

# ***WTSC Carnival 2026 Handbook***

## **Welcome to Icons on Ice!**

### ***What is an Icon?***

***A music icon is a widely recognized, highly influential artist who transcends their genre to become a lasting cultural symbol, defined by longevity, consistent popularity, and significant impact on music, fashion, or society. They are trailblazers with distinct, instantly recognizable styles who leave a legacy that persists across generations.***

Each year our **carnival** is a **fun, end-of-season ice show** where skaters get to perform for family, friends, and our local community in a **non-competitive, supportive environment**. Carnival is a celebration of progress rather than perfection full of smiles, creativity and memorable moments. Skaters will be learning group numbers choreographed to fun, themed music highlighting their teamwork, showmanship, and performance skills.

Our carnival theme, “**Icons on Ice**,” celebrates **iconic music**—songs and artists that are instantly recognizable and loved across generations.

Take a moment to read through this handbook for an overview of important information as we prepare for the show!

### **Where can I find information about carnival?**

This handbook is your go to guide for all things carnival. You can find carnival information on our website, [waterfordtricenturenaskatingclub.com](http://waterfordtricenturenaskatingclub.com) Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates as well.

### **Where and when is carnival?**

- Carnival is taking place at the Waterford arena
- Skaters are required to attend the dress rehearsal on Friday April 10 beginning at 5:30pm and carnival shows on Saturday April 11 at 1pm and 6pm.

### **What will my skater be doing?**

Each skater will be assigned to a specific Carnival group according to class and skill level. Coaches choreograph a number to fit the accompanying music. Our coaches design each show number to showcase our skaters’ abilities so everyone can participate and enjoy!

### **How are skaters grouped for the ice show?**

Once registration is complete, our coaches group skaters of similar skill level together. We aim to ensure that every skater is comfortable in their Carnival group so they feel

confident skating together. Because of this we are unable to take requests to put friends in the same group or to change groups based on practice times.

### **Why is Practice and Rehearsal Attendance so important?**

Our aim is for each skater to skate confidently during the show. In many cases, skaters will be skating in a group and learning a skating program for the first time. Skaters take pride in their performances so it is important that every skater attends every practice and rehearsal. Skaters that miss 3 or more practices or rehearsals may not be able to participate in Carnival.

If your skater cannot attend a practice, please speak with a coach directly or email <mailto:wtsc.info@gmail.com> to let the coaches know.

### **What if my skater does not wish to participate after I have registered?**

Please let us know if your skater is unable to attend one or both shows as the coaches may need to adjust the choreography of their skating number. Due to the costs and logistics associated with the production, all registrations are non-refundable.

### **What is the practice schedule?**

Practices for CanSkate classes will begin March 14, 16, and 19 2026

Practices for STARSkate classes will begin March 23, 25, and 26 2026

- Carnival practices begin for all skating classes
- Practice times are during regularly schedules classes in both Simcoe and Waterford
- Me and My Parent skaters are only to attend the practice on their regularly scheduled skating day
- Program Assistants are asked to attend a minimum of 1 practice for the PA number each week but are encouraged to attend both. **All program assistants must attend the practice on April 10 from 5:00-5:30**
- All STARSkaters are invited to participate in the Opening Number. The practice for the Opening Number will be from 4:00-5:00pm on Friday April 10, 2026. This is the **ONLY** practice for the Opening number. **Skaters must attend this practice and be on time to participate in the number.** This number require immense coordination and teamwork and had a limited amount of time to rehearse.

### March 30-April 9 – Carnival Practice Schedule

- Please use the carnival practice schedule. This is attached at the end of the handbook. Your skater is only required to attend the practice times for the numbers they are participating in.
- All practices are at the Waterford arena

### **What skating number is my skater in?**

Please see the cast list at the end of this handbook. You will find your skater listed in their number. The spelling of your skater's name has been taken from your Uplifter registration account. If you cannot find your skater or have any questions let us know.

### **What about costumes?**

- Measurements for costumes will be taken during your skater's lessons before mid February
- Costumes will be sent home for your skater in March. Core elements for your skater's costume will be provided by the club. Information about any additional items you may need to add to your skater's costume will be provided when costumes are distributed.
- Please keep all your costume pieces clean and tidy. Costumes cannot be easily replaced as they are often hand sewn. Please take care. The club re-uses our costumes to help keep costs down for all skaters.
- Costumes will be returned to the club on the day of carnival. Following your skater's final show, there will be a costume return drop box. **Please make sure you bring a change of clothes to the arena on carnival day for your skater to wear home after the final show.**
- CanSkaters are required to wear their helmets during carnival. Our costume committee prides itself on their creative ways to incorporate helmets into your skater's costume.

