

## Welcome to February 2024!

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Calalta publishes a monthly update sharing information such as important dates, volunteer opportunities, safety issues and other items of interest. This document can also be found on our website at www.calalta.net

# Ladies & Gentlemen! Your 2024 Canadian National Champion!

Did you catch Calalta's own Kaiya Ruiter wowing the crowd with an incredible freeskate program which secured the gold medal for her? What a beautiful skate – if you want to watch it, click https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x8rfi07 and go to 3:08 to see her perform!

## **Congratulations Kaiya!**

Also a huge shout out to Calalta's other amazing skaters that participated in Canadians!

**Alyssa Robinson & Jake Portz** Senior Ice Dance 9<sup>th</sup> Place

Addison Pehl & Daniel Yu Junior Ice Dance 11<sup>th</sup> Place

Savanna Martel & Will Oddson Junior Ice Dance 5<sup>th</sup> Place







## 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games

With less than a week after Canadians, Kaiya flew to Gangwon, South Korea to represent Canada in the 2024 Winter Youth Olympics. Congratulation Kaiya for placing 11<sup>th</sup> in Senior Women and having a fantastic skate in the Team Event to capture the Bronze medal for team Canada!!

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Lots happening for our volunteers!

- Casino held March 3 & 4, 2024 at Cowboys Casino. We have 3 shifts remaining! They are for the count room from 11 pm 4 am. If interested, please click <u>here</u> to sign up for a shift. Please note that the key roles (GM, Alt GM, Banker, Cashier, and Count room Supervisor) will require the volunteer form to be completed attached in the link above.
- 2) Calgary Winter Invitational Figure Skating Competition held at Jimmie Condon/Rose Kohn from Friday February 9-11, 2024, and hosted by Calalta.

Only a few shifts remaining – A few music player shifts (best way to experience the skating), one announcing shift and one ice captain shift. Check them out below!

Announcers and Music Players – Training Provided!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48A8AE2DA7F85-47493632-2024

**Music Players:** Will be directed by the referee, responsible for playing the skater's music once skater is in their starting position – either on the computer or CD player; Turns down the music when the announcer is speaking and turns it up when announcer is finished; plays background music between events and during warm ups; Please dress warmly – bring a blanket to keep you warm – but please wear a warm jacket plus gloves (fingerless ones are best) and warm footwear; This position requires good dexterity, must be attentive and keep an eye on the skater for when they are in their starting position.



**Announcers:** Works under the direction of the Referee and in conjunction with the Music Player. Using a microphone, reads from a script and announces the skater's name only for warm ups and for the event/category announce the skater's name and club prior to their skate according to the list provided; Script will be provided for you to follow – no improvising allowed! Volunteer must be able to enunciate words clearly and correctly and must be comfortable speaking into a microphone; Must be able to speak clearly and concisely, must have a strong command of the English language.

#### Ice Captains, Dressing Room Captains and Ice Patchers:

#### https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48A8AE2DA7F85-47486041-2024

**Ice Captain:** Manage the skater's entrance (opening and closing the gate or door) for warm ups and events; Ice Captain will receive a clipboard with the starting orders for the day as well as a competition schedule; Checks skaters off when they arrive to go on the ice; Ensure the skaters going on for their warm up are the correct skaters; Works with the Dressing Room Captains; Makes sure the 'on deck' or the next skater is ready.

**Dressing Room Captains**: Responsible to check skaters in upon arrival to dressing room area; will receive a clipboard with the starting orders for the day as well as a competition schedule; You will be required to ask the skaters their name and which event they are in, direct them to their assigned dressing room. You can then check off their names; will work with the Ice Captain as to how the event is running.

**Ice Patchers:** Patching holes in ice during the resurfacing. Will be required to be on the ice with the Zamboni. <u>Must wear skates!</u> Please dress warmly. Suitable for mature children over 11 years but must be able to skate and do the required job/follow directions) A great way to occupy your skater while you are volunteering!

