



Registered Public Skate Visits – FAQs

**1. What is public skating?**

Public skating is a time dedicated for the public to come and skate. No figure skating jumps and spins are allowed. Figure skaters are encouraged to attend a Drop-In Figure Skating session when they become available.

**2. What is the age for public skating?**

Public skating is open to all ages. Children under seven (7) years of age must be accompanied by an adult on the ice at all times. The adult must be in skates and has to remain on the ice for the duration of the skate.

**3. What equipment is needed?**

Participants must bring their own skates and helmets. Currently there are no rentals available. Arrive dressed in your skating attire as change rooms will not be available before your skate.

**4. When is it being offered?**

Starting September 21:

Monday – Friday 11:00am-12:00pm, 12:30-1:30pm, 2:00-3:00pm

Richmond Ice Centre

Schedule is subject to change

**5. When does Registration open for Public Skate registered visits?**

Registration will open every Monday at 10am for sessions that take place the following week.

**6. How many skaters are allowed on the ice? What is the cost?**

Each session will be capped at 16 skaters. Regular admission rates apply. Participants wanting to book more than one session will have to pay for each session.

Rates:

Child	\$3.45
Youth	\$3.85
Adult	\$5.45
Senior	\$3.85



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### **7. Are there any special protocols for COVID?**

- Arrive no more than 10 minutes before your scheduled time. You will be greeted by a staff member and screened by asking the following questions:
  - Do you have any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing?
  - Do you have at least two of these symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell?
  - Have you returned from a trip outside the country within the last 2 weeks?
  - Have you been in contact with someone with COVID-19?
- Maintain a minimum of 2 metres physical distance at all times.
- Arrive dressed in your skating attire as change rooms are currently unavailable.
- Upon entering the facility wash and/or disinfect your hands before going on the ice.
- Listen carefully to staff and follow their instructions closely.
- All participants must exit the facility 10 minutes after their session ends.
- Follow directional signage to the exit doors. They may not be the same doors you entered.
- Wash/disinfect your hands on your way out.

### **8. When is registration cut off?**

Participants can register until the session is full. There will be no cut off. This is following the same procedure that is currently being done at aquatics.

### **9. Will the seals (skating aids) be available?**

Guests wanting to use hand-held on ice stabilizing devices (ie. seals) must ask a staff member. The device is non-transferrable and is the responsibility of the user (or parent/guardian) to return to the staff once its use is completed.

### **10. What is the difference between Public Skating and Drop-In Figure Skating?**

Drop-In Figure Skating is a session dedicated to figure skating skill development. Jumps and spins are permitted on Drop-In Figure Skating Sessions. Coaches are allowed on the Drop-In Figure Skating session but must pay.

Public skating is just for participants to come and do “basic” skating. No jumps and spins are allowed on public skating sessions.