### **What about carnival photos?**

- This year, we will be having photos taken for all our carnival groups and individual skaters. **More information will follow.**
- Date and times will be announced once this has been confirmed.
- You will be able to purchase your skater's photos if you choose.
- Photos will also be used in the Icons on Ice Carnival Program available digitally during the show.

### **When can I buy additional tickets for the show?**

- Each family has purchased 1 adult accompaniment ticket for each show. 1 adult must be present in the arena with their skaters at each show.
- Additional tickets will be available for purchase for \$10 per person CASH ONLY during regular WTSC classes. Children age 3 and under are free and do not require a ticket.
- Ticket sale dates:
  - Sales begin Monday March 23, 2026
  - Tickets are available for purchase in the arena lobby either in Simcoe or Waterford during regularly scheduled WTSC programs
- Skaters do not require a ticket.

- The Waterford arena has a limited seating capacity due to fire code regulations. With 140 skaters registered for our carnival, there will be a limit of 4 tickets to be purchased per skater family for each show until Saturday March 28. Beginning Tuesday April 7 all remaining tickets will be available to purchase.
- Please note we typically have tickets available for our evening show.
- We have a LIMITED number of volunteer jobs which need filling on the day of dress rehearsal and carnival. **Volunteers are NOT required to have a ticket for the show they assist during but are required to remain in their role for the entire show.** Please see the volunteer section for more information.

### **Can I help make the carnival run smoothly as a volunteer?**

- Without our parent volunteers carnival would not be possible!
- When ticket sales begin, a volunteer sign up board will be posted where parents can sign up for various jobs at dress rehearsal and in either of the 2 carnival shows.
- We need parents to help with the following:
  - Front of house ticket collection
  - Ushers (4 per show)
  - Concession stand volunteers
  - Lighting operators (must be available for Friday night dress rehearsals and both shows on Saturday, minimum of 4 adult volunteers)
  - Dressing room volunteers: We need a minimum of 2 parents/adults in each changeroom where our skaters are waiting during the show. Parents must be willing to stay in the dressing room for the entire show. We try to match parents to the same changeroom as their skater if requested.
  - Arena set up on Friday April 10 (10am-4pm)
  - Arena clean up (following 6pm show)

### **What happens at Dress Rehearsal on Friday April 10 at the Waterford arena?**

- Skaters are required to attend dress rehearsal. This is a practice run to ensure everything will be smooth on the following day.
- An order of show will be sent to all skaters in an email and posted on the website during the last two weeks of carnival practice.
- If your skater is only in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the show please arrive at 5:00pm to the arena in costume and ready to skate. The first half of the show (practice) start at 5:30pm sharp.
- If your skater is only in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half please arrive at 6:00, to the arena in costume and ready to skate. The second half of the show start at approximately 6:30pm.
- Skaters will practice entering and exiting the ice through the curtain located at the Zamboni end of the rink.
- Skaters will complete their full number to their music and learn the finale and final bow the half or halves of the show their number(s) is in.

- Skaters will have a dressing room to get their skates on but will not need to stay in the dressing rooms during dress rehearsal show – they can stay with a parent/guardian and watch in the stands if they wish (guards are recommended). They will need to be in their changeroom 3 numbers before their number is scheduled to go on the ice and 3 numbers before the finale to ensure things will be running smoothly.
- The concession stand will be open with drinks and snacks for sale during the show. This is a fundraiser for the club and WTSC appreciates your support.
- Family and friends are welcome to watch dress rehearsal as well. There is no ticketed fee for dress rehearsal. We ask you consider making a donation to the Waterford Foodbank as you enter the arena to support our community as part of dress rehearsal.

