



2023/24 Skating Season – Welcome!

Welcome, or welcome back, to the Arctic Edge Skating Club (AESC). As a lifelong skater myself I believe skating is a wonderful and exciting sport that offers many opportunities for participation and growth. It has been exciting to see how my own child has enjoyed the sport and to understand first-hand the important role that parents/guardians/family play.

Our club includes skaters of many different kinds:

- Skaters who join the club to learn how to skate and build confidence on the ice
- Skaters who enjoy the social aspect of the sport
- Skaters who enjoy the challenge of learning new skills over time and balance skating with other sports or activities
- Skaters who dedicate hours each week to on and off ice training with an interest in competing, gaining new skills, and seeing how far the sport can take them
- Skaters who are adults and choose to continue to enjoy skating as a lifelong activity

The 2023/24 skating season promises to be exciting with a number of special events and opportunities including a fall and likely winter seminar, 2024 Arctic Winter Games, Gold Nugget competition, and end of season skating event. Additionally, we look forward to celebrating your skater's achievements this season.

The Board and coaching team have been hard at work this summer to plan a wonderful skating season and I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who participated in these efforts. Thank you to those who participated in our member survey released in the spring. Your feedback, comments and suggestions were taken into consideration in planning for the 2023/24 season.

In addition to the tireless work from our professional coaching staff and our Sport Coordinator, our club's operations and success require help from many volunteers. We are in the process of finalizing what the volunteer commitments will be for families this season and will provide this to you in a separate communication.

We hope to offer parent information sessions this fall as an opportunity for you to learn more about this wonderful sport and our club. We will provide you details around these in the near future as well.

It is my pleasure to serve AESC as the Club President. This is a new role for me and there is a lot still to learn. I appreciate your patience as new board members such as myself learn the operations of the club. Board members are all parents of skaters and are volunteers; collectively we have the best interests of all the skaters and professional staff in mind as we make decisions about club programming and operations.

If you have general questions about programs, registration, fees, etc please contact Christine Benedek at arcticedgesc@gmail.com If you have feedback or questions that you would like to bring to the Board's attention please email me, Stefanie Stuart, at arcticedgechairs@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Stefanie Stuart, AESC President