



A Note from the Executive

Welcome back to a new season. In the interest in better communication this letter is to help keep you informed of the what's and why's of the Oshawa Skating Club. We are working very hard to increase our communication, a new informative bulletin board, and a newsletter starting very shortly. We are also thinking about starting a Twitter account, which will help keep you updated on surprise changes or important facts.

The executive have had inquiries about opening sessions that are low in numbers up to skaters looking to add length to their current sessions. This will of course be at a cost to the skater on the same fee model we have for the regular season. We are willing to look into this once October comes around and most of our registration is complete. This will be looked at on an individual bases and we would ask your coaches to bring in a letter requesting the change to the coaches meeting on October 11th. We also want to hear if any parents have concerns about this situation. All skaters will need to remember that if your request is granted, it is a privilege, and can be taken away if we have more skaters at that level that want to skate or if a safety issue is brought forward. Final decisions will be given after the October 12th Executive meeting.

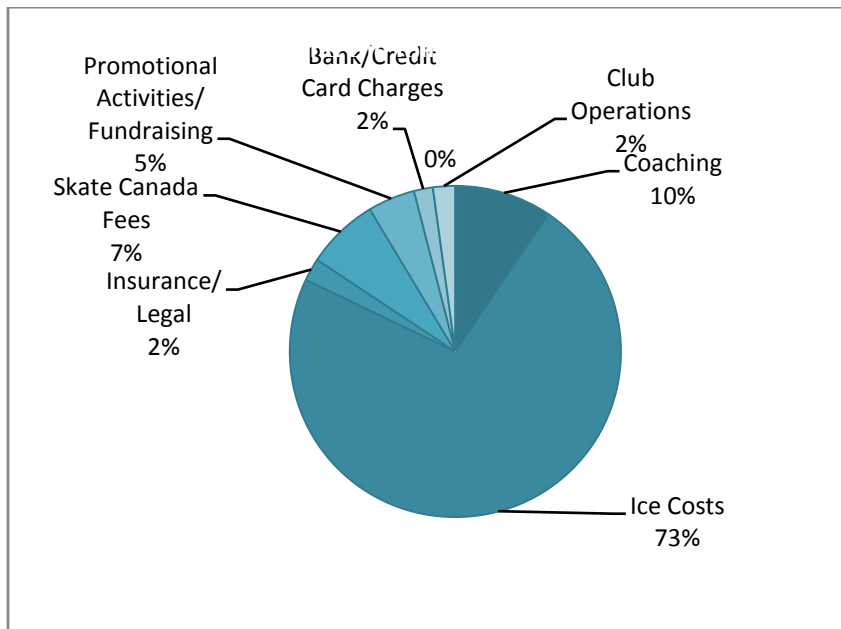
We had to make some really hard choices this year, one being lower the amount of ice we were going to have this year. We have not lost this ice it is banked ice, we have up to 3 years to reclaim it and if our numbers continue to grow in our lower sessions we will be doing that soon. We chose to eliminate our CanPower session because the last 2 years it has not made the money it once did. We also eliminated some of our figure skating hours. We have had to combine more sessions and shorten some. We decided to eliminate our second Sunday StarSkate 3 session for 3 reasons.....

1. We had not 1 StarSkate 3 skater skating all 6 sessions
2. We only had 3 StarSkate 3 skaters that was skating both Sunday sessions.
3. We have to take the ice we are given by the City and when returning hours to the City, they tell us what hours are easier for them to resell; this is also why our Sundays now start at 8:15am.

On a positive note our Pre StarSkate and our StarSkate 1 sessions are growing and doing well. Our CanSkate session looks like it is going to be promising again this year.

Our Club is in a true growth period and we are hoping to continue that growth, to have a very strong Club once again.

We would also like to explain how your pricing is figured out and how we use the money. We are a non-profit organization, meaning our sole purpose is cost recovery. Most of the fees we receive go to ice costs, 73%. The rest covers administrative fees 27%, i.e. coaches fees, bank fees, advertising, website, etc.



Fundraising is under way, we are asking all parents to let your coach or session representative know which fundraiser you would like to take part in for the \$60 fundraising fee. We have chocolates or BOGO cards. You will receive 1 case of chocolates or 6 BOGO cards. If you sell them you keep the money, thus getting your \$60 back or you can chose to not sell anything. We are always looking for new ideas for fundraising; we also would like to get a fundraising committee started. Please contact Randy Reid with your interest and ideas.

Sincerely,

Oshawa Skating Club
Executive