

Welcome to July 2026 and the Summer Skating Season!

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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

People Update

As Calalta continues to grow and become the skating club of choice in Calgary, we welcome Angela Le to the office team as our Admin Assistant. Angela will be supporting Natalie Huber in all office aspects of the club. Additionally, we welcome Sophia Chiasson for the summer as our Summer Camp Supervisor. Sophia will be helping with checking in and supervising all camp activities.

This year, the annual Skate Alberta Annual Awards banquet took place on May 23. It was an extra special year for Calalta for two reasons as long-ago Calalta alumni, Rod and Karyn Garossino (Ice Dance – 1988 Winter Olympics) were inducted into the Skate AB|NT|NU Hall of Fame – Athletes Category. You can find a summary of their skating achievements at this link [Champions.](#) Secondly, Calalta received the National Club/School Award 2026, a Skate Canada national-level recognition highlighting excellence in club programming, community impact, and overall contribution to skating development.

Congratulations also goes to:

- Mercedes Shields – Volunteer Coach Award – Calgary Region
- Gayle Stobie – Marilyn Chidlow Volunteer Award Recipient
- Alyssa Robinson and Jacob Portz – Barbara Graham International Award and Athlete Recognition for Senior Dance
- Kaiya Ruitter – Athlete Recognition for Senior Women

- Addison Pehl – Gateway Skating Club Post-Secondary Bursary
- Jessica-Lee Beheil – Synchronized Skater Leadership Award
- Caitlyn Carey – Shantell Hale Award for Gold medalist in Juvenile U14 at the 2026 Sectional Championships

In addition to awards for competitive achievements, the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation sponsors awards for skaters that have achieved their triple/quad gold lifetime achievements.

This year, we had the following skaters reach this milestone:

- Chelsea Kuharski - Quad Gold
- Andrew Song - Quad Gold
- Brianna Avey - Triple Gold
- Brooklyn Kidd - Triple Gold

Achieving gold tested status in one category is difficult – to do it in three or all four categories is amazing and is a testament to your passion, and consistency of hard work and perseverance.

Fundraising Update

During the month of June, Calalta ran the “Fill Your Freezer” fundraiser sponsored by Backyard Meats. Through this fundraiser we were able to raise over \$1,500. These funds helped purchase a new portable ballet bar and an off-ice bungee harness. We are proud to be able to offer our skaters a studio space at Jimmie Condon Arena with appropriate off-ice equipment to further develop their skating skills. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your generous participation in this fundraiser. This year’s Fill Your Freezer Fundraiser supported both Calalta and local Alberta farmers.

Keep your fridge or cold cellar open in September as we will be launching our annual Apples Fundraiser sponsored by Davison Orchards.

Summer Skating Camps

ALL CAMPS SOLD OUT!! SOME FLEX SESSIONS AVAILABLE IN AUGUST

Please speak with your coach about which sessions are best for your skater. Summer skate camp is a GREAT way for skaters to advance all aspects of their figure skating and deepen friendships. You might find your skater comes home each day tired but still excited as to what they learned both on and off the ice. Schedules are available on [Uplifter](#) and our [website](#).

Each week of Summer Camp will feature a theme of the week, dress up and have fun!:

- July 3 – Neon Colors Day
- July 10 – Wild, Wild, West and Stampede BBQ on July 15
- July 17 – Rhyme Without Reason
- July 24 – Twin Wins
- July 31 – Netflix and Naps (PJ Day)
- August 7 – Favorite Disney Character
- August 14 – Dress Like a Coach

As Summer Camp days are busy with all of our skaters and coaches going on and off ice throughout the day, **please do not leave ANYTHING of any value** (car keys, wallets and phones) **in the change rooms**. Bring your belongings to the boards and keep them there. **Please keep the change rooms locked and put the key in the music area.**

Fall Registration

For Calalta Home Club Members only, registration opens on July 15 at 8:00 am – **put it in your calendar now!** A few highlights that you should be aware of:

- Our focus continues to be on stroking – power and edges are critical!
- Off-Ice! **Package** classes includes an off-ice component that is equally important to on-ice training and Calalta's Skate Canada programs are focused on the holistic development of a skater. We welcome Monika Langer, with her extensive Ballet for figure skating knowledge to our off ice coaching team. We are also happy to announce the return of Ashely Jeter- Acro and gymnastics, Natasha Purich, Sophia O'Brien Doerkson and Lisa Briggs- fitness and stability, Parker Heiderich- Off ice Jump. *All Acro/Gym, Fitness and Jump coaches have NCCP training and certifications to support our off-ice program expectations.*
- Calalta members will receive a 20% discount if they book **between July 15 at noon and August 15 at noon** with 6 or more "clicks". For example, Tuesdays from 4:15-6:55 pm may be two on-ice sessions plus one off-ice, but it is ONLY 1 CLICK – play wisely! Packages have significant discounts built-in for additional overall savings.
- **No discounts after August 15 at noon.**
- Registration opens to non-Calalta members on August 15 at noon.

Please speak with your coach before registering to confirm that the session matches your Assessment level and that your coach is available.

Calalta Home Club Members that transfer their Skate Canada Membership to another club at any time through the registration period or following year, they will no longer be a Home Club Member of Calalta Figure Skating Club and all rights and privileges as a Home Club Member will automatically be revoked which includes **the automatic reversal of any registration**

discounts enjoyed for the coming season, and a 15% out-of-club surcharge will be added to the invoice.