#### Registration Desk, Medal Presenter, Hospitality, Set Up and Tear Down:

#### https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48A8AE2DA7F85-47483077-2024

**Registration:** This role is one of the most critical as it is the first person the skater/parents/volunteers and coaches will encounter. You are the face of the club so it is important that you are professional, calm and respectful with all participants. You must be comfortable communicating in English. Must be 18+ yrs. as these volunteers will also be overseeing the Raffle Table.



**Medal Presenters:** Work in pairs to present medals/ribbons to skaters. They will prepare the medals and ribbons prior to each event. Results will be brought to the podium area; the Medal Presenters will read from the script (no improvising) and present medals to the skaters on the podium. Must be comfortable speaking in front of a small group and be able to enunciate clearly and correctly.

**Hospitality:** Heat meals, restock snacks, assist caterer, keep food areas clean, pack up uneaten food after meals. Maintain coffee and other beverages. Tidy tables and areas, empty garages, sweep floors and assist anywhere needed including the Officials' room if required.

- 3) Cleaning the office and fitness studio is available check out the details <u>here</u> one hour per week for 12 weeks. The signup says Thursday but it can be any day of the week that works best for you!
- 4) **The Ice Show is fast approaching!** We always need plenty of volunteers for those that have not gotten all of their hours yet! Plus for those that have accumulated all of their hours, we always need the help. Mark your calendar for Sunday April 7 from 10 to 2 pm at Max Bell Arena.
  - a. We do need help now prior to the Ice Show and need a fundraising coordinator and a decorating coordinator – are you interested? If so, please email the office at info@calalta.net

## Congratulations to Calalta Skaters at Challenge!

Stella Mitchell and Kurtis Che – Novice Ice Dance finished 8<sup>th</sup>!

## **A Few Reminders**

**Need to do a same day session switch?** – Please contact the office at <u>info@calalta.net</u> if you need to make a **same day session** change. Make sure you talk to your coach to ensure lesson availability. Make sure the session you are switching to is the appropriate level. Don't forget to check in with the "Check in" person.

## Session changes from one day to another is not allowed! Same day switches only.

**Refunds** – We allow for medical refunds (with a medical note). Refunds will be calculated starting on day 8 until you return to skating. No other refunds are allowed.



# 2024 ISU World Figure Skating Championships Coach Apprenticeship Program (ICAP)

Congratulations to Kim Weeks for being selected by Skate Canada to participate in the 2024 ISU World Figure Skating Championships Coach Apprenticeship Program. What an incredible honour. She will be in attendance in Montreal for the World's event – have fun Kim

#### Important dates for February and March

February 2024		
Feb 1-4	2024 Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge / Skate Canada Cup begins – Good Luck Skaters	
Fri Feb 9	CWI (Calgary Winter Invitational) Begins – Good Luck Skaters!	
Fri Feb 9, Sat Feb	No CanSkate or any other programs running during CWI – if you're not skating you	
10, Fri Feb 14	should be volunteering at CWI!	
Wed Feb 14	6:00-7:00pm COP session cancelled – all other sessions running	
Fri Feb 16, Sat	No CanSkate or Power Skate. We only have ice from 11 to 5 pm	
Feb 17		
Fri Feb 16	All sessions cancelled at COP except Dance and JC sessions running	
Mon Feb 19	No sessions running at JC or COP - Family Day!	
Tue Feb 20	All sessions cancelled at COP except Dance and JC sessions running (Drop in ice 2:00-3:00 pm available at JCA)	
Thu Feb 22	All sessions cancelled at COP except Dance and JC sessions running (Drop in ice 2:00-3:00 pm available at JCA)	
Fri Feb 23	All sessions cancelled at COP exceptc Dance and JC sessions running	
Tue Feb 27	Morning dance sessions cancelled – all other sessions running	

