EAST YORK MEMORIAL ARENA

25-26 APRIL





DANCING THROUGH TIME

# GRAND BALL SIGNATURE SIGNATURE

75 YEAR ANNIVERSARY ICE SHOW OF THE EAST YORK SKATING CLUB

# **Your Guide to the 2025 EYSC Ice Show**

### Introduction

With the 2025 East York Skating Club Ice Show fast approaching, we've created this guide to ensure skaters and their families have all the details they need for a smooth, enjoyable, and memorable experience.

In celebration of our club's **75th anniversary**, this year's Ice Show theme is **"Dancing Through Time: Grand Ball."** The show will run for approximately two hours and will be presented in two acts, with an intermission in between.

Each act will feature a mix of **group performances** and special **"features"**—duos and trios performed by StarSkaters who auditioned for the opportunity to showcase their skills.

### **Dress Rehearsal**

Dress Rehearsal – Thursday, April 24th at 6:00 pm

- Attendance is <u>mandatory</u> for all Ice Show participants
- Full Costumes will be worn for the Dress Rehearsal
- Please note that after the initial run-through we may need to redo certain numbers. We will let the skaters involved know right away if it needs to be performed again.
- The grand finale will be rehearsed at intermission on dress rehearsal night. If you skater <u>only</u> skates in the first half, they can be picked up after the grand finale dress rehearsal.
- Skaters will take their costumes home.
- Dress Rehearsal will be a closed performance. Once a parent per skater can be "stamped" at the skater drop-off and gain entrance to the arena seating if desired, **through the lobby entrance**.
- During the rehearsal, we will be running through the entire show schedule to ensure everything is seamless for the weekend.

## **Grande Finale**

At the end of each performance, all skaters will return to the ice for a final group appearance. During this time, audience members are welcome to throw flowers or small gifts onto the ice as a way to congratulate the skaters of their choice.

Flowers and gifts will be available for purchase in the lobby before and during each show, or you're welcome to bring your own.

**Helpful tip:** Label any gifts with the name of the intended skater. It also helps to let them know where you'll be sitting so they can easily find and collect their items.

## **Performances**

There are three performances on the following dates, and all skaters are expected to attend all three shows. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the show.

- Ice Show 1 Friday, April 25th at 7:30pm
- Ice Show 2 Saturday, April 26th at 1:30pm
- Ice Show 3 Saturday, April 26th at 7:00pm

Drop-off and pick-up times for skaters & volunteers are noted below.

# **Key Arrival Times – Volunteers & Skaters**

**Volunteer Arrival** will be 1 hour before the start of the Dress Rehearsal and 1.25 hours before the start of each Ice Show. **Skater Arrival** depends on whether their performance is in Act 1 (before the intermission) or Act 2 (after the intermission). **The Skater entrance (East doors)** will open 1 hour before show time. **Skater Pick-Up** times also differ; skaters in Act 1 can be picked up earlier, during the intermission, but all skaters can be picked up following the end of the show.

Groups in Act I (Opening, Foot Loose, Por Una Cabeza, Mice Ball, Disco Party, Parisian Waltz, Carnaval, Synchro 4 & Features)

	Date	Showtime	Volunteer Arrival	Skater Arrival	Skater Pick-Up
Dress Rehearsal	Thursday, April 24th	6:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:30 pm	Intermission or Following the show
Ice Show 1	Friday, April 25th	7:30 pm	6:00 pm	6:30 pm	Intermission or Following the show
Ice Show 2	Saturday, April 26th	1:30 pm	12:00 pm	12:30 pm	Intermission or Following the show
Ice Show 3	Saturday, April 26th	7:00 pm	5:30 pm	6:00 pm	Intermission or Following the show

Groups in Act 2 (Debutante Ball, Grease, White Ball, Foxtrot, Sing Sing, Bridgerton Ball, Synchro 8)

	Date	Showtime	Volunteer Arrival	Skater Arrival	Skater Pick-Up
Dress Rehearsal	Thursday, April 24th	6:00pm	5:00 pm	5:30pm	Following the show
Ice Show 1	Friday, April 25th	7:30 pm	6:00 pm	7:00 pm	Following the show
Ice Show 2	Saturday, April 26th	1:30 pm	12:00 pm	1:00 pm	Following the show
Ice Show 3	Saturday, April 26th	7:00 pm	5:30 pm	6:30 pm	Following the show

