

Ancaster Skating Club: Skate Bank Rental Policy

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1.0 Purpose

Through its participation in the Skate Ontario Club Modernization Project, Ancaster Skating Club (ASC) has a bank of beginner level figure skates available on a rental basis. The purpose of the bank is to help make figure skating more accessible to skaters first learning figure skating, and to ensure they have proper and safe equipment to optimize their learning. Figure skates must be worn by ASC skaters participating in the ASC Advanced CanSkate and StarSkate programs, and rental of skates from the Skate Bank can assist skaters initially in meeting this requirement. Available sizes of skates in the Bank vary, and are rented on a first-come, first served basis.

2.0 Administration of Program:

A Skate Bank Committee will be established under the Board of Directors, and a volunteer Coordinator will be appointed on a yearly basis. All skate rentals must go through the Coordinator, and the Coordinator must be informed of any emergency use of skates. All invoicing related to the rental program will be the responsibility of the ASC Club Administrator.

3.0 Eligibility:

- 3.1 To be eligible to rent figure skates from the ASC Skate Bank, skaters must:
 - Be registered with Skate Canada through ASC;
 - Continue to be registered in an eligible ASC program for the duration of the rental (including Spring, Late Spring and/or Summer);
 - Not have participated in the rental program for more than one year.
- 3.2 The order of eligibility for ASC skaters is as follows:
 - Skaters moving into the Advanced CanSkate program;
 - Skaters already in Advanced CanSkate who are identified by a coach to require a better-quality pair of figure skates;
 - Skaters who are moving into StarSkate Level 1 who require a better quality figure skate, and who have not previously rented skates through the ASC Bank.
- 3.3 Figure skates can be rented through the ASC Skate Bank for a maximum of one year, provided the eligibility conditions outlined in 3.1 and 3.2 continue to be met. Skaters who do not participate in Spring, Late Spring or Summer ASC programs must return their skates as of the end of the season they were last registered in.
- 3.4 Extensions beyond a 1-year rental period can be considered if the skater will be registered in ASC programs during the “off-seasons” (Late Spring and Summer), AND there are a pair of skates available in the appropriate size. In these circumstances, the amount refunded to the skater at the end of the rental period will be reduced by an additional \$25.

4.0 Rental Process:

- 4.1 Skaters will be given the opportunity to access the Skate Bank as follows:
 - When first being invited to the Advanced CanSkate program;
 - If currently on Advanced CanSkate and a coach identifies the skater as needing better quality figure skates;
 - When moving up to StarSkate Level 1, and the skater has not previously accessed the Skate Bank rental program.
- 4.2 Access to the sizes of skates in the Skate Bank is on a first-come, first served basis.
- 4.3 A fitting time will be scheduled for the skater to determine if there is a suitable pair of skates available in their size.
- 4.4 All skates must be fitted by the program Coordinator or other Club representative. Skates should fit as snugly as possible without being uncomfortable; the heel should be locked in place (with no more than a half finger's width between the heel and the boot), and toes should not be touching the front end of the boot.
- 4.5 If a suitable pair of figure skates is available in the skater's size:
 - The parent/guardian will be supplied with the skates for the skater, some cleaning cloths and care/maintenance instructions;
 - Within 72 hours, the parent/guardian will be required to purchase the product "Skate Bank Figure Skate Rental" through their Uplifter account, at a downpayment cost of \$100.
 - The rental will be documented on the form found in Appendix A, kept by the Club Administrator.

5.0 Rental Program Rules:

- 5.1 Skates can be rented for a maximum of one year under the program, provided the eligibility requirements outlined in section 3.0 continue to be met.
- 5.2 All skaters who have not yet passed CanSkate Stage 5 must continue to wear a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved helmet while on the ice; refer to the ASC Helmet Policy for additional details.
- 5.3 For the duration of the rental, skates are only to be used on properly maintained and groomed ice surfaces (such as an indoor rink).
- 5.4 Parents/guardians are responsible for purchasing their own soft skate blade covers/guards as well as hard skate guards.
- 5.5 Parents/guardians and skaters are required to use and care for the equipment in a responsible manner, including:
 - Properly wiping the skate blades dry with a soft cloth after use, and covering them with soft covers/guards for storage between uses;
 - Never storing the skates with hard guards on the blades, as this will cause the blades to rust;
 - Placing the skates in a protective carrying bag when not in use;
 - Not walking on unsuitable surfaces while wearing skates (concrete, etc.) without using hard guards;
 - Having the blades sharpened after approximately every 20 hours of use, only by a person/organization with the proper sharpening equipment for figure skates, such as through ASC's skate sharpening program (to be implemented in 2026-2027) or a store specializing in figure skating equipment, and NOT a sporting goods store.

- 5.6 Parents/guardians and skaters are responsible for the rental skates and agree to return them in good condition; a minor amount of wear and tear is expected.
- 5.7 Parents/guardians will be held liable for the cost of replacing rental skates which are lost or stolen.
- 5.8 The Program Coordinator will inspect all skates returned and if found to be in acceptable condition, will notify the Club Administrator to complete the skate rental return procedure. The information in Appendix A will be updated accordingly. The Program Coordinator will ensure the skates are cleaned and sanitized before being returned to the Skate Bank.
- 5.9 If the Program Coordinator finds that the skates were damaged due to misuse or neglect, the Board of Directors will be notified and will determine if the parents/guardians will be held liable for the cost of repair or replacement.

6.0 Skate Return Process:

- 6.1 Once the rental skates have been returned to the Club and are placed back into inventory, the Program Coordinator will notify the Club Administrator, who will process a \$75 refund to the parent/guardian (subject to section 3.4 of this Policy).

7.0 Program Sustainability:

- 7.1 The status of the Skate Rental Program will be reported annually by the Program Coordinator to the ASC Board of Directors and will include the following information:
 - The revenue generated from skate rentals;
 - The revenue generated from skate sharpening;
 - The condition and lifespan of the equipment in the Skate Bank.
- 7.2 After reviewing the annual report the Board of Directors will determine the following:
 - Numbers of skates to be replaced that year, if any;
 - Numbers of skates to be added to the inventory that year, if any;
 - Numbers of skates to be sold, if any;
 - Any budgetary follow-up required.

8.0 Liability Disclaimer

- 8.1 By accepting this policy at the time of purchasing the ASC product “Skate Bank Figure Skate Rental”, the parent/guardian:
 - Accepts all requirements of this policy;
 - Understands and accepts the risks associated with skating;
 - Releases the Ancaster Skating Club, its Board of Directors, coaches, employees and volunteers from any liability for loss, damage, injury, or expense arising from participation in the Skate Bank Figure Skate Rental program.

APPENDIX A – SKATE BANK RECORD FORM

ASC Skate Bank Sign Out

Skate Serial # & Size	Skater Name	Parent/ Guardian Name	Parent/ Guardian Signature	Date DD/MM/YYYY	Staff Initial	Date Returned DD/MM/YYYY	Approx. Hrs Used (e.g. 1*45mins/wk* 20wks=15hrs)	Condition G=Good F=Fair P=Poor	Staff Initial2
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