleased with the strong programming that we continue to offer at ASC.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Overall this season, we saw an increase in the amount of ribbons and badges achieved by program participants across all levels.
- ★ 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 work with Skate Ontario through the Club Modernization Program to continue increasing our programming standards with a focus on providing higher quality coaching.

Submitted by: Blake Patterson and Danielle Losier

Date: June 16, 2025



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Teen & Tot Programs Report 2024-2025

Our Parent & Tot and Teen/Adult programs saw another successful year, made possible by our passionate coaches, enthusiastic participants, and the continued support of our board members.

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ Ongoing Success of the Pre-Teen Program: Our Pre-Teen program for skaters aged 10–12 continued to thrive, offering a welcoming and age-appropriate environment for older Canskaters. The program fosters confidence and skill development while helping skaters feel comfortable and engaged on the ice.
- ★ Strong Engagement Across Age Groups: Skaters in the Pre-Teen, Teen, and Adult programs showed exceptional enthusiasm and commitment. Many embraced new challenges, progressed steadily through the levels, and celebrated achievements by earning ribbons and badges.
- ★ Parent & Tot Format: We continued the Parent & Tot program in combination with a beginner CanSkate session. This revised format has been well received and continues to attract strong registration, providing a more inclusive and engaging experience for families.

Suggestions for Next Season

- Expand Parent & Tot Sessions: Given the ongoing high demand for the Parent & Tot program, consider adding an additional session to accommodate more families and ensure a quality experience for all participants.
- Further Develop Pre-Teen, Teen & Adult Programs: Further develop these programs to align with Skate Canada's *Skate for Life* initiative, ensuring skaters have meaningful opportunities to stay active and involved at every stage of life. This could include more opportunities for ice time that includes all ages.

Submitted by: Victoria Schreuer

Date: June 16, 2025



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Advanced CanSkate Report 2024-2025

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ AdvancedCAN/PreSTAR 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; many moving on to our STARSkate program at various points throughout the season.
- ★ This season, we encouraged skaters to remain on AdvancedCAN/PreSTAR to complete their full stage 6 badge while beginning to learn STAR 1 skills, dance and freeskate. This has made a big difference in the transition from CanSkate to STARSkate, in that skaters are more prepared having mastered all of the CanSkate and introductory figure skating skills prior to moving into the STARSkate program.

Suggestions for Next Season:

- Continue to offer AdvancedCAN/PreSTAR 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/PreSTAR sessions.
- Continue to utilize creative 'hybrid' programming options (i.e. AdvancedCAN/PreSTAR + PrePower) to help offer programming variety and to ensure that the ice is well used.
- Continue to encourage skaters to complete Stage 6.
- Consider performance opportunities for skaters in this program at varying points throughout the season.

Submitted by: Danielle Losier, Advanced CanSkate/PreSTARSkate Coordinator

Date: June 16, 2025

Signature:

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PowerSkate Report 2024-2025

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ We saw a large increase in demand for Power Skate programming (beginning last Spring 2024 into the Fall/Winter 24/25). In Spring 2024, an additional hour was added to support the demand.
- ★ Interest came from players of many different ages and levels: house league, rep, AAA from multiple leagues in the Hamilton and surrounding area (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 skaters.

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.

Respectfully submitted by: Danielle Losier, Power Coordinator

Date: June 16, 2025

Signature:

D Losier



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Synchronized Skating Report 2024-2025

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
- Since the Steel City youth synchro program was created in 2016, we continue to see steady and significant growth across all levels of teams (beginner through to adult). We are extremely pleased and proud of the success of the Steel City Synchro program.
- The SCS teams expanded in numbers and categories this season, offering the following team levels:
 - 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, December and March (youth).
- The SCS STAR 8 and STAR 6 teams qualified for the Skate Ontario Provincial Championships at the end of March. 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 and Hamilton Skating Clubs.
- The 2025-2026 synchro season is well underway. We are very excited to see what this new season brings for SCS!

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

Date: June 16, 2025

Signature:

D Losier



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Ice Show Report 2024-2025

At the beginning of the 2024-2025 season, we held an ice show for the first time in over seven years. Most of the planning and preparation took place in the prior season (2023-2024). The bulk of the skater practices, dress rehearsal and show were carried out during the first two weeks of 2024-2025; this report focuses on this portion of the ice show, along with ice show follow-up and overall success of the ice show. **Overall**, the ice show was a tremendous success, receiving positive feedback from both parents and skaters.

Stars/Successes/Highlights

- ★ **Coaching Efforts:** Coaches were instrumental in the choreography and execution of the show, dedicating extensive time and effort over the two weeks prior to meticulously plan each routine.
- ★ **Teen/Adult Group Number:** The inclusion of a Teen/Adult group number showcased the dedication and growth of these skaters, highlighting their motivation to advance their skills.
- ★ **Skater Commitment:** Skaters demonstrated impressive dedication by mastering routines in a short timeframe and enhancing their performance abilities.
- ★ **Team Bonding:** The ice show served as an excellent bonding experience for skaters, fostering positive motivation and camaraderie.
- ★ **Post-Show Clean-Up:** The clean-up process was a significant task, and we extend our gratitude to the volunteers and coaches who contributed to setting up, cleaning, and organizing both before and after the show.
- ★ **Costume Inventory Overhaul:** We created a comprehensive catalog of all costume items in our inventory. This new system, featuring photos and detailed information, will streamline the process for future ice shows and reduce the need for purchasing new items unnecessarily.

Suggestions for the Practice/Execution/Post-Ice Show Follow-up for the Next Ice Show

- **Allocate More Time for Post-Show Cleanup:** Provide additional time for the coordinator to handle post-ice show cleanup, including the weeks following the event, to ensure thorough organization and preparation.
- **Maintain Costume Room Organization:** Utilize the new costume catalog to keep the costume room organized. Ensure that items are returned to their correctly labeled bins to streamline future preparations.
- **Refine Task List:** Continue to refine and detail the task list for the ice show to improve efficiency and clarity in the planning and execution stages.
- **Distribute Volunteer Tasks:** Spread out tasks among volunteers to prevent any one person from becoming overwhelmed. Encourage ongoing participation from parents and other skating club members to maintain a balanced workload and foster a collaborative environment.

Submitted by: Victoria Schreuer

Date: June 16, 2025