



2025 - 2026 Volunteer Policy

Volunteers are essential to the operation of Cypress School of Skating. Those skaters in our PreCanSkate/CanSkate and figure skating streams (Junior Academy, Star 1&2, and StarSkate) are offered additional opportunities above and beyond our regular skating programs for the Fall and Winter Sessions (September through to March). As such, we require families to volunteer their time for the success of our events.

Each **PreCanSkate/CanSkate family must volunteer a minimum of TWO HOURS** with the club over the Fall and Winter skating sessions. While each **figure skating family must volunteer for a minimum of SIX HOURS** with the club over the Fall and Winter skating sessions. Opportunities to complete your volunteer hours include volunteering for both preparation and on the ground at our CSOS events. You can also fulfil your volunteer requirement when you join the CSOS Board of Directors (while also earning credits to your skating account)! Throughout the year, it will be each family's responsibility to keep track of their volunteer time with the Office Administrator. CSOS will prorate the events required accordingly for those who register later in the year.

Families who do not fulfill the volunteer requirements throughout the regular skating season will have **\$100 charge for PreCan/CanSkate** or **\$300 for figure skaters (Junior Academy, Star 1&2, and StarSkate)** added to their latest invoice on file with CSOS, unless there are extenuating circumstances that the CSOS Board has previously approved of Directors. The fee will be prorated for those who register later in the season.

Where there are not enough volunteer opportunities in a given year to allow families to meet their minimum requirement, the CSOS board will consider the ratio of overall opportunities available to time committed by each family before issuing the charge.

Casino Volunteers

Fundraising is essential to the operation of CSOS. One of our major fundraising opportunities is the CSOS Casino, which is allotted to the club every 18-24 months by the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission. Casinos are important to all members of our club as it defers many of the costs skating families would have to otherwise incur, as the funds raised go towards subsidizing costs of ice sessions. In the years CSOS is awarded a Casino, you can redeem a "2-hour" volunteer credit by volunteering either yourself or providing an individual who will volunteer on behalf of the family. In addition to fulfilling your "2-hour" credit, you will also receive a \$50 credit towards your family skating account for each casino volunteer provided. (Please note that casino shift times vary so the volunteer will be required to stay for the entire duration of their shift.)

Any questions regarding our volunteer opportunities can be directed to office@csos.ca.