### **What happens at Carnival on Saturday April 11 at the Waterford arena?**

- Two shows
  - 1:00pm
  - 6:00pm
  - The show features a 1st half and 2nd half with a brief intermission in the middle.
- Skaters are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to each show. Please see information about signing in to dressing rooms
- The show is divided into 2 halves with a 10-minute intermission.
- Your skater will be in their dressing room for the entire half of the show when their number is skating. Skaters who are skating in both halves of the show will remain in their dressing room for the entire show.
- Doors open for general admission 30 minutes prior to the start of the show.
- Please note all seating is general admission. Seating will not be reserved in advance.
- The concession stand will be open with drinks and snacks for sale during the show. This is a fundraiser for the club and WTSC appreciates your support.

### **Family/friends/general admission**

- Doors will open to the general public 30 minutes prior to the show.
- Please come with your ticket ready.
- Accessible seating will be available in the lobby during the shows in the regular viewing area at the arena. Please let us know if you need assistance. There will be several volunteers at the arena to assist and direct you to appropriate seating as required.

### **Where will my skater be on carnival day (dressing rooms)?**

- Each parent/guardian is required to sign their skater in with dressing room volunteers at the required time. You will be asked to leave your phone number to be contacted if required.
- Dressing rooms will have at least 2 volunteers in each room.
- Skaters will be taken to the ice for their performance and back to the dressing rooms by volunteers.
- We ask that you leave your skater fully dressed, including skates, in their dressing room.
- There will be some quiet activities in the change rooms for the skaters – colouring, books, etc.
- You will be able to have your skater join you in the stands to watch the show in the half of the show they are not skating in. We ask parents/guardians to pick up or drop off skaters in dressing rooms before the show begins or at intermission or at the end of the show. We ask you to stay seated in the stands during the show.
- Dressing room volunteers will sign your skater out when they leave their dressing room.

### **What about drinking and eating at Carnival for skaters in costume?**

- Please remember costumes are one of a kind so bring snacks which are not messy but will keep little one's tummies full and happy. We remind you to remember common allergens such as peanuts as you pack for the day.

### **Will flowers be available for purchase to congratulate my skater on the day of carnival?**

- Once again WTSC is partnering with Crème Brulee & Bouquets to offer options for families to purchase flowers for their skaters.
- Bouquets will be available for pickup at carnival. Order forms will be sent out or available at the arena. Please watch for further details.
- Individual Carnations will be for sale at the carnival for both shows.

### **Any other information which we need to know?**

- Help us fundraise for carnival! We will be running a 50/50 draw beginning in March with the final draw at our evening carnival show. Please watch for information about tickets and your chance to support our skaters and win big!
- WTSC will be welcoming special guests to skate with our skaters! Watch for upcoming announcements for our iconic guests to be announced!

## Cast List for Icons on Ice

<b>CanSkate</b>		
<b>Monday CanSkate Level 1-6</b>		<b>Wednesday Shining Stars</b>
<b>Beach Boys</b>	<b>ABBA</b>	<b>Nancy Sinatra</b>
Bennett Francke Emmett Anderson Giulia Serra Jonah Dimal Joyce Dostal Lachlan Brophy Macie Ancio Olivia Serra Paisley Tiller	Addison Murray Alexis Barry Alexis Coulson Alice Dostal Angellena Cortez Charlie Arnold Cody Kohut Leah Barry Lexie DeLeebeeck Rikki-Lee Kiss Tyler DeLeebeeck Maya Schutten Nizana Hopkins	Claire Bilinsky Delilah Barkley Ellie Lavigne Emma Martin Eva Bergman Isabelle Malloy MaryJane Krug Maya Schutten Nizana Hopkins Oaklynn Knill Victoria Gulka
<b>Thursday CanSkate Level 2-6</b>		
<b>Frank Sinatra</b>	<b>Aretha Franklin</b>	<b>Van Halen</b>
Abbey Crawford Amelia Cascanette Annie Vinnai Audrey Geerlings Everett Clark-Thompson Felix Mattice Harriette Wilton Isla Bortolon Kaiden Miedema Korbin Knill Lillian Klassen Madison Krug	Aubrey DeGraaf Delainey Baker-Gibbs Everly Smith Isabelle Malloy Isabelle Soppit Oaklynn Knill Elijah Anokye Lily Avey Mia Wilson Nickolas Rebelo Nora Bilinsky Osana Anokye Peyton Baker-Gibbs	Claire Bilinsky Delilah Barkley Ellie Lavigne Emma Martin Eva Bergman MaryJane Krug Cody Kohut Mallory Redford Mckenna Carter Rosalie Stenhouse Victoria Gulka

