



## **Family Commitment Program Niagara on the Lake Skating Club 2017-2018**

The Niagara on the Lake Skating Club takes pride in having a club that focuses not only on the development of lifelong skaters, but also the value of teamwork and our families. For the 2017-18 Season, the Niagara on the Lake Skating Club will be continuing the Family Commitment Program for our skating families.

### **What is the Family Commitment Program?**

The NOTL Skating Club is one of the leading clubs in the Niagara Region. Our membership includes skaters from 3 years to 60 years and we take pride in the development of all of our skaters. As a not for profit organization, more membership involvement is now required to provide quality programs for all, while maintaining the lowest registration costs possible. Keeping this in mind, the goals of the family commitment program are as follows:

- Keep the membership fees as low as possible
- Share the work fairly among the membership
- Ensure that our Club runs efficiently
- Provide clear opportunities for all families.

### **How it all works:**

There are distinct components of the program:

- 1. CanSkate Table Hours**
  - Working along-side a board member, staff the CanSkate table, hand out/collect name tags to skater's, answer questions, etc...during our Thursday and/or Saturday CanSkate and Preschool sessions.
  - See Chart below for how many shift commitments are required for your skater's level. Sign up at registration for your shifts. Each shift is approximately 2 hours long.
  - Board members will do Canskate Table duties in addition to their board commitments.
- 2. Music Room Commitment (Junior Families all year; Pre-junior families 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)**
  - Set-up and operate the Music Room for the Junior Skaters during Junior Skating Sessions (Pre-Junior second semester only)
  - Sign-up for your shifts using the calendar at registration or in the binder kept in the Music Room Bag

- *It is the responsibility of the skater's family to replace themselves on an assigned shift and to sign on the calendar that the shifts were completed.*

### 3. Competition Commitment (Junior to Senior Skaters Only)

- All families are expected to assist at the local competition.
- The NOTL Skating Club is required to provide 10-12 volunteers this competition
- We receive substantial revenue from each of the competitions if our commitment is met.
- Sign up at registration for your competition date.
- Charles Dover Competition is January 12-14, 2018 in Grimsby, Ontario

### **Other Volunteer Opportunities:**

The following are volunteer opportunities you may sign up for. Fundraisers are a very important reason that your membership fees are so low. It is a benefit to you and your skater to help make these fundraisers successful. The following are the opportunities for this year. Volunteers for test night also help keep the night moving on schedule. Other opportunities help show support for our club and the skaters.

- Car Wash – July 2017
- Pasta Night - September 29, 2017
- Bake Sale - March 10 and 11, 2018
- Family Skate – December 16, 2017
- Christmas Parade - December 9, 2017
- Test Nights - November 24, 2017, January 22, 2018 and March 23, 2018
- Year End Showcase – April 1, 2018

### **Important Details – please read carefully as a few things have changed this year.**

- Roles are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Get your registration in quickly and select your Family Commitment Shifts so you are able to select which opportunities best suit your family.
- Your commitment is based on the session that your skater(s) is enrolled in as of September 2017. If there are two skaters at different levels, the higher level of shifts will be completed as your Family Commitment shifts.
- The Club recognizes that not every family can or desires to complete the Family Commitment shifts. For this reason a “Buy Out” option is available. We do highly encourage you to commit to giving back to your child's skating club where you can, as the club cannot continue to grow and run its programs without member support.
- **Competitions** – The Volunteer Chair will be in touch closer to the competition to assign roles for the competition. Each competition shift is approximately 5 hours in length. **As we are only working one competition this year, we only need so many volunteers. There may not be enough positions for everyone. We will assign competition shifts on a lottery basis. If you are not selected for the competition, you will be required to complete 2 additional Can Skate table shifts, in order to make it fair for everyone.** Or if you prefer not to help at a competition, you MUST complete 2 extra Can skate shifts along with your regular shifts.

- **FAMILY** in this respect, means siblings, residing in the same household. You cannot share family commitment responsibilities if you have other relatives skating in the club. They **must** be siblings.
- **IMPORTANT:** To maintain your status as a “member in good standing”, all commitments must be met or payments must be up to date. This can affect your child being able to participate in test days, competitions or other club-wide events.

**FAMILY COMMITMENT SHIFTS:**

<b>Commitment</b>	<b>CanSkate Table</b>	<b>Competition/or additional Canskate table shift</b>	<b>Total Shifts</b>	<b>Yearly Buy Out/Bond Cheque</b>
Pre-Junior Skaters	2 shifts		2 Shifts	\$250
Junior Skaters	2 shifts	1 shift*	3 Shifts**	\$250
Intermediate Skaters	2 shifts	1 shift*	3 Shifts**	\$250
Senior Skaters	2 shifts	1 shift*	3 Shifts**	\$250

\*1 shift OR 2 Canskate table shifts

\*\*Maximum 4 shifts, if completing canskate shifts in lieu of competition

**Music Room Commitment:**

Junior Skater’s families will have **mandatory** Music Room commitments of **5 shifts per semester**.

Pre-junior families will have a music room commitment of **2 shifts for second semester only**. It is important that the Music room shifts be filled, as it is beneficial for your child to have their music played so they can practice their program.

If you need assistance on how to work the music room, please contact the Music Chair.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Buy Out option is only for the CanSkate Table and , the Competition shifts. A post-dated bond cheque of \$250 will be required at registration and will be cashed in May 2018 if you do not meet your commitment. Music Room is NOT part of the buyout, therefore you if you are a junior/pre-junior parent, you must sign up for your music room shifts. Having a volunteer in the music room ensures that your skater’s music is played so they can get the practice that they require in order to maintain their skills and to prepare for any upcoming competitions.**