### **Drop-off and Pick-up Protocol for Dress Rehearsal and All Performances**

All skaters (except silver and gold skaters - see below) must be dropped off and picked up at the **East End Doors**, located at the back of the arena near the driveway by the baseball diamond. A parent or guardian is required to

sign skaters in upon arrival and sign them out at pick-up, both at the East End Doors. For safety and logistical reasons, skaters are not permitted to enter or exit through the main entrance. Please be prepared to wait patiently, as there may be a large number of skaters arriving and leaving at the same time. Our volunteers will work as quickly and efficiently as possible to keep everything moving smoothly.

Once a skater is signed in, a volunteer will escort them to their designated dressing room, where another team of volunteers will be available to assist with skates and costumes. At the end of the event, a volunteer will bring your skater directly to you at the East End Doors to sign back out to you. Please note that **parents are not allowed in the dressing rooms or lower level outside the dressing rooms**, as space is limited.

**Silver and Gold skaters** should enter through the **North Zamboni Door**, located near the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, to access their dressing room. **Senior skaters** are expected to manage their own warm-up and should plan their arrival accordingly. Doors will open 1 hour before the show.

Feature skaters, please watch for details of pre-show practice ice availability.

### Pick-Up Procedure – Please Be Patient

Parents should line up in an orderly fashion at the East End doors. Once your child is ready, they will be brought to the doors. They will not be dismissed until paired with the adult picking them up. Bring an umbrella if it is raining. Dismissal takes time, with lots of skaters. Please know the name of your skaters' group when you pick them up.

Parent volunteers will bring your child and their belongings to the door. Parents are not permitted into the dressing room area at pick-up. Skaters will be checked out at that time.

This process is done **one skater at a time**, with the help of multiple volunteers. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to ensure a safe and organized dismissal for everyone.

Silver and Gold skaters may exit their dressing rooms through the arena at the end of the show and meet their parents in the lobby.

# **Dressing Rooms:**

Skaters are in the dressing room at all times when not performing. Skaters are welcome to bring with them a blanket to lie out on the floor, **nut-free snacks**, **and water**. Please avoid bringing any food or drink (such as **Cheezies** or **brightly-coloured beverages**) that could stain the costumes.

A snack cart from the concession stand will make its way from room to room, so you may wish to send your skater with a **small amount of cash** with which to purchase **chips, chocolate, or candy**. Loonies and toonies are encouraged for skaters to purchase from the snack cart.

Skaters are encouraged to bring quiet activities such as **colouring books**, **small toys**, **or games**.

Please collect everything you need from your locker before dress rehearsal. There will be no access to lockers during show nights.

South End skaters are not permitted to leave the dressing room area under any circumstance. Skaters are not permitted to use the west stairs or elevator. Skaters may not watch the show. Skaters are not permitted in

the players benches or in the stands or lobby. Absolutely no parents except volunteers may enter the downstairs south end dressing rooms.

North End skaters (silver and gold) will receive a dedicated instruction sheet at dress rehearsal. Please note that skaters are **not permitted** to wear their costumes outside of the dressing room. All costumes must be covered up if the skater is moving around the arena. No parents are permitted in the north end dressing rooms except the designated volunteers. Skaters may not sit Sections A or M and must remain in the section designated by the north end volunteers. No sitting in the aisles. This is a fire hazard.

# **Parking**

Please be sure to observe all parking restrictions to avoid fines or towing. The **arena parking lot will be closed**, with the exception of vehicles displaying **accessibility passes**.

We strongly encourage you to **plan ahead and leave extra time**. Nearby parking is available at the following locations:

- East York Curling Club
- Local public school lots
- Shoppers Drug Mart at Woodbine & O'Connor
- Side streets around the arena (where permitted)

### **Ticket Sales**

Since all of our amazing volunteers are also proud parents/family members/friends of the skaters, everyone is required to purchase a ticket in order to watch the show.

Tickets are available for purchase online using the link below: <u>OnStage Direct: Dancing Through Time: Grand Ball Ice Show</u>

Children 3 - 12	\$20 online or cash at the door.
Children under 3 (lap seat)	FREE (ticket still required)

Once your payment is processed, simply print your tickets or save a copy to your phone.