<b>Thursday PreCanSkate/Level 1</b>	<b>Thursday &amp; Saturday Me&amp;My Parent</b>	<b>Saturday CanSkate Level 1-6</b>
<b>Micheal Jackson</b>	<b>The Wiggles</b>	<b>Katrina &amp; The Waves</b>
Adam Perry Addison Cruickshank Alaya Goetz Benjamin Fanson Brantley Harding Brantley Perry Carson Perry Charlotte Bilinsky Clara Mattice Georgia Lee Harper Misener Owen Lynn Sila Mcleod	Adaline Knill Ava Vandenheede Avery Goetz Brynlee Bertrand Louis Dalia Raelynn Sault Rory Spencer Charlotte Stieh Hayden Berkel Sutter Medway	Elena Watt Everleigh Tompkins Gabriel Pereira Hayden Dewhirst Jordan Medway Mackenzie Stieh Mason Tickner Tessa Berkel
<b>STARSkate</b>		
<b>Monday Star 1/2</b>	<b>Wednesday Star 1/2</b>	<b>Thursday Star 1/2</b>
<b>Tori Kelly</b>	<b>Anne Hathaway, The Rio Singers, Jamie Foxx, Jesse Eisenberg, George Lopez, will.i.am</b>	<b>The Beatles</b>
Ali Mudford Charley Hagerty Emma Smith Everly Simons Ganesh Rana Madelyn Simons Mariam Kinkel	Abigail Earls Ali Mudford Avaya Humphrey Claire Schira Ellia Avey Ellie Laferriere Emma Smith Ganesh Rana Lila Baldwin Lyra Kramer Paige Crawford Sophia De Boer Stella Suglio	Abigail Earls Adalyn Kinkel Avaya Humphrey Bay Driedger Charley Hagerty Claire Schira Ellia Avey Ellie Laferriere Everly Simons Lila Baldwin Lyra Kramer Madelyn Simons Mariam Kinkel Paige Crawford Sophia De Boer Stella Suglio
<b>Monday Star 2/3/4</b>	<b>Wednesday Star 2/3/4</b>	

<b>Rhianna</b>	<b>Wham!</b>	
Ada Barry Adalyn Kinkel Alba Wirtjes Bay Driedger Freya Bezzo Lily Tompkins Makayla Courneyea Molly Bishop Natalia Notarandrea Tanha Hopkins	Ada Barry Alba Wirtjes Freya Bezzo Isla Woodley Libby Haskett Lily Tompkins Makayla Courneyea Natalia Notarandrea Tanha Hopkins	
<b>Monday Star 3+</b>	<b>Wednesday Star 3+</b>	<b>Thursday Star 3+</b>
<b>Neil Diamond</b>	<b>Bruno Mars</b>	<b>Prince</b>
Amberlynn Becker Henry Kowalsky Julia Dawdy Liliana Garrett Lydia Land Molly Bishop Natalie Papadopoulos Piper Jones	Henry Kowalsky Julia Dawdy Meghan Ewing Travis Whitford	Aurora Duesling Gracen Pickard Henry Kowalsky Isla Woodley Libby Haskett Liliana Garrett Lydia Land Molly Bishop Natalie Papadopoulos Travis Whitford
<b>Adult</b>	<b>Program Assistants</b>	<b>Soloists and Step Outs</b>
<b>Madonna</b>	<b>Taylor Swift</b>	
Bonnie Brennan Jamie Szabo Lea-Ann Wilton Lisa Chatterson-Elley Lisa Madden Lisa Sloat Maddie Bard Meghan Ewing Nicole Simons Sadie Bilinsky Sean Elley Suzanne Avey	Alba Wirtjes Gracen Pickard Henry Kowalsky Isla Woodley Julia Dawdy Libby Haskett Liliana Garrett Lily Tompkins Lydia Land Molly Bishop Natalia Notarandrea Natalie Papadopoulos Piper Jones Tanha Hopkins Travis Whitford	Aurora Duesling - Lady Gaga/Bradely Cooper  Gracen Pickard - Tracy Chapman/Luke Coombs  Meghan Ewing - Spotlight Bruno Mars  Amberlynn Becker - Spotlight Neil Diamond  Julia Dawdy- Ozzie Osborne  Travis Whitford – The Rolling Stones
<b>Opening Number</b>	<b>First Half Finale</b>	<b>Second Half Finale</b>
<b>Queen</b>	<b>Elvis</b>	

