

# KERRISDALE SKATING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

Welcome and welcome back to our new and returning skaters and families! Our Club had an unusual start to the season, being displaced due to an unexpected repair at our home rink. The start to our CanSkate, Future Star and Adult programs was unfortunately delayed, and our Star Skaters (and Coaches and parents!) demonstrated their unwavering commitment, travelling across the city and beyond to train at different rinks and different times. We are absolutely thrilled though to be back at Kerrisdale Cyclone Taylor Arena now and have our programs in full swing! Thank you to everyone for their patience while we navigated this challenging time!

## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS!

### 2025 BC Coast Region Jingle Blades Competition

**Date:** Thursday, November 20 – Sunday November 23, 2025

**Location:** North Surrey Sports & Ice Complex

**GOOD LUCK** to our 42 Kerrisdale competitors, many of whom are competing for the first time! You can find the schedule and skater groupings on the BC/YT Section website [here](#). We encourage you to tune into the live feed, or better yet, attend the competition in person to cheer on your skating friends!

**Reminder!** There will be **no CanSkate, Future Star or Star Skate sessions** running at Kerrisdale Arena **November 21 and 23**.  
(The Sunday evening adult session is still scheduled.)

### SAVE THE DATE! It's WinterSkate!

**Date:** Friday, December 19, 2025

**What's WinterSkate?** WinterSkate is a family fun event to celebrate the holiday season. Join us on the ice in the evening for a fun skate with your family, skating friends and Coaches. Watch your email for further details in the coming weeks!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so proud of ALL of our competitors at recent competitions! Not only did they represent our club with strong skates and great attitudes, but they showed up to support each other and cheer each other on! A special shout-out to our medallists below:

#### SummerSkate

Polina Balabardina – Star 10 – Silver  
Tessa Clinch – Juvenile U12 – Bronze  
Mina Ho – Pre-Juvenile U11 – Gold  
Tessa Clinch – Star 7 – Bronze  
Andrea Tan – Star 5 U10 – Bronze  
Lena Ling – Gold Adult Artistic – Silver  
Linnea Solomon – Silver Adult Artistic – Bronze

#### Autumn Leaves

Polina Balabardina – Star 10 – Gold  
Rinako Kasahara – Juvenile U14 – Gold  
Mina Ho – Pre-Juvenile U11 – Silver  
Tessa Clinch – Star 7 – Bronze  
Andrea Tan – Star 5 U10 – Silver  
Audrey Richer – Star 5 U13 – Bronze  
Naomi Chan – Star 4 U13 – Bronze

#### 2026 BC/YT Sectionals

Katelyn Wei – Pre-Juvenile U13 – Gold

And a special congratulations to **Rinako Kasahara**, who placed **3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2025 Pond to Podium Super Series Final Standings** for the season in Juvenile U14!

VISIT OUR INSTAGRAM PROFILE TO SEE PICTURES FROM THESE EVENTS! [@KERRISDALE\\_SKATING\\_CLUB](#)

## CLUB AWARDS

The **Louise Salina Award** is presented to a volunteer, skater, parent or coach who has demonstrated dedication to the success of our Club. It was established in honour of Louise Salina who passed away suddenly in the spring of 2018 while still an active 20-year board member.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the recipient of this year's award is **Millie Lee!** Millie, mom to skaters Chloe and Katelyn Wei, has been a dedicated Board Member since 2021. She goes above and beyond in many capacities, including organizing and sewing costumes for our biannual ice show, arranging for club jacket orders, updating our website, facilitating Star Skate testing and many other behind-the-scenes administrative responsibilities! Thank you, Millie, for all you do! The award was presented by our current President, Michelle Uyeda.



Congratulations to **Tessa Clinch** who received the **Dr. Hellmut May Award**, which recognizes a skater for their competitive potential, sportsmanship and positive attitude in the memory of legendary coach Dr. May. Dr. May was a previous Olympian and Kerrisdale FSC's coach for 50 years, inspiring generations of skaters not only in our Club, but across Vancouver's lower mainland. The award was presented by Margot Delorme, our beloved past President of 30 years and one of Dr. May's former skaters.

## CANSKATE CORNER

We love our CanSkaters and want to help them succeed and grow! Follow the below tips and requirements to help ensure your skater stays safe and comfortable.



Please arrive 15 minutes early to ensure that your skater is appropriately dressed with skates on for the start of the session!



A CSA-approved **HOCKEY HELMET** is required by Skate Canada for insurance purposes.

- Parents! **Please** (i.e., *you must*) **stay in the building for the entire session!** If your child needs any assistance off the ice (washroom, retying skates, or even just a rest) they are required to be in your care.



Wear rain or snow pants and gloves to keep warm and dry (especially if you are a beginner).



- Please consider skate guards if you don't already have them. In the rare instance where there is a fire alarm and we need to evacuate to the sidewalk outside, they can save your child's blades!

## PA of the Year!



Congratulations to **Amaya Ramankutty**, recipient of the Program Assistant (PA) Award for the 2024/2025 season. The award is presented to a PA who has demonstrated dedication, enthusiasm and leadership while assisting with CanSkate sessions. Amaya joined the Club in 2021 as a CanSkater herself, and is currently working toward her Star 4 free skate.

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