



FLASHING BLADES APRIL 1, 2017



WHAT IS FLASHING BLADES?

Flashing Blades is our year end skating show featuring the talent of our skaters from PreCanskate to Senior B. It is a great way for the skaters to show their family and friends, all of their hard work and accomplishments throughout the skating season in a fun and creative way.

This year will be our **67th edition of Flashing Blades** and our theme is Willie Wonka and Billboards Top 100. It will be performed at the Brantford Civic Centre on **Saturday April 1, 2017**. There are two shows, 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

ALL skaters from the Brant Skating Club (other than PrePower, CanPower and Learn to Skate) will participate. Skaters will be placed in a group based on their skating ability after the first Test Day that is completed on or before **December 1, 2016**.

The skaters will skate to music in a specific costume designed by the Carnival Coordinators with the assistance of the Costume Coordinators that go along with our theme. There will be special coloured lights, spotlights and props.



COSTUME INFORMATION

Costumes were designed by the Coaches and Carnival Coordinators in accordance with the theme. Costume fabric is supplied by the Brant Skating Club.

Casting list is posted during the Christmas Party. Costume packages are handed out approximately 3-4 weeks prior to picture day.

It is up to **YOU** to have the costumes made for your skater. There are some sewers within the club that offer their services for a nominal fee, however, the Brant Skating Club DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY for their workmanship. There will be demos made and on display in the arena for you to see what the costume should look like.

If you have any questions about costumes, please contact Lauren Boyce. carnival@brantskatingclub.ca or 519 732 9452

Please note: zippers, thread, velcro etc will NOT be supplied by the Brant Skating Club. Some costumes will require the purchase of certain items (gloves, specific coloured tights, etc.) Please follow the instructions given for patterns and do not add extra accessories or embellishments.

PRACTICE AND REHEARSAL TIMES

Practices for the PreCanskate, Canskate and Junior skaters usually start mid February. Time will be divided between Flashing Blades practice and regular badge work. **Skaters will still come at the same time as usual.** Practices for Intermediate and Senior skaters will start in March and a schedule will be posted. Every effort will be made to keep practices on skaters' regular session.



IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday February 26th - Flashing Blades Picture Day: All Skaters should be in the Lions Park auditorium half an hour before scheduled times. All Skaters are to have their hair pulled back off the face and make up done. Please, no jewelry. The Photographer will take group and individual pictures. To ensure we keep on schedule, please do not have skaters' individual pictures done until the group picture has been taken. For Intermediate B and Senior skaters, please make sure ALL of your group pictures are taken prior to any individual pictures. The picture day schedule will be emailed, posted at the arena and/or put in skater's mailboxes. These pictures are used for the Flashing Blades Program which will be available at Dress Rehearsal and on the day of the shows, for a small fee.

Wednesday March 22nd – Junior Finale Practice at Lion's Park

5:30 p.m. – Features and Soloists

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Oompa-Loompas, Candy Canes, Lollipops, Golden Eggs, Everlasting Gobstoppers, Sour Patch Kids, Rainbow Drops, Gummy Bears, Wonka Bars.

Saturday March 25th - Run through for PreCanskate, Canskate and Junior skaters (Int B and Senior skaters will also be required to attend this practice) at Civic Centre.

Thursday March 30th - Run through for Intermediate and Senior skaters (Held at Lions' Park)

Friday March 31st - Dress Rehearsal. (HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE) All skaters must be in full costume. If any extended family members wish to come to dress rehearsal, a full admission charge will be charged. No outsiders will be able to enter arena without paying admission.

Saturday April 1st - Flashing Blades 1pm and 7pm. All skaters should arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to the show.



FLASHING BLADES RULES

Rules and regulations are in place for the benefit of skaters and coaches. Please review these rules carefully. **YOU** are responsible for your ensuring your skater understands and abides by them.

