



August 9, 2010

Dear Skaters,

Speed Skate PEI is getting ready to begin another great season. Our season is tentatively scheduled to begin on **Saturday, October 2nd** - only a few weeks away. Welcome back! Our goal is to have fun and for the skaters to participate in an interesting and challenging sport.

In order to allow our current skaters the first opportunity to register for the upcoming season and obtain their selection of available rental skates, we will be holding pre-registration sessions at the Charlottetown Civic Centre. Please note the time for your group:

**Competitive A**: Thursday, September 9th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

*\*\*Note: Competitive A skaters are asked to remain and assist with skate sharpening of rental skates this evening until 8pm. Please bring your sharpening equipment.*

**Competitive B**: Thursday, September 9th from 6:30 - 7:00 pm

**Development 1 & 2**: Thursday, September 9th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Novice**: Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 9:30 am

**Main Registration**: Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 11:30 am

The "Main Registration" is for all new skaters, so if you have other family members or friends who may want to join, please encourage them and let them know the time. Returning skaters who are not able to attend their registration time should come to the Main Registration. Skaters who are unable to attend any of these times should fill out and return their registration forms with payment to Rob Binns (telephone 569-2498; email [vp@speedskatepei.ca](mailto:vp@speedskatepei.ca)) as soon as possible. Skaters are reminded that they must be registered prior to participating in ANY on ice programs, including pre-season practices or camps.

If you are a returning skater and are not sure what group you fit in, you should come to the registration time of the group you were in last year. New or returning skaters looking for more information should contact Rob at 569-2498 or email [vp@speedskatepei.ca](mailto:vp@speedskatepei.ca).

As in the past, skaters and parents are urged to sell advertising for the Atlantic Cup Speed Skating Championship (November 6 & 7, 2010). One third of the monies raised by each skater will be rebated to the skater. In the past, a number of skaters have raised almost enough funds to cover the total cost of their registration and skate rental for the year. Advertising forms will be available in September.

**Parent Meetings** - Meetings for parents of all skaters with the coaching staff will take place at practices early in the season as follows:

**Novice** - Saturday, October 2, 2010

**Development 1** - Monday, October 4, 2010

**Development 2** - Monday, October 4, 2010

**Competitive A and B** - Saturday, October 2, 2010

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Schedule and Fees 2010 - 2011

Level / Program	Schedule	Registration fee non-city resident	Registration fee city resident	Fund raising fee
Novice 1&2 (5-8 years and learn to skate)	Saturday 12:45-1:45pm	\$250.00	\$130.00	\$0
Development 1 (7-12 years)	Monday 5:15-6:15pm	\$250.00	\$130.00	\$0
Development 2 (9 years and up)	Monday 6:30-7:30pm Thursday 5:15-6:15pm	\$415.00	\$295.00	\$70.00
Competitive B (10 years and up)	Tuesday 5:45(warm-up); ice 6:15-7:15pm Thursday 6:00(warm-up); ice 6:30-7:30pm Saturday 1:30(warm-up); ice 2-3 pm	\$500.00	\$380.00	\$85.00
Competitive A (12 years and up)	Tuesday 6:30(off-ice); ice 7:30-8:30pm Thursday 6:45(off-ice); ice 7:45-8:45 pm Saturday 2:30(off-ice); ice 3:15-5:00/5:30pm	\$600.00	\$480.00	\$100.00
Recreational (13 years and up)	Tuesday 6:15-7:15pm Thursday 6:30-7:30pm	\$345.00*	\$225.00(<19yrs) \$345.00(19yrs+)	\$85.00

10% discount - 2 or more skaters from the same family

Charlottetown City Subsidy is ½ of the registration fee to a maximum of \$120.00.

Non-city residents should check with their local communities for possible participation refund.

\*Recreational skaters are considered non-competitive. If they wish to attend an off-island competition, an additional fee of \$50 (in addition to the meet registration fee) will be required for the first competition (payable to SSPEI); payment to full amount of regular registration if attending 2 or more competitions. If times are not suitable or if a recreational skater would like to increase participation at certain times of the year, arrangements may be made with the Head Coach.

