

# **Yellowknife Speed Skating Club**

## **Skate Rental Policy**

### **(Revised March 2016)**

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 or receiving donated skates in good condition from families leaving speed skating for the Club rental pool;
- Organizing Club orders on an as needed basis;
- Encouraging skaters in the Competitive group to purchase their own skates that can be facilitated through Club orders.

Who gets the skates:

- The skates will be available for rental to Club members registered in the speed skating program and are in good standing;
- Priority for the development of a Club rental skate pool will be given to beginning and intermediate level skate sizes;
- Priority will be given to returning Club members, followed by new registrants 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;
- The particular skate size, make, model, blade and blade size will be assigned by the skate coordinator. Skates will be distributed following registration. All skates will have a pair of hard and soft guards.
- During the season, coaches may recommend changes for some skaters as a skater's skill level, competition level and foot size changes at no additional charge;
- Skates may be available for coaches at no cost, but priority is to be given to skaters.

Club responsibility:

- The Club will provide good quality speed skates (including a pair of hard and soft guards) for rent on a limited basis, as 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 (including sharpening);
- The Club will identify qualified individuals that can be contacted to sharpen skates;

- The Club may check skates periodically to ensure the renter is maintaining the skates properly and retains the right to ask for the return of skates at any time if they feel that the skates are not being properly maintained. A refund will be made if warranted;
- The Executive has the discretion to set a date beyond which skates will not be rented.

#### 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 (see Appendix A);
- Without proper training or direction, renters should not sharpen skates;
- Skates (including hard and soft guards) will be returned immediately following the last class or race of the season or at a time designated by the skate coordinator;
- Renters are responsible for the skates and blades rented (including hard and soft guards), and any changes or trading can only be done with the approval of the coaches or the skate coordinator and must be documented;
- The skates are to be used on indoor ice only;
- The renter should not make unreasonable demands on the club regarding skate quality or services provided;
- Sharpeners approved by the club must sharpen skates.

#### Costs:

- \$125.00 per season for skates and blades (includes hard and soft guards) (additional \$25 for summer camp);
- \$125.00 damage deposit – (refunded at the discretion of the coach, skate coordinator or executive member if there is no damage to the skates).

#### Appendix A: Speed Skate Care

1. ALWAYS dry off the blades following skating. Do not leave blades inside the hard guards after skating. Use soft guards.
2. ALWAYS walk in the skates using the hard guards. Speed skating blades lose their edge easily.
3. SHARPEN the blades – recommended monthly or every 5 -10 practices depending on skater's size, ability and care of the blades. (\$10 per sharpen from older skaters).
4. DON'T allow blades to clang against each other in a sports bag. Scratching or nicking the blade may end the usefulness of the blades.
5. LEARN the care techniques from coaches, older skaters and other parents.