# **Concessions & Keepsakes**

Concessions will be available at all three shows, featuring snacks like **chips, popcorn, candy, and drinks!** A snack cart will also make its way **backstage**, so skaters can purchase treats directly from their dressing rooms.

Don't forget to check out our **souvenirs**, where you can purchase:

Official Ice Show T-shirts (buy early as sizes are limited)

- Stuffies & Flowers to toss onto the ice during the Grand Finale
- Tickets for our fun 50/50 draw

Please ensure you have cash on hand for all purchases.

## **Photography & Videography**

If you participated in the group or individual photo shoot but did not pre-order, you can still purchase photos directly through the photography company at:

www.wanmoephotography.com/extra-orders.html

For any questions, you can contact Moe directly at info@wanmoephotography.com.

**Danielle Earl Photography** will be capturing **action shots during Ice Show #2**. These photos will also be available for purchase, and a link will be shared with all skaters once they're ready!

### Tony Hicks is once again our videographer and will be recording all performances.

An online form will be available for video orders—it will be emailed after the show and accessible via a QR code posted at the venue.

# **Volunteering**

**Everyone working at the Ice Show is a volunteer from our skating community.** The Ice Show would not be possible without volunteers! It takes around 75 volunteers per show to make it a success, plus many more working behind the scenes to plan and coordinate the show.

A special thank you to all of this year's Parent Volunteers. By offering your time, you are helping to ensure that your child and all the skaters will have a safe and fun experience!

Prior to the show, Parent Volunteers will receive a separate email with the Final Volunteer Schedule, information on their specific arrival times, and details related to their roles. A huge thank you to Christine and Sean for their incredible work in organizing all of the volunteers!

### **Show Order**

	Act 1		Notes
1	Opening	Shall We Dance	*quick change: Charlie & Hazel (12 minutes)
2	Feature: Leah, Leonessa & Mycroft	I won't dance	
3	Canskate 2	Foot Loose	
4	Pre-Bronze	Por Una Cabeza	
5	Feature: Bea, Charlie & Hazel	Dancing Queen	*quick change: Charlie (12 minutes)
6	Pre-Can	Mice Ball	

7	Feature: Bridget & Leah	Mash Potato Time	
8	Fundamentals 1	Disco Party	
9	Bronze 2	Parisian Waltz	*quick change: for synchro (15 minutes) & Xiao (12 minutes)
10	Feature: Gaby & Kelly	The Locomotion	
11	Feature: Madeleine, Sabine & Olivia	We can dance if we want to	
12	Canskate 3	Carnaval	
13	Feature: Kaede, Simone & Xiao	La Macarena	
14	Synchro Star 4	Sound of Music	
15	Gold	Masquerade	
	Intermission		
	Act 2		
16	Dance Court	Prom	*quick change: Nicole & Emma (12 minutes)
17	Program Assistant	Debutante Ball	*quick change: bronze 1 (12 minutes)
18	Canskate 1	Grease	
19	Adult	White Ball	
20	Feature: Emma & Nicole	Last Dance	
21	Bronze 1	Ballroom Blitz	
22	Rising Stars	Foxtrot under the stars	
23	Silver	Sing Sing Sing	
24	Fundamentals 2	Bridgerton Ball	
25	Feature: Caro & Shane		
26	Feature: Jarrah & Jenna	Dance to the music	
27	Feature: Aasha, Benjamin, Sophie	Land of 1000 dances	
28	Synchro Star 8	Nautical	
29	Guest Skater: David Bondar	2025 Canadian Junior Men Champion	

### **Guest Skater - David Bondar**



A high school student, David Bondar has been representing Canada internationally since 2022. He's the reigning Junior National Champion and competed at the Junior World Championships, placing 17th. He also delivered strong results on the Junior Grand Prix circuit this season, finishing 5th and 7th in two events. David currently trains with Lee Barkell at Granite Club!

### **Costumes**

Costumes have been rented, and at costume pick-up a waiver was signed. By signing, you're acknowledging that the costume is rented, agreeing to return it after the final show, and understanding that a fee will apply for any costumes not returned. Costumes will be worn at Dress Rehearsal and for the three Ice Show performances.

Skaters are able to arrive in their costumes for the dress rehearsal and all three shows. Skaters are required to bring a change of clothes to the final show, as skaters will be leaving their costumes in the dressing room.