The benefit of being a member of Speed Skating Canada is included in the registration

### PAYMENT POLICIES

Terms: 50% of fees due at registration, 25% post dated for October 31<sup>st</sup> and remaining 25% post dated for December 31<sup>st</sup>. Either payment in full or all post dated cheques must be submitted at the time of registration. Skate rentals must be paid with registration.

Cancellation: All skaters (returning and new) who discontinue by October 31 will receive a full refund. No refunds after October 31 unless for medical reasons.

Cancelled Practices: No refunds/credits will be issued for practices that are cancelled due to storms, concerts, etc. Registration fees will not be pro-rated for skaters who can't attend all practices at regularly scheduled times.

Tax Receipts: Receipts for tax credit purposes will be issued upon payment in full.

Scheduled ice times are tentative and days /times may be changed depending upon the number of skaters registered.

### COMPETITION FEE

A Competition Fee of \$35.00 per skater or \$60.00 per family (in addition to meet registration fee) is charged for off-island meets on the SSPEI meet schedule.

## SKATE RENTALS

A limited number of long blade speed skates will be available for rent on a first come first serve basis. Coaches will recommend the levels that should use long blades. Younger skaters (Novice, Development 1) may use hockey skates. Please no figure skates.

### **Rental Charge**

Boots and blades----- \$85.00  
Boots without blades----- less \$35.00

\*\*Parents must sign rental agreement and rental fees are due at the time of registration.

Skates must be returned in good condition at the end of the skating season. Please see the Club Handbook at [www.speedskatepei.ca](http://www.speedskatepei.ca) for information on skate care and maintenance.

If skates are not available to fit an individual, the Club will endeavor to obtain appropriate skates, prior to the start of the season. Skaters may purchase their own skates and the coaches recommend that serious competitive skaters purchase their own blades and consider purchasing their own skates.

## FUNDRAISING

In an effort to keep registration affordable yet cover all of our expenses, we need to supplement revenue through fundraising. Monies raised go toward club expenses including ice rental and equipment purchases such as skates, safety mats, etc.

We recognize that all families are busy with many commitments and have very little extra time. We also recognize that not all parents want their children participating in fundraising activities. In an effort to achieve our fund raising goals and at the same time be as fair and flexible as possible, we offer two fund raising options to families as outlined below:

**Option 1** - Fundraising fee in the amount listed in chart "Schedule and Fees"

**Option 2** - Participate in fundraising efforts throughout the year with the minimum amount raised equal to the Fundraising fee

Skaters who pay the Fundraising fee are welcome to participate in all or any of our fund raising efforts and earn back their fees.

**New for 2010/11:** To help skaters offset their registration, skate rental and fundraising fees and to encourage greater overall participation in fundraising activities for the club, we are instituting a new rebate program for all club sanctioned fundraising activities. In addition to fully offsetting the fundraising fees shown above, skaters who raise amounts greater than their minimum fundraising fee will receive a **50% rebate on additional funds raised**, until their rebate reaches the amount of their total Speed Skate PEI fees for the year. For those who select Option 1 (Fundraising fee paid in advance), a 100% rebate can be earned on monies raised, up to the amount of the fundraising fee, as well as the **50% rebate on additional funds raised** until their rebate reaches the amount of their total Speed Skate PEI fees for the year..

We encourage all families to take advantage of this new program. Be sure to watch our website for fundraising activities, ask your parent rep or a Board member how to get involved, or email [info@speedskatepei.ca](mailto:info@speedskatepei.ca) to find out how to earn back your fees while helping the club.

## VOLUNTEERS

Speed Skate PEI is a 100% volunteer organization. Many coaches and helpers are needed to make our programs run smoothly. No experience in speed skating is required to volunteer. If you are willing to assist the coaches on the ice, please check the appropriate box on the registration form and/or inform the coach.

Novice 1 parents (or an alternate adult) must accompany the child on the ice until the child is an independent skater (able to get up after falling and skate unaided).

A parent from each level is needed to act as the parent representative for their group. This individual will help with off-ice communications between the coaches, parents, and skaters. This may involve distributing notices at the rink, communicating with parents, distribution/collection of forms/money for fund raising, and bringing parents' concerns to the attention of the coaches (or vice versa).

Volunteers are needed to help at many activities during the year, including the Atlantic Cup Speed Skating Championship. This is the annual speed skating meet hosted by SSPEI at the Civic Centre. This year's Atlantic Cup will be held November 6 & 7, 2010. If you are new to the sport and want to learn more about it, helping out with Atlantic Cup is a great way to learn.

