

ICE FANTASIA 2017

THEN, NOW AND FOREVER

COUNTDOWN TO SHOWTIME

Ice Fantasia 2017 is quickly approaching! The purpose of the attached information is to ensure that all skaters and parents are aware of the schedule of events and requirements as we move towards the week of the show.

April 22nd – 30th is a very busy time for everyone involved in Ice Fantasia and the following information will help you understand when your skater needs to be at practices. Parents are welcome at all practices, however the dress rehearsal on Thursday April 27th is a closed rehearsal. Only those parents that have volunteered for the dress rehearsal will be allowed in.

With almost 400 skaters, five synchronized skating teams, a special guest skater and many parent volunteers involved in each show, we need to be organized! We are doing our best and your support and understanding are greatly appreciated. Lets make sure everyone enjoys the experience and most importantly has **FUN!**

AS PER SKATE CANADA POLICY – ALL SKATERS WORKING ON STAGES 1-5 MUST WEAR THEIR HELMET IN ALL PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCES. AS THE PARENT YOU MAY REMOVE THE FACE MASK WHICH LETS THE AUDIENCE SEE THEIR FACES! IF YOUR SKATER HAS PASSED STAGE 5, THE DECISION IS UP TO YOU THE PARENT IF THEY WEAR THEIR HELMET ON THE ICE.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SKATER HAS HARD SKATE GUARDS LABELLED WITH THEIR NAME FOR ALL PRACTICES STARTING SATURDAY APRIL 22ND. THE SKATERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAND AROUND THE ARENA WHERE IT IS ALL CEMENT.

Parking and Show Entrance:

Please advise your family and friends who are attending the show that parking is a **major problem**. Allow extra time to park.....there is parking at Parkview School

which is behind the arena, Toogood Pond and on all the side streets.

CONTINUITY REHEARSALS

Saturday April 22nd and Monday April 24th

The purpose of the continuity rehearsals is to bring the show together from the beginning to the end, in sequence. Up to this point each court has rehearsed separately. These rehearsals provide the “flow of the show” and clarify entrances, exits and cues for the skaters and volunteers. Upon arrival, skaters should determine the area within the arena where their court will gather. This first day will be a little confusing to say the least. Signs will be posted to provide assistance.

First half of the show consists of Opening, Synchro Skate, Sparkling Ice B1, B2 and Elementary, Preschool, Canskate A, Canskate B, Canskate C, Solo and Featured skaters. Second half of the show consists of Sparkling Ice Juvenile, Guest Skater, Intro Star, Junior Star, Senior Star and Advanced Star skaters. All skaters in the second half will be in the Finale.

Continuity Saturday April 22ND

8:00am – 8:50am	Sparkling Ice Juvenile
9:00am – 11:30pm	All skaters in the first half (EXCEPT Opening, Synchro Skate, Sparkling Ice B1, B2 and Elementary)
11:30pm – 11:45pm	FLOOD
11:45pm – 12:15pm	Opening
12:15pm – 12:45pm	Closing Junior, Senior and Advanced
12:45pm – 1:00pm	FLOOD
1:00pm – 2:15pm	All skaters in the second half (EXCEPT Sparkling Ice Juvenile) FIRST RUN THROUGH
2:15pm – 2:30pm	FLOOD

2:30pm – 4:00pm	All skaters in the second half SECOND RUN THROUGH AND FINALE
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Continuity Monday April 24th

6:00pm – 7:15pm	All skaters in the first half (EXCEPT Opening, Flying Purple People Eater, The Ants Go Marching One by One, Sparkling Ice B1, B2, Elementary and soloist/featured skaters)
7:15pm – 7:30pm	FLOOD
7:30pm – 9:00pm	All skaters in the second half (EXCEPT Sparkling Ice Juvenile)

Technical Rehearsal Tuesday April 25th

The purpose of the technical rehearsal is to allow the skaters to become familiar with the arena as it is fully set up for Ice Fantasia with spotlights and staging. The technical aspects of the show may be tested...lights and sound!

4:00pm – 4:30pm	Synchro Skate and Sparkling Ice B1
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Solo and Feature Practice
5:30pm – 6:00pm	FLOOD
6:00pm – 7:30pm	All skaters in the first half (EXCEPT Synchro Skate, Sparkling Ice B1, B2 and Elementary) INCLUDING OPENING
7:30pm – 7:45pm	FLOOD
7:45pm – 9:00pm	All Skaters in the second half (EXCEPT Sparkling Ice Juvenile)

Production Rehearsal Wednesday April 26th

Some skaters may be asked to wear their costume this evening. This allows production staff to look at the costumes with lighting and staging.