All STARSkaters who attend practice on April 10 at 4:00pm	All skaters in the first half of the show	All skaters in the second half of the show
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Carnival Practice Schedule  
March 30 to April 9 at **The Waterford Tricenturena**

Monday March 30		
4:00-5:00	STAR 1/2	Tori Kelly
5:00-5:40	STAR 2/3/4	Rhianna
5:40-6:00	Program Assistants	Taylor Swift
6:00-6:10	FLOOD	
6:10-6:30	CanSkate Level 1-6	Beach Boys
6:30-6:50	CanSkate Level 1-6	ABBA
6:50-7:20	Solo Practice	
7:20-7:50	STAR 3+	Neil Diamond

Wednesday April 1		
4:00-5:00	STAR 1/2	Anne Hathaway, The Rio Singers, Jamie Foxx, Jesse Eisenberg, George Lopez, will.i.am
5:00-5:50	Shining STARS	Nacy Sinatra
5:50-6:00	FLOOD	
6:00-6:40	STAR 2/3/4	Wham!
6:40-7:10	Solo Practice	
7:10-7:50	STAR 3+	Bruno Mars
7:50-8:00	FLOOD	
8:00-8:50	Adult	Madonna

Thursday April 2		
4:00-4:50	STAR 1/2	The Beatles
4:50-5:25	STAR 3+	Prince
5:25-5:40	Program Assistants	Taylor Swift
5:40-5:50	FLOOD	
5:50-6:05	PreCanSkate/Level 1	Michael Jackson
6:05-6:20	Thursday Me and My Parent	The Wiggles (Thursday Skaters Only)
6:20-6:40	CanSkate Level 2-6	Van Halen

6:40-7:00	CanSkate Level 2-6	Aretha Franklin
7:00-7:20	CanSkate Level 2-6	Frank Sinatra

Saturday April 4		
4:00-4:20	Saturday Me and My Parent	The Wiggles (Saturday Skaters Only)
4:20-4:45	CanSkate Level 1-6	Katrina & the Waves
4:45-5:50	Solo Practice	

Tuesday April 7 ( <b>Monday Night Classes</b> )		
4:00-5:00	STAR 1/2	Tori Kelly
5:00-5:40	STAR 2/3/4	Rhianna
5:40-6:00	Program Assistants	Taylor Swift
6:00-6:10	FLOOD	
6:10-6:30	CanSkate Level 1-6	Beach Boys
6:30-6:50	CanSkate Level 1-6	ABBA
6:50-7:20	Solo Practice	
7:20-7:50	STAR 3+	Neil Diamond

Wednesday April 8		
4:00-5:00	STAR 1/2	Anne Hathaway, The Rio Singers, Jamie Foxx, Jesse Eisenberg, George Lopez, will.i.am
5:00-5:50	Shining STARS	Nacy Sinatra
5:50-6:00	FLOOD	
6:00-6:40	STAR 2/3/4	Wham!
6:40-7:10	Solo Practice	
7:10-7:50	STAR 3+	Bruno Mars
7:50-8:00	FLOOD	
8:00-8:50	Adult	Madonna

Thursday April 9		
4:00-4:50	STAR 1/2	The Beatles
4:50-5:25	STAR 3+	Prince
5:25-5:40	Program Assistants	Taylor Swift
5:40-5:50	FLOOD	
5:50-6:05	PreCanSkate/Level 1	Michael Jackson
6:05-6:20	Thursday Me and My Parent	The Wiggles (Thursday Skaters Only)
6:20-6:40	CanSkate Level 2-6	Van Halen
6:40-7:00	CanSkate Level 2-6	Aretha Franklin
7:00-7:20	CanSkate Level 2-6	Frank Sinatra

Friday April 10 - Dress Rehearsal		
4:00-5:00	All STARSkaters – <b>Skaters must attend this practice if they would like to be in the opening number</b>	Opening Number - Queen
5:00-5:30	Program Assistants – <b>Mandatory Practice for all Program Assistants</b>	Taylor Swift - 22
5:30 (Skaters to arrive by 5:00)	Dress Rehearsal	First Half
Approximately 6:30 (Skaters to arrive by 6:00)	Dress Rehearsal	Second Hald