

Family/Fun Skate Frequently Asked Questions

What is a “Family/Fun Skate”?

Family/Fun Skate is an event planned by a club that allows recreational skaters to invite their family members to participate in on-ice club activities.

Our club is going to be offering a Family/Fun Skate. What do we need to do?

Clubs may offer two Family/Fun Skates per membership year (September 1 – August 31) at no additional cost and all participants, including the family members, are covered by member accident insurance. The club must inform Skate Canada’s Member Services department of the scheduled dates and approximate number of family members 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 who will be participating in this event. The cost is \$2.00 per participant.

The Accident Insurance Form for Non-Members must be completed and the information must be submitted to BFL CANADA prior to the Family/Fun Skate. This form can be found in Members Only under Clubs and Schools > Insurance or by contacting the Member Services Department.

Are there any provisions that our club must follow in order to offer our membership this opportunity?

Yes. Below is a list of provisions that clubs **MUST** adhere to when offering Family/Fun Skates:

- Maximum of 90 participants on the ice at one time
- No hockey sticks allowed on the ice
- No strollers on the ice
- Minimum of one registered & qualified Skate Canada coach per 60 participants
- All participants must wear skates on the ice – no boots or shoes
- Any participant who is not a member of Skate Canada must wear a CSA-approved hockey helmet, regardless of their skating ability
- The Skate Canada Helmet Policy applies to all members of Skate Canada

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

Yes. Clubs must keep track of the numbers of family members attending and gather all of the names. It is not necessary for clubs to submit the names to Skate Canada, but the

names should be kept for at least one year. Skate Canada may request a copy of the list within that time frame.

Is a club covered by insurance for Family/Fun Skate?

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

Does accident insurance cover non-members participating in the Family/Fun Skate?

Yes. The non-members are covered by accident insurance but only for the first two "Skates" per membership year, provided the club sends the Member Services Department the necessary information as indicated above. For subsequent Family/Fun Skates, clubs must provide BFL CANADA with the completed Accident Insurance Form for Non-Members in order for the non-members to be covered by accident insurance.

What happens with Family/Fun Skate 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 Skate Canada's member accident insurance. Should the non-member decide to sue the club, the club would be covered by its club liability insurance (subject to the terms and conditions of the insurance policy).

What is the difference between a Family/Fun Skate and Bring a Friend Day?

The main difference is programming. Bring a Friend Day is an opportunity for skaters to bring a friend to participate in a skating program with them. Club volunteers and coaches work together to organize a day where skaters bring their friends and the friends are incorporated into a skating program like CanSkate. This gives the skaters' friends the opportunity to experience the skating program firsthand and hopefully want to join in! Family/Fun Skates are designed to allow clubs the opportunity to invite families of their skaters to enjoy some family activities at the club. Often clubs like to plan events like these around the holiday season. There are no skating programs being offered during a Family/Fun Skate session.

All inquiries regarding Family/Fun Skates should be directed to the Member Services Department at memberservices@skatecanada.ca or 1.888.747.2372.

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