



WINTER RECREATION

DATES TO NOTE, LAST CLASS DATES, FAQ

(October – December 2016)

Pre CanSkate A thru H and CanSkate 1 & 2

*****IMPORTANT*****

The following dates are dates to make note of for *this semester of* classes (October thru December). Any and all cancellation dates listed below have been taken into account already in your skater's fees as they were 'known' dates at the time of your registration, members were NOT charged for these dates. Please take a moment and make note of the days below that affect your skater's usual skating day.

- ***October 1st – Start up date for Winter Semester classes. Please note, you will begin your class on your own respective days and times.***
- November 5th (Saturday) – NO CLASSES! Due to a ringette special event.
- November 12th (Saturday) – NO CLASSES! Remembrance Day Long weekend. ENJOY!
- November 26th (Saturday) – NO CLASSES! Due to Noralta's Test Day (STARSkate)
- December 1st (Thursday) – NO CLASSES! Coaches away at Edmonton Open competition.
- December 3rd (Saturday) – NO CLASSES! Coaches away at Edmonton Open competition.

Mark your calendars, tell your families – all skaters will perform in the upcoming Ice Show (December 10 & 11 – with Rehearsal on December 9) "Noralta presents A Tale As Old As Time". More information will be forthcoming from our Ice Show Chairs and Committee in the next few weeks.

LAST CLASS DATES:

- Pre CanSkate A, B (Tuesdays) – December 6th
- Pre CanSkate C, D (Thursdays) – December 15th
- Pre CanSkate E, F (Saturdays) – November 19th
- Pre CanSkate G, H (Saturdays) – November 19th
- CanSkate 1 (Tuesday/Saturday) – December 6th
- CanSkate 2 (Thursday/Saturday) – December 15th

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **How many classes do I get?** (How come there are days when there are no classes?) *Each Pre CanSkate session is typically 10 classes each semester, however, there are almost always holidays or other user group Special Events that interrupt our ice time. When we calculate fees for each semester, any reduction in classes is accounted for. Saturdays, in particular (as a lot of holidays or Special Events fall on this day) is the most affected day. Saturdays fee for class, therefore is LESS than any other. This semester, CanSkate 1 & 2 have 16 classes. Pre CanSkate Saturdays, please see the fee correction email from Administration, sent directly to each family.*
 - a. *Pre CanSkate Saturdays we may have you come on another class date to practice for Ice Show as well due to your Last Class date being in November. We will email you directly!*
2. **Are the classes above going to be made up?** *Classes noted as not running were known so there is no necessity to make up the classes. Families did not pay for these classes in their registration.*
3. **Will my child be in the Ice Show?** *Every skater at Noralta will be in our annual Ice Show. From our youngest Pre CanSkater to the competitive figure skaters. It is an amazing experience for your skater. And for you and your family. Gives the skaters a chance to perform and to be a part of something really memorable. Our Pre CanSkaters will be led out by lots of assistants! So no worries, we will have lots of help. This years theme is Beauty & The Beast (official Show title "Noralta presents A Tale As Old As Time")*
4. **When is next registration?** *January classes will register the beginning of December. Online as usual. Please watch the front page of the website (or your email) for the official opening date. Classes will begin after the Christmas Break. Days and times will be the same. Pricing etc will be released on the Learn To Skate page closer to December. All current members will also receive a few 'reminder' emails.*
5. **Do I have to do Fundraising?** *Any organization your child will be part of, will most likely, have a fundraising or volunteer expectation. Noralta relies on its fundraising to keep our costs lower. We rely on our members at times when volunteers are needed to run events (ie: Ice Show) and make them successful! Typically our youngest group (Pre CanSkate) does not have to do fundraising; though each semester is different and it's always outlined in the Information Brochure for that semester. CanSkate will sell Purdy's chocolates OR select a Buy Out (which waives fundraising for the semester).*
6. **Who do I approach with questions regarding class?** *The PROFESSIONAL COACHES (Ben, Tania, Lynn or Samantha) who are on the ice with your skater. Please do not ask our Assistants. Please ask your questions before class or after or via email to noraltacoaches@shaw.ca*
7. **Is there a place to watch my skater?** *All parents must sit in the stands or you are also permitted to stand by the end of rink (closest to the Leisure Ice). No one is permitted to sit in the player's boxes.*
8. **Where can I get my skater ready?** *Skaters can get ready for class in the assigned Locker Room. When coming to Arena 1 (MAC 1), you will enter the double doors and make a right turn right away to go down the locker room hallway. There is a whiteboard on the left hand side of the hallway that is for Arena 1. We are always ASSIGNED a locker room (or 2). Please ONLY use those locker rooms. Your skater can indeed enter the ice from the locker rooms. Pre CanSkate, stay closer to Locker Room 1 or 2, whichever is assigned. Its easier access to the ice for Pre CanSkate.*
9. **What do I wear?** *All skaters must have a CSA approved hockey helmet. NO BIKE HELMETS, no exceptions. All skaters must have their own skates (we do not rent). Make sure your skates are sharpened (Habitual Sports or SportChek). All skaters are encouraged to wear layers (Pre CanSkate, wear splash pants or snow pants to keep your little ones dry). Pre CanSkater's should have a mask on their helmet (cage or clear),*

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