

EARLY ACADEMY FALL/WINTER 2018-2019



EARLY ACADEMY provides skaters the opportunity to jumpstart their figure skating by teaching them skating skills in a figure skating environment. The program is designed to be a bridge between CanSkate and the Skate Canada StarSkate Program. Lessons will be taught during the junior sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This program teaches children skating fundamentals including edges, turns, stops, spins and jumps. It is instructed by our certified professional coaches and skaters will receive 45 minutes of group lessons. **Skaters skate a minimum of two 45 minutes sessions per week.**

Entrance Into the Program: Skaters can enter the program after having passed Stage 3 badge of the Canskate program or by coach invitation/audition. Skaters who were in Early Academy program the previous year and do not wish to proceed to Junior StarSkate can continue in the program and will not require an audition.

CSA approved helmets are mandatory for all Early Academy skaters. Early Academy skaters must provide and wear a CSA approved hockey helmet on the ice. Bicycle helmets are not permitted.



SESSION

Full year from September to April

Fall: September 4, 2018 to December 20, 2018

Winter: January 3, 2019 to April 25, 2019

Tuesdays: 5:00 to 5:45 pm

Thursdays: 5:00 to 5:45 pm

There will be no regular skating lessons on the following days:

- ◆ Christmas Break—December 21, 2018 to January 1, 2019
- ◆ Thursday February 14, 2019 (*Ice Show Preparation*)
- ◆ March Break—March 11 to March 22, 2019
- ◆ Thursday, April 8, 2019

April session times and days may vary depending on ice availability.

PROGRAM FEES

Tuesdays and Thursdays: **\$649**

OTHER FEES

All skaters must be registered with Skate Canada and pay an annual membership fee. This fee covers a full year of skating from September 2018 - August 2019. The Skate Canada and administration fee is **\$36** and it is non-refundable.



REGISTRATION

Sessions held at Canada Games Centre.

REGISTER ON-LINE

www.coastregistry.biz/clubregistry/aesc

To register, copy the above link to the URL tab or go to our website. The system works chrome, Edge, Safari, Firefox, and I pads. Once on the site:

- Select the program.
- Select the sessions.
- Click on Check out when finished with program selections.
- If you are a returning user, enter your user name and password and then click paypal for payment.
- If you are a new user, click on register and create a user name and password. You will then be asked to enter your child's information.

Please remember or write down your user name and password. Please **do not** create a new account if you register for another program in the same season as you will be charged the Skate Canada fee a second time in one year. **Do** click 'forgot password?' and information about retrieving your password will be sent to the email associated with your account.

If you have further questions about the registration system or need information about your Skate Canada number, please email the club.



ELEMENTS EVENT

A skating skills elements event will be held on **December 1, 2018** for skaters registered in the Early Academy program as part of the Gold Nugget Championships Competition. This is an opportunity for skaters to showcase their skills. More information to come.

ICE SHOW

The club will also be hosting an ice show this year at Takhini Area on **February 16, 2019**. All Early Academy skaters will be encouraged participate. More information will follow about this exciting event in the new year.

PAYMENTS

On-line payments only accepted through Paypal (accepts Visa, Mastercard American Express and Discover). The registration system will guide you through to paypal once you accept the sessions. You do not need a Paypal account to pay online as an occasional customer.

Contact Arctic Edge Skating Club if paying through the Kids Recreation Fund Program or if you would like to pay using an alternative method.

Program and sessions are subject to a minimum number of registrants. Arctic Edge Skating Club reserves the right to change programming if there is insufficient enrolment.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Parents/Guardians of skaters who join Early Academy will be required to work **three bingos** on Friday evenings held throughout the year between September to September of the following year. The majority of the bingos will be held during May to August 2019. Bingos are a large source of fundraising revenues for the Club which help pay for coaching and ice fees.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do you have equipment rentals?

No. Skaters must supply their own skates and a CSA approved helmet.

How many days should we skate?

For optimum development, we recommend two times per week. Skating is a sport where skills are learned by continuous repetition. The more times a skater can repeat a skill in a week, the faster they will progress.

How do refunds work?

Refunds may be issued due to unforeseen circumstances and are based on our refund policy available on our website. If granted, the refund will be pro-rated. The Skate Canada and Administration Fee is non-refundable.

What is the Junior StarSkate program?

The Junior StarSkate program is the next step towards more advanced Figure Skating. The StarSkate program allows skaters to take private lessons, have time to practice skills on their own and participate in group lessons. Private lessons are arranged by the parent/guardian and coaches at the club. Advanced programming such as seminars is also offered by the Club and at this stage skaters focus on training to compete.

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