Skaters will change into / out of their costumes in their designated dressing room. Please ensure that your child wears clothes that are easy to change into and out of for the Dress Rehearsal and all performances.

Checklist: What Skaters Should Wear and Bring to Dress Rehearsal and Each Performance:

All Skaters - please note the following:	<ul> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Extra clothes to change into on the last night (costumes are to be left in the dressing room)</li> <li>□ Skaters without a helmet should have their hair neat &amp; out of their face</li> <li>□ Make-up is optional</li> <li>□ Please do not put any clothing or layers underneath the costumes. Skaters do not wear gloves on the ice for shows.</li> <li>□ Neutral skating tights should be worn with dresses and skirts</li> <li>□ Skaters who have not passed Canskate 5 must wear a helmet at all times on the ice</li> </ul>
Pre-Can, Canskate, Rising Stars and Fundamentals (who have NOT completed Stage 5) will need the following, in addition to the above:	<ul> <li>☐ Helmets for practices, the dress rehearsal and all performances.</li> <li>☐ Helmet Covers will be provided at the dress rehearsal and returned following the final show</li> </ul>

Pre-Can (Mice Ball)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Helmets for practices, the dress rehearsal and all performances.</li> <li>□ Helmet Covers will be provided at the dress rehearsal and returned following the final show.</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Canskate 1 (Grease)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Helmets for practices, the dress rehearsal and all performances.</li> <li>□ Helmet Covers will be provided at the dress rehearsal and returned following the final show.</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: Black T-Shirt &amp; Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Canskate 2 (Foot Loose)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Helmets for practices, the dress rehearsal and all performances.</li> <li>□ Helmet Covers will be provided at the dress rehearsal and returned following the final show.</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Canskate 3 (Carnaval)	<ul><li>☐ Costume</li><li>☐ Skates</li><li>☐ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling</li></ul>

	hazard)  Helmets for practices, the dress rehearsal and all performances.  Helmet Covers will be provided at the dress rehearsal and returned following the final show.  Girls: Skin-toned tights  Boys: White Dress Shirt & Black Pants  Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)
Fundamentals 1 (Disco Party)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Helmets for practices, the dress rehearsal and all performances (must be worn unless past stage 5)</li> <li>□ Helmet Covers will be provided at the dress rehearsal and returned following the final show.</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: Black T- Shirt &amp; Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Fundamentals 2 (Bridgerton Ball)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Helmets for practices, the dress rehearsal and all performances (must be worn unless past stage 5)</li> <li>□ Helmet Covers will be provided at the dress rehearsal and returned following the final show.</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: Black T- Shirt &amp; Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Rising Stars (Foxtrot)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Helmets for practices, the dress rehearsal</li> </ul>

	and all performances (must be worn unless past stage 5)  Helmet Covers will be provided at the dress rehearsal and returned following the final show.  Girls: Skin-toned tights Boys: Black Pants Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)
Pre-Bronze (Por Una Cabeza)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Opening (Shall We Dance)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Program Assistant (Debutante Ball)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: Black Shirt &amp; Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Bronze 1 (Ballroom Blitz)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>

Bronze 2 (The Parisian Waltz)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Silver (Sing Sing Sing)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Gold (Masquerade)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: Black long-sleeved shirt &amp; Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Dance Court (Prom)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: White Dress Shirt &amp; Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>
Adult (White Ball)	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling hazard)</li> <li>□ Girls: Skin-toned tights</li> <li>□ Boys: White Dress Shirt &amp; Black Pants</li> <li>□ Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)</li> </ul>

Features	<ul> <li>□ Costume</li> <li>□ Skates</li> <li>□ Plastic or rubber skate guards (no cloth blade covers, as these pose a tripping/falling</li> </ul>
	hazard)  Girls: Skin-toned tights  Boys: Black Shirt & Black Pants
	Last show: Extra clothes to change into (leave costume rental in the changeroom)

If you do not have these items, please purchase them for the show. Figure-skating-specific items (guards, tights, gloves) can be found at the following stores:

- Figure Skating Boutique
- ESTA

NOTE: Please label all of your child's personal items (including skate guards and gloves).

### Thank You!

On behalf of all of us at East York Skating Club, thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with the logistics for the 2025 Ice Show. With your help and support, we are looking forward to a fun and successful production!

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