

CANSKATE PROGRAM ASSISTANT (PA) FAQs:

HOW DO I BECOME A CANSKATE PROGRAM ASSISTANT(PA)?

You have to be at least 10 years of age and be at least a Star B session or higher skater (have 3+ points)

There will be CanSkate PA training sessions throughout the season, and attendance for the training sessions is mandatory. Returning and New Program Assistants must attend. If you do not attend the training sessions, then you can't help as a PA for that season. Training will be done every year.

HOW MANY CANSKATE PA SESSIONS CAN I SIGN UP FOR?

You can sign up for as many CanSkate sessions as you like. You have to commit to attending these sessions throughout the season.

Once the registration opens, it is on a first come first serve basis. There is a limited number of Program Assistants allowed for each session.

Skate Oakville reserves the right to make changes so everyone has at least one spot to PA on a CanSkate session.

When you register for a session, and the session you want is full, please join the waitlist.

If a spot opens up on any CanSkate session, the PA coordinator will contact you and let you know that it is available to register to PA on that session.

WHAT IF I NEED TO MISS A CANSKATE SESSION FOR PA?

It is our expectation that you attend all of the CanSkate sessions for PA that you signed up for. The CanSkate coaches and skaters rely on our PAs for

extra assistance on the ice, and if you are absent, it can make a difference in the flow of the session.

If you need to miss a session, please do your best to find another PA to substitute for you.

The PA coordinator will send out an email contact list of all registered CanSkate Program Assistants for that year. You are required to email everyone on the list to try to find a substitute to cover your session.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A PROGRAM ASSISTANT?

Being a PA provides a wonderful opportunity to work with young CanSkaters and be a role model.

In addition to that:

You can Earn \$ 5.00 per 30-minute and 50-minute CanSkate sessions in Credit

This credit will be applied to your account, and you can use it towards future registration for sessions

- PA hours can also be used towards school commitment volunteer policy
- Receive treat bags and appreciation gifts
- Depending on the number of accumulated points, you may be named PA of the month
- PAs are recognized during the Skate Oakville end of year celebration, and the PA of the year receives a plaque
- PA parties and get-togethers

HOW DOES THE PA POINTS SYSTEM WORK?

NEW THIS YEAR!!

The PA points system is an attendance based system that tracks the PA attendance for each month:

- For every session you attend at SMSC, you earn 1 point
- For every session you attend at River Oaks, you earn 1.5 points
- For every session where you substitute for another PA, you earn 1.5 points
- The more sessions you sign up for and attend, the more points you accumulate.

At the end of the month, the 3 skaters who accumulate the most points will be entered into a draw for the PA of the Month. The PA of the month will also be on the Skate Oakville social media.

You can redeem your points at the end of the month for gifts or gift cards, or accumulate your points and redeem them later at the Skate Oakville online store. (**exact number of points that can be redeemed at SO online store is yet to be determined)