Partnered Programs such as Ice Dance Teams will fall under a special classification of membership. Skaters who participate in a partnered discipline and train with Calalta Figure Skating Club:

- Must pay club fees, but are not required to pay the Skate Canada Fee through Calalta unless they wish to be a Home Club Member (represent Calalta)
- Must participate in the Calalta volunteer program.
- Both partners (Home Club Member and/or Non-Home Club Member) may benefit from registering during the pre-registration period for their partnered ice sessions and will be eligible for the Home Club Member discount if they choose to register in the allotted Home Club Member registration time period.
- Non-Home Club Members when registering during the Home Club Member pre-registration period will be able to register for Partnered Discipline ice only.
- Home Club Members (represent Calalta) may register for not only Partnered Discipline Ice but also ice offered for other disciplines.

Any questions should be directed to the office at info@calalta.net.

Competition Corner

Congratulations to all of our young skaters that participated in Spring Fling 2026. For many of them, this competition was one of their first competitions, particularly skaters participating in the Star 1 event. We are so proud of you!

Calalta will be sending a large contingent of skaters to the 2026 Wild Rose Competition in Leduc, Alberta running July 31 to August 3. This competition is hosted by the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation and is open to skaters in both the Star Skate and Podium Pathway stream. Skaters find this competition fun (its skating in the summer!) and it often serves as a foundation to set up the rest of the competition season. Closer to the competition date, you will be able to find a full schedule of every event and watch and cheer for our skaters through the live stream on the following link:

[2026 Wild Rose - Skate Canada | AB NWT Nvt](#)

On an even larger stage, Skate Canada is hosting their 2026 NexGen Competition in Gatineau, Quebec where NextGen Team members and additional junior-level skaters together from across Canada to compete and be evaluated for selection to junior international events. You can find more information about the NexGen event on the following link:

[2026 NextGen Competition - Skate Canada](#)

Assessments Update

Calalta believes in the importance of StarSkate Assessments. StarSkate Assessments offers opportunities for skaters of all ages to develop fundamental figure skating skills in the areas of ice dance, skills, free skate and artistic skating. Working with their coaches, skaters participate in StarSkate Assessments at their own pace. It objectively tracks their progress in their skating journey and gives each skater a pride of accomplishment. This past month, Calalta registered over 100 StarSkate Assessments with Skate Canada in all four tracks and hosted two High Test Days in June. You can access your skaters' StarSkate Assessment records through your Skate Canada membership site.

For more information on StarSkate Assessments, please visit:

[StarSkate - Skate Canada | AB NWT Nvt](#)

Survey Says...

Check out the latest [here](#)

Solstice and Synchronized Skating

Are you interested in figure skating as a team sport? We have a place for you in synchronized skating! For the 2026-2027 Synchronized Skating season we are looking for team members of all ages to join this growing discipline! Calalta's Solstice will be running the following teams with practices beginning in September. If you are interested, speak to your coach, or contact the Synchro Program Lead Andrea St. Cyr at solsticesynchro@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you!

Elementary (Star 4)

- Practices Sunday at Jimmie Condon
- Ages: No age limit

Juvenile (Star 6)

- Practices Sunday at Jimmie Condon
- Ages: Must be under 15

Novice

- Podium Pathway and Canada Cup competitive
- Practices Sunday at Jimmie Condon

- Must have completed Star 5 and be 16 and under

Synchro 9 pilot

A NEW ISU category launching this season to increase potential for Synchronized Skating as an Olympic Sport

- Practices TBD
- Junior: Ages 13 to under 19
- Senior: Must be 17 or over

Open

- Canada Cup competitive
- Practices: one weekday evening and on Sunday at Jimmie Condon
- Ages: Must be 15 and over with some Gold levels/Star 8 completed

Adult 1

- Practices one weekday evening at Jimmie Condon
- Ages: Must be 18 or over with some Senior Silver levels/Star 8 completed

Adult 2

- Practices one weekday evening at Jimmie Condon
- Ages: Must be 18 or over with some Junior Silver/Star 6 completed

Adult 3

- Practices one weekday evening at Jimmie Condon
- Ages: Must be 18 or over with previous figure skating experience

Important Dates

July/August 2026	
Mon Jun 29	Week 1 of Summer Skating Camps start at JCA (Boot Breaker)
Fri July 3	Neon Colors Day!
Fri July 10	Wild Wild West
Wed July 15	** Registration opens for Fall for Calalta members at 8:00 am **
Wed July 15	Calalta's Birthday and BBQ! Lunch from 11-2 pm
Fri July 17	Rhyme Without Reason Day
Sat July 18	Simulation Day for Wild Rose – stay tuned for details!
Fri July 24	Twin Wins
Fri July 31	Netflix and Naps (PJ Day)!

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FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Fri Jul 31-Aug 3	Wild Rose Invitational held in Leduc. Good Luck Calalta Skaters!
Mon Aug 3	No Ice or off ice sessions running
Fri Aug 7	Dress up like your favorite Disney character!
Fri Aug 13-16	BC Summer Skate begins! Good luck Calalta Skaters!
Fri Aug 14	Dress like a coach! Last day of Summer School
Mon-Fri Aug 17-21	Final week of Ice Dance sessions
Sat Aug 15	Last day to get the 20% discount for registration – don't forget you need 6 'clicks' to get the discount.
September 2025	
Mon Aug 31	2026/27 skating season begins at both COP and Jimmie Condon

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