Attendance

Attendance at practices and rehearsals is not optional. *Your skater may miss a maximum of only two practices. Intermediate B and Senior skaters may miss no more than two in any one number.* Attendance will be taken and strictly enforced. More than ten minutes late to a practice will count as being absent. **There are no exceptions to the rules.**

All skaters MUST attend their run through, the dress rehearsal, and both shows.

Skaters are to be on time for dress rehearsal and both shows and **MUST arrive thirty minutes before show time.**

Dressing Room

Skaters must remain in the dressing room until it is their group's turn to be on the ice. If a skater must leave for any reason, they must advise the dressing room volunteer. Costumes are to be covered at all times when you leave the dressing room. Parents are **NOT** allowed in the dressing rooms unless they ***are the dressing room volunteer for that shift.***

All PreCanskate, Canskate and Junior skating parents: one parent may stay with the child until the dressing room volunteer arrives. Space is very limited. Volunteers know what needs to be done. **You MUST pick up your child at intermission in the auditorium or at the end of their number if they are in PreCanskate.** The back hallway of the arena near the stage area will be blocked off during the show. For the safety and security of all skaters, skaters may **ONLY** be picked up from the auditorium where a parent must sign them out. PreCanskate parents, please allow the dressing room parents to escort the children to/from the ice. Your child may be met in the auditorium at the end of their number.

To keep costumes clean, no food or drinks will be allowed in the dressing rooms, by skaters, parents or volunteers.

Intermission will be short. All skaters in the second half of the show must be in their dressing rooms by the end of the first half of the show and remain there until ice time.

OTHER RULES:

Skaters are to **BE ON TIME** FOR DRESS REHEARSAL AND BOTH SHOWS AND MUST ARRIVE THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE SHOW TIME.

Skates should be clean for dress rehearsal and all shows. Laces should be clean and no socks should show above the skates.

To minimize the risk of missing skate guards, skaters are urged to clearly mark their name on them.

No talking backstage or on the ice during the show. No parents are allowed backstage.

No gum chewing.

Do not wear watches or jewelry, unless it is part of the costume.



Absolutely no flowers to be thrown on the ice.

Mandatory: all skaters must attend run through/dress rehearsal and both shows. Intermediate and senior skaters must wear skating attire for all practices; long hair must be tied back. An 100% effort and cooperation is expected.

Please help us all abide by these rules for the safety and enjoyment of all the skaters.

Frequently asked questions:

Q) How do I get more information?

A) View the bulletin board, check your mailboxes, or contact a Board member. All name and numbers are on the website www.brantskatingclub.ca or contact the Flashing Blades chair (Lauren Boyce) at carnival@brantskatingclub.ca

Q) As a parent or grandparent, how can I participate?

A) You may want to volunteer your time in the many jobs needed to be done in a show of this size.

Q) Why do we have rules and regulations?

A) These are in place for the safety and benefit of both skaters and coaches.

Q) What if my child missed too many practices?

A) He/she might not be allowed to participate. See the respective Coordinator (Nancy Osborn for Junior or Lee Ann McMillan for Senior) or any Board member to discuss your child's absence.

Q) Why is my child not in the same group as her/his friend?

A) Skaters are grouped based on their skating ability.

Q) Why is that skater a Featured Skater?

A) All skaters are featured one way or another, but criteria set by Board members and coordinators dictates who will have a cameo or solo for each number.

Q) Can anyone participate?

A) All skaters of Brant Skating Club (other than PrePower, CanPower and Learn to Skate) were registered to participate in Flashing Blades and should be on a casting list, unless you have advised us that the skater will not be participating. If your child's name is not on the list, let a Board member know right away.

Q) Can we go away for March Break?

A) Yes, you can go away during March Break. Practices schedules have been planned to allow for skaters to miss March break and still participate in the show. However, if you do miss the March Break practices, you will not be allowed to miss any other scheduled practices or you may be removed from the show.

**If you have any further questions, please contact any
Board member**

(see our website www.brantskatingclub.ca)

