

WALSALL ARTISTIC ROLLER SKATING CLUB

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Half-Term Break - There will be no recreational classes on Saturday 16th February and Monday 18th February. Our Friday & Sunday classes for competitive skaters will continue throughout half-term.

Christmas Gala DVD - We have a few DVD's remaining at £4 each. All money goes to club funds. (It is also available for the same cost in electronic format if you bring along a memory stick/SD Card.)

Club Competition - This will be on **Saturday 16th March**. - Entries will be closing on 28th February. All skaters who are working towards Basic Skills 2 and upward and who have been practising routines are invited to compete in the event. Skaters will be split into events based on their age/standard and where applicable the level they will compete at for the rest of the year. All skaters will receive a medal. Winners will receive a trophy which they can keep for 1 year. (If anyone would like to donate a trophy, please speak to one of our coaches.)

The cost is for skaters to enter the competition is £2. Spectators will be charged £4 adults, £2 children. & family ticket £10 (2 adults & up to 3 children) Tickets will go on sale shortly. Our aim is to cover the cost of the hall and hopefully make some money for club funds. We will be having stalls similar to the Christmas Gala so we would appreciate any donations for this! (E.g. unwanted Christmas gifts!) We will also need helpers to run the stalls.

The dress code is club polo and black leggings or skating leotard. We have a few outfits that can be borrowed for the day for a donation of £2 to club funds.

Skaters who do not compete are welcome to watch the competition for free. They may also want to come along for the fun skate afterwards.

The timings are as follows:

9:00 am - Doors open for skaters, coaches and those parents helping to set up in the hall.

9:30 am – Doors open for spectators

9:45 am – Competition Starts

11:15 am – Presentations

11.30am – Fun Skate

1:00pm Close

Regular items – Just in case you missed it last time.

Parents/Carers in the hall – Just a reminder that Parents/carers are asked to leave the hall during classes and watch from the viewing gallery upstairs. Parents/carers will be allowed into the hall at the start of the class to help their child get their skates on, If the child needs escorting to the toilet or needs assistance during the lesson and at the end of the class to help skaters take their skates off. If your child is just starting out or has special needs and you feel you need to stay in the hall, please speak to one of our coaches.

Leaving the hall during classes – The centre insists that no skates are worn outside of the hall, therefore please ensure that your child is aware they need to remove their skates and also inform a coach that they are leaving. Where possible we will try to get your attention so that you can escort them to the toilets.

Leaving the hall after classes –Please can skaters leave the hall as soon they have taken their skates off, better still go into the corridor and take skates off out there.

Club Uniform –All skaters should wear either club polos or club leotards for classes. They are £8 for children's sizes and £10 for adult sizes.

Knee Pads – We would encourage all skaters to wear knee pads for lessons. The preferred type is the soft, volleyball style pad available from Decathlon/Amazon/Ebay.

Tuck Shop - We sell coffee/tea/hot chocolate& water upstairs for 50p. All money raised will go towards organising something for the skaters e.g. a party, bowling, cinema trip etc. We would appreciate it if parents could take turns helping to make the teas and coffees.

Boot Covers - For those who borrow our skates, please can you make sure you wear boot covers to protect them. We provide black boot covers however if you are looking for something a bit "funkier" check out eBay. And for those who can sew, you could even have a go at making some yourself!

Volunteers - We always need help collecting money, cleaning skates, sorting out the skate cupboard, giving out leaflets to advertise our classes, you may even decide to train to have a go at coaching! If you have a bit of time and would like to help, please speak to one of our coaches.

Resigning your membership - Please let us know if you / your child wants to resign your membership. We understand that skating is not for everyone, or circumstances change and you might not be able to make it anymore.

Facebook group Don't forget to join our private Facebook group for members (not to be confused with our public Facebook Page which is for the whole world to see!)