March 2024		
Fri Mar 1	Star Series #4 Begins in Lethbridge – Good Luck Skaters!	
Sat Mar 9	Synchronized Skating Invitational begins – Good Luck Skaters!	
Fri Mar 15	Skate AB NWT NUN StarSkate & Adult Championships begins – Good Luck Skaters!	
Fri Mar 15	All sessions cancelled at COP except Dance and JC sessions running	
Tue Mar 19	3:45-4:45pm COP session time changed – 3:45-4:30pm	
Tue Mar 19	4:45-5:45pm & 6:00-7:00pm COP sessions cancelled – all other sessions running	
Fri Mar 29	All sessions cancelled at JC- COP sessions running	
Sat Mar 30	No CanSkate/PowerSkate – All other sessions running	

Lots of unscheduled or unknown ice cancellations for April, May and June. Unknown cancellations are sessions which we have booked, you have paid for and for which you will receive a credit back onto your account. Since the booking, the City of Calgary or WinSport have come back to us and cancelled our sessions due to a booking a major event like Scotties



Tournament of Hearts, Alberta Treaty Hockey Tournament etc. Credits will be issued one by one over the next few months.

April 2024		
Sun Apr 7	lce Show – Max Bell Arena	
Thu Apr 11	JCA 7:00-8:00 am changed to 6:45-7:45 am	
	All other sessions at JC Cancelled - Unknown cancellation – credits will be issued on your	
	account	
	All COP sessions running	
Fri Apr 12	7:00-8:00 will run 6:45-7:45 am at Jimmie Condon	
	All other sessions at Jimmie Condon cancelled – Unknown cancellation – credits will be	
	issued on your account	
	All COP sessions running	
Sat Apr 13	All sessions at Jimmie Condon cancelled – Unknown cancellation – credits will be issued on	
	your account	
Fri Apr 19	Sensational begins-Good Luck Skaters!	
Mon Apr 22-Sun	Spring break – no regular sessions running	
May 5		
	May 2024	
Mon May 6	Skating resumes	
Mon May 6	COP 4:00-4:45 pm, 4:45-5:45 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm sessions cancelled – Unknown	
	cancellation – credits will be issued on your account All other sessions running	
Tue May 7	COP 6:00-7:00 pm session cancelled – Unknown cancellation – credits will be issued on	
	your account All other sessions running	
Wed May 8	COP 4:45-5:45 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm sessions cancelled – Unknown cancellation – credits will	
	be issued on your account All other sessions running	
Thu May 9	COP 2:00-2:45 pm, 2:45-3:30 pm, 3:45-4:45 pm & 4:45-5:30 pm cancelled – Unknown	
	cancellation – credits will be issued on your account All other sessions running	
Fri May 10	COP 1:00-1:45 pm, 2:00-2:45, 3:00-4:00 & 4:00-4:45 cancelled– Unknown cancellation –	
	credits will be issued on your account All other sessions running	
Thu May 16	COP 4:45-5:30 pm session will end at 5:15 pm	
Fri May 17	COP 6:15-8:15 and 8:30-9:45 am will move to Mon May 20	
Fri May 17	COP 1:00-1:45 pm, 2:00-2:45, 3:00-4:00 & 4:00-4:45 cancelled – Unknown cancellation –	
	credits will be issued on your account All other sessions running at JCA	
Mon May 20	COP 6:15-8:15 and 8:30-9:45 am running – all other sessions at COP and JCA cancelled	
	known cancellation	
Sat May 25	JCA – All sessions moved to Norma Bush	
Fri May 31	JCA – All sessions cancelled– Unknown cancellation – credits will be issued on your	
	account - All sessions running at COP	
	June 2024	
Sat Jun 1	JCA – All sessions cancelled– Unknown cancellation – credits will be issued on your	
	account - All other sessions running	



Fri Jun 7	JCA – All sessions cancelled– Unknown cancellation – credits will be issued on your
	account - All sessions running at COP
Fri Jun 8	JCA – All sessions cancelled– Unknown cancellation – credits will be issued on your
	account - All other sessions running
Sat Jun 22	Last day of skating! Summer skating and camps start July 2

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