4:00pm – 4:30pm	Sparkling Ice B2
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Sparkling Ice Elementary
5:00pm – 5:45pm	Solo and Feature practice
5:45pm – 6:00pm	FLOOD
6:00pm – 7:30pm	All skaters in the first half (EXCEPT Flying Purple People Eater and The Ants Go Marching One by One)
7:30pm – 7:45pm	FLOOD
7:45pm – 9:00pm	All skaters in the second half

Dress Rehearsal and Show Times!

Thursday April 27th , Friday April 28th , Saturday April 29th and Sunday April 30th

THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN IS OUR HIGHEST CONCERN.

All Skaters in the first half will receive a detailed drop off and pick up schedule on Tuesday April 25th. Drop off time for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening

performances will be between 6:00pm and 6:45pm depending on their skate time in the show. Pick up time will be between 7:30pm and 8:30pm. Drop off time for Saturday and Sunday afternoon performances will be between 12:00pm and 12:45pm and pick up time will be between 1:30pm and 2:30pm.

SAFETY:

The safety of our skaters is our number one priority. As such we insist that backstage is reserved for performers and stage crew. Only those assigned to the dressing room will be allowed in.

Parents must send written permission to the dressing room attendant if your skater is to join you for the second half of the show. Please attach your child's ticket to the note. **USHERS WILL BRING YOUR CHILD TO YOU AT A CONVENIENT BREAK IN THE SHOW.**

FIRST HALF SKATERS ONLY:

Skaters who are in the first half only, need to enter and exit through the front doors of the arena. Please pull up to the door, drop your skater off and Janice Pickering (Canskate Supervisor) will be there with parent volunteers to escort your skater to the appropriate dressing room.

SECOND HALF SKATERS ONLY:

Skaters who are in the second half only please enter and exit at the back of the arena. Second half skaters please arrive at 7:45pm for the evening performances and 1:45pm for the afternoon performances. Skaters will be finished by 10:00pm for the evening performances and 4:00pm for the afternoon performances.

Dress Rehearsal Thursday April 27th

Evening Performance Friday April 28th

Evening Performance Saturday April 29th

Skaters in the first half only will be released between 7:30pm and 8:30pm at the

front doors of the arena. Please check the detailed drop off and pick up schedule that will be available April 25th.

6:00pm	First half skaters arrive
7:00pm	SHOW TIME!
7:45pm	Second half only skaters arrive

Afternoon Performance April 29th

Afternoon Performance April 30th

12:00pm	First half skaters arrive
1:00 pm	SHOW TIME!
1:45pm	Second half only skaters arrive

ON SATURDAY WE ASK SKATERS TO LEAVE THE ARENA AND HAVE A BREAK BETWEEN SHOWS. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY SUPERVISION AVAILABLE AT THE ARENA BETWEEN 4:00 PM – 6:00PM.

Hair and Make-Up:

Specific hairstyles will be required for each court depending on the hair pieces, we will advise closer to the show. Please remember if your skater has not passed Stage 5 they must wear their helmet.

Skaters are responsible for their own make-up...please apply at home before coming to the arena. It is very important for your skater to wear make-up under the lights, earth tone eye shadows, pink blush and pink lipstick.

Costumes and Tights:

Costumes are not to be worn in the audience at any time. Please remember your costume has been made especially for you. Take good care of it and do not eat or

drink while in costume. All costumes will be returned to Unionville Costume Rental at the end of the show.

As part of your costume girls will be given tights and boys will be given black socks. These will be provided to you on photo day and will be left with the costume. All skaters are required to wear the tights and socks provided and will be given them to keep at the end of the Sunday performance.

Dressing Rooms:

Please pack quiet activities for the change room, such as colouring books, crayons and stickers. We discourage expensive electronic toys in case they are accidentally placed in the wrong skating bag. Dressing rooms will be tight and crowded please pack your child's skates, guards and helmet (if required) in a small bag labelled with their name. **DO NOT WEAR YOUR SKATES TO THE ARENA.**

Ticket for first half skaters only:

All skaters in the first half only of the show are able to watch the second half. However due to the fire regulations skaters must have a ticket in order to join their family in the audience.

Photography and Videotaping:

FLASH CAMERAS MUST NOT BE USED DURING SHOW TIMES IT IS VERY DANGEROUS AND DISTRACTING TO THE SKATERS.

Professional photography has been arranged for Saturday April 22nd and Sunday April 23rd. Both individual and group photographs will be taken of each skater. Please see the photo day schedule included in this package.

A professional video of the show will be available to order on DVD closer to the show.

Questions and Concerns:

We realize this newsletter contains a lot of information concerning Ice Fantasia. If

you have any questions please feel free to contact any one of the following people.

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