## PRACTICE TIMES

**For up-to-date information, always check the Hotline(628-6606) or the website: [www.speedskatepei.ca](http://www.speedskatepei.ca)**

Regular season begins Saturday, October 2, 2010. All practices will be held at the Charlottetown Civic Centre. All skaters **MUST** use the dressing rooms before and after the practices to change and enter the rink from that side. These rooms are identified on a bulletin board as you enter the arena at the Southeast entrance. Often, after practices the coaches and/or other volunteers wish to relay information to the skaters and/or parents and the dressing room is the easiest place for this to take place.

All Novice and Development skaters must be at the rink in sufficient time to put on skates and equipment prior to practice (usually 15 minutes). Competitive skaters are expected to arrive early at the rink for warm-up and dry land training, as directed by the coaching staff (30 minutes for Comp B; 60 minutes for Comp A on Tuesday and Thursday).

Skaters who are late must wait for the coach's permission to enter the ice surface. When the younger skaters are ready for their practice, they should gather on the player benches and remain there until the coach advises the skaters to enter the ice as a group.

The Charlottetown Civic Centre hosts many special events so there will be times when practices are cancelled. Practices may also be cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

**PARENTS OF SKATERS IN DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHER GROUPS ARE EXPECTED TO HELP PUT ON AND TAKE OFF THE SAFETY MATS AT PRACTICES. This activity takes approximately 10 minutes to do, and the skaters cannot go onto the ice until the mats are put in place. If the mat placement is delayed, ice time for skaters is reduced.**

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE ICE, OR SKATERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE ICE SURFACE.**

See the Club handbook and [www.speedskatepei.ca](http://www.speedskatepei.ca) for more details.

- Helmet - bike, hockey, roller blading, or speed skating  
(see Handbook for competition requirements)
- Bib Type Neck Guard made of ballistic nylon (worn inside clothing)
- Knee Pads (volleyball or speed skating style)
- Shin Guards (hard plastic soccer style; worn under clothing)
- Cut Resistant Gloves (leather, thinsulate, Kevlar, etc.)
- Eyewear (glasses, protective goggles) - must be held on with a strap

## RECOMMENDED SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- Elbow Pads are recommended for younger skaters (Novice and Development 1)
- For Novice skaters, full face protection in the form of a hockey mask is recommended.
- For skaters participating in programs where skaters wear long blades and for competition, Speed Skate PEI recommends that all skaters wear sport goggles certified for use in racquetball or squash. Any eyewear must be held on with a strap.



**WEB SITE PHOTO PERMISSION 2010-2011 :**

Speed Skate PEI maintains a website at [www.speedskatepei.ca](http://www.speedskatepei.ca) . The intent of the website is to provide information to skaters and their families about the sport of speed skating and about local events. The site contains photos of meets, practices, awards ceremonies, promotions, and other events.

It is the policy of Speed Skate PEI **not** to include the name, address, or any other identifying information of any skater or official under the age of 19, and **not** to publish the names of those 19 years or older without their permission. We wish to inform skaters and their parents/guardians, however, that we have no means of controlling possible copying of these photographs once they are published. The photos are visible to anyone who happens our way on the world wide web, not just to local skaters.

Name of Skater: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle desired response:

I **do do not** grant permission for my/ my child's photo to appear on the Speed Skate PEI website.

I **do do not** grant permission for publication of my name in association with any photo appearing on the Speed Skate PEI website.

Signature of Skater or, if under 19 years, of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEERS:**

In order to run a successful speed skating club, it is necessary for parent to participate as volunteers. No experience in speed skating is necessary. Please check preference: I would like to help with the following:

On the ice \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent representative \_\_\_\_\_

With other SSPEI activities through the year \_\_\_\_\_

**FUND RAISING:**

Fund raising is necessary to cover club expenses such as ice rental and equipment purchases (skates, safety mats, etc.). There are two fund raising options available (please check one):

1. Fund raising fee (see "Schedule and Fees 2010-2011") \_\_\_\_\_ **or**

2. Participate throughout the year in various fund raising efforts with the minimum amount raised equal to the fund raising fee \_\_\_\_\_