

Bring a Friend Day Questions & Answers

What is a “Bring A Friend Day”?

Bring a Friend Day is a day for the club to show off their amazing program and to promote their club to friends of their club skaters. Clubs can choose to structure their day in the way that best suits their membership, but typically groups are formed and various on-ice activities are planned for each of the groups. Clubs are encouraged to structure this day similar to their regular CanSkate sessions.

Our club is going to be offering a Bring a Friend Day. What do we need to do?

Clubs may offer two Bring a Friend Days per membership year (September 1 – August 31) for no additional cost and all participants, including the friends, are covered with member accident insurance. The club must inform Skate Canada’s Member Services department of the scheduled dates and approximate number of friends expected to attend prior to the scheduled date(s). If more than two dates are planned in one membership year, the club must contact BFL CANADA and request to purchase member accident insurance for the non Skate Canada members that will be participating in this day. The cost will be \$2.00 per participant.

For each subsequent Bring A Friend Day after the first two, clubs must complete the Accident Insurance form for Non Members and provide the information to BFL CANADA prior to their Bring a Friend Day. The form can be found on Members Only under Clubs & Schools/Insurance or by contacting the Member Services Department.

Does my club need to keep track of the individuals participating?

Yes. Clubs will need to keep track of the numbers of “friends” attending and gather the names of the “friends”. It is not necessary for clubs to submit the names to Skate Canada, but the names should be kept for at least a year. Skate Canada may request a copy of the list within that time frame.

Is a Club covered by insurance for Bring a Friend Day?

The Club, as well as the Skate Canada members, are covered by general liability insurance.

Are the non-members participating in the Bring a Friend Day covered with accident insurance?

Yes. The non-members will be covered with accident insurance but only for the first two Bring A Friend Days per membership year, provided the club sends the Member Services department the necessary information as indicated above. For subsequent Bring A Friend Days, clubs must provide BFL CANADA with the completed Accident Insurance

form for Non Members in order for the non-members to be covered with accident insurance.

What happens with Bring a Friend Day if the Club has not provided the necessary information to Skate Canada?

If a non-member is injured, this individual will not be covered for any of their accident expenses. This means that any expenses they incur will not be covered by through Skate Canada's member accident insurance. Should the non-member decide to sue the club; the club is covered by their club liability insurance. (subject to the terms and conditions of the insurance policy).

Our club is having a "Skate with Santa" type day. Is this covered?

Only Skate Canada members participating in this program will be covered. Parents, siblings and friends of club members are not covered with member accident insurance and the club may not apply to BFL CANADA for additional insurance.

My club is planning to host a Bring a Friend Day and there will be participants on the ice whose skating skill level may not be known prior to the session beginning. What should our club do to ensure the safety of all the skaters?

In order to ensure the safety of all of the skaters all "friends" must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet, no matter their skating ability. This will also ensure the coach(es) will be able to begin the session promptly engaging the participants which will provide a positive and fun experience for everyone.

All inquires regarding Bring a Friend Days and club insurance should be directed to the Member Services Department at memberservices@skatecanada.ca or 1.888.747.2372.

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