

Yellowknife Speed Skating Club
Skate Rental Policy

Goal: To encourage participation in speed skating and membership in the YKSSC by helping skaters get started in speed skating at a reasonable cost.

The YKSSC can achieve this by:

- Purchasing a limited number of entry and intermediate level speed skates and making them available for rental to club members for the speed skating season and for club members to participate in designated summer camps;
- Purchasing skates in good condition from families leaving speed skating for the club rental pool;
- Organizing club and individual skate orders on an as needed basis;
- Skaters in the Competitive II group will be encouraged to purchase their own skates, but this can be facilitated through club orders;
- Priority for the development of a club rental skate pool will be given to beginning and intermediate level skate sizes;
- The rental season will be from registration to the last class or race of the season.

Who gets the skates:

- The skates will be available for rental to paid up club members registered in the club speed skating program;
- Priority will be given to club members participating in a full program of two sessions a week, and who have demonstrated a commitment to participation in speed skating on an ongoing basis (i.e. returning members will be fitted before new members; members who miss several consecutive sessions may need to give up their skates to members who are coming on a regular basis);
- The particular skate size, make, model, blade and blade size will be assigned at the discretion of the coaches. During the season, coaches may recommend changes for some skaters as a skaters skill level, competition level and foot size changes;
- Skates will be distributed at a “fitting night” following registration and coaches recommendations regarding skates (i.e. appropriate for skill level and size) will be followed;
- Skates may be available for coaches but priority is to be given to skaters.

Club responsibility:

- The club will provide good quality speed skates for rent on a limited basis, however, as there are a limited number of skates available, the club can not commit to providing skates to all skaters;

- The club will provide information on, and demonstrate proper skate care and safe handling of skates;
- The club (coaches, designated equipment rep) will check skates periodically to ensure the renter is maintaining the skates properly;
- The club retains the right to ask for the return of the skates at any time if they feel that the skates are not being properly maintained. A refund will be made if warranted.

Renter Responsibility:

- An adult must be the designated skate renter and take responsibility for completing the rental form, paying the fees and maintaining the skates;
- The renter takes responsibility for the proper care, maintenance and safe handling of the skates and blades;
- Any required repairs identified by the coach or equipment rep after rental will be paid for by the renter;
- Skates will be returned immediately following the last class or race of the season;
- In the case of summer camps, the skates will be returned at the end of the summer camp;
- Renters are responsible for the skates and blades rented, and any changes or trading can only be done with the approval of the coaches or the equipment rep and must be documented with new rental forms;
- The skates are to be used for speed skating only (exceptions can be made for school sponsored “class skates”);
- The renter should not make unreasonable demands on the club regarding skate quality or services provided (e.g. a limited number of skates are available from the club. While group orders may be facilitated through the club, and from time to time the YKSSC will upgrade the skates in the rental pool, no skates will be purchased on an individual basis.);
- Skates can not be used on outside ice (this will damage the blades);
- Sharpeners approved by the club must sharpen skates.

Costs:

- \$125.00 per season for skates and blades;
- \$125.00 damage deposit – (refunded at the discretion of the coach, equipment rep or executive member if there is no damage to the skates).

Camps:

- \$25.00 for summer camp;
- \$125.00 damage deposit – (refunded at the discretion of the coach, equipment rep or executive member if there is no damage to the skates).