

## **Fundraising Commitments Policy - Star Skate - Winter 2017/2018**

Fundraising is an integral part of Noralta. Without fundraising our programs would be prohibitively expensive. This is particularly important in the Star Skate programs, as these programs are the most heavily subsidized we offer. Registration fees would in fact double without fundraising, as such we take this policy very seriously. Read carefully and ask questions if you need to.

### Mandatory Commitment 1

Ice Show: All Star Skate Families are required to assist in our yearly ice show. There are volunteer positions on the committee, and many volunteer positions required to make the show successful. Our ice show is the primary show case event for the club and the star skate program in particular. Volunteer positions and information will be available soon.

### Mandatory Commitment 2

Raffle tickets: This year raffle is the main fundraiser for star skate. Each family, not individual skaters, will be required to sell 5 books of tickets. As this is an increased commitment families will be given additional time to sell tickets. Tickets will be available in early October and you will have until March to sell all tickets.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is an expected part of membership at Noralta and is a defining part of our club culture. Though not mandatory, the success of our club also hinges on several key volunteer positions and ongoing volunteer efforts. Noralta is in fact a largely volunteer member driven club at many levels, and the ongoing success of the

club hinges on these efforts. Volunteer Opportunities include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Casino. Every 18 months the club has a fundraising casino. This volunteer event is critical to our financial stability and requires approximately 16 volunteers to run successfully.
- Permanent Volunteer Positions. We have approximately 12 permanent volunteer positions that are held by star skate families. These positions are inherent to the successful operations of Noralta. These positions are held for a full year and are appointed at our yearly AGM, held in September.
- Board of Directors: We also have 6 members on our Board of Directors. These positions are responsible for oversight and governance of Noralta Skating Club.
- Test Days. Star Skaters will most likely all test at some point. These test days require volunteers to run successfully.
- Raffle Committee. This fundraising event is coordinated by volunteers on behalf of Noralta.
- Ice Show Committee. Our primary show case event for the year is also coordinated by a volunteer committee on behalf of Noralta.

### Buy Out Option

Families who are unwilling to support fundraising efforts, which are used specifically to reduce fees, may buy out of all volunteer commitments. The fee for buying out of all volunteer and fundraising efforts is \$500.00 per skater.

\*\*\* Note \*\*\*

We recognize that the increased demand to sell raffle tickets will be significant. We plan to host several round table meetings to support raffle ticket sales and encourage participation and sharing of ideas.

## Noralta Membership Fee & Penalties

The 300.00 membership fee for Noralta Skating Club you have paid as a once only payment is a security deposit against not fulfilling your volunteer commitments. It is paid only once and held in trust until your skater retires from either the club or the sport, at which time you simply request reimbursement of your membership fee and at that time you get that money back.

However, if you fail to meet your mandatory fundraising commitments this fee becomes forfeit. A forfeited fee removes you from member in good standing status, and has to be resubmitted prior to the following skating session along with an additional \$200.00 penalty fee.

A family that does not complete their fundraising commitments has to:

- *Forfeit their existing \$300.00 membership fee.*
- *Submit a new \$300.00 membership fee, which will be held in trust until your skaters retires.*
- *Submit a \$200.00 penalty fee.*

*Total Financial Due: Failing to meet fundraising commitments: \$500.00.*

## Member in Good Standing Status.

Falling into this category can happen for a number of reasons including but not limited to:

- Failing to complete fundraising commitments and not paying penalties.
- Failing to pay club registration fees before deadlines have passed.
- Failing to pay coaches bills for extended periods of time.
- Abuse of staff or members or members families.
- Abuse of MacDonald Island staff.
- Failing to abide by Noralta Codes of Conduct. (*See our Policies and Procedures Page on the Noralta website, it has been moved from the executive and Board of directors Page to be more accessible.*)

We appreciate your time and commitment to Noralta Skating Club. Figure Skating is a sport of passion and beauty and skill, but as you see it is also a sport that depends on volunteers to operate successfully.

Working together we can continue to see the success of Noralta for its most important stakeholders... the skaters and children who participate and chase success on the ice.

Any questions or comments can be forwarded directly to our board of directors.

Regards,

Noralta Skating Club