

# UPPER HUTT ROLLER SKATING CLUB INC.



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## INFORMATION SHEET

The Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club was formed in 1982. Club skaters range from Beginners through to skaters competing at International Championships. The Club is affiliated to New Zealand Federation of Roller Sports (NZRFS). The Club leases the premises at Railway Avenue and is responsible for the maintenance of the Rink facilities.

**UHRSC MEMBERSHIP** This subscription is for the Club's financial year, 1 July to 30 June, is set at the Annual General Meeting held usually in May and must be paid by 30 June. New members pay the full subscription fee unless they join after 1 January, (January – June), when they only pay half of the fee. The amount payable depends on the class of membership.

Current fees are - Skater = \$50.00, Social (non-skater) = \$25.00, Family = \$100.00.

This fee goes towards paying for the Annual Affiliation fee to NZFRS, insurance, postage, photocopying, telephone, and stationery supplies, etc.

**RINK FEES** By paying Rink Fees, members are entitled to use the rink during specified hours for their own training/coaching needs. Details of the types of fees can be obtained from the Club Captain or Treasurer, and on page 4 of this document. This income, together with payments of rental from the Rimutaka Inline Hockey Club, private hire, public roller disco's, go towards the monthly lease on the building, power, rates, rink maintenance, cleaning equipment, etc. Payment of a rink fee will allow the skater to have **FREE** entry on a Saturday afternoon and the school holidays public disco, upon showing their membership card.

### **LEARN TO SKATE (PATCH) CLASS**

***February – December (Primary School Terms). Tuesday, 5.30-6.30 pm, All ages (children and adults) welcome***

Members in Learn to Skate (Patch) Classes are charged **\$45.00 per school term**, payable at the start of each term. The first 3 visits are **FREE** The Learners classes are referred to as 'Patch Class' due to the Patches awarded when the skater has passed each level. There is a pre-patch level for those who need to learn to balance on skates. After mastering the skills needed for good balance over skates you will progress to Patch 1. There are 5 Patch levels plus a Graduation test. There is no time limit for how long your child is in each one. The more they practice the better they will progress. Skaters may use the club's skates at these sessions and for competitions they choose to enter until they get their own. The club also has a limited number of competition quality Artistic Skates that may be hired.

Arrive at least 10 minutes before the start time of the class to ensure the skater is ready to start the lesson on time. On arrival report to the desk to have the skaters name marked in the roll book. **Please ensure skater/s brings a drink, preferably water**, with their name on the bottle which should be kept close to the rink wall to save them coming off the rink during lesson time. Clothing that is too tight or loose may make skating difficult e.g. jeans are not appropriate. See the Club Captain or Patch Managers for advice. If you skater is 14 or under please accompany into the building and that they are collected from inside the building for safety reasons and to receive any required information.

### **KIWI SPEED**

***February – December (Primary School Terms). Wednesday, 4.15-5.15 pm, all ages welcome***

Currently the speed session is at the Riverstone Recreation hall (entrance by H<sub>2</sub>O pool). Skaters may use Roller (Street) blades to begin with. A bike helmet **must** be worn. The first 3 visits are **FREE**. Classes are charged **\$45.00 per school term**, payable at the start of each term. For further info send a email [uhrsc.kiwispeed@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:uhrsc.kiwispeed@yahoo.co.nz)

**NOTICE BOARD** Please read the notice board on a regular basis to be kept informed. A list of the Committee and contacts numbers is available on the board.

**JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE** At the Club's AGM a skater is elected as the Junior Representative for the coming year. If you, or a skater, have any queries or concerns please see or contact this person who will assist you. They report to the Committee on a regular basis to ensure all matters of concern are handled as quickly as possible.

### **PATCH COACHING**

Usual format is 5 minute warm up using skating skills, about 45 minutes of content coaching, (basic skating skills), about 10 minutes of circular Patch coaching. This may vary slightly depending on availability of our **volunteer** coaches. This will be decided on the night by the **Patch Managers with the Head Coaches**. During this time the skater is expected to stay on the rink to learn skating skills. If you are unsure please ask the Patch Managers for help – see person on desk if unsure who to ask. Upon asking a copy of the Patches can be arranged for you. The Head Coaches allocates who coaches what Patch and will generally move coaches after each term. Skater will progress at their own rate will no time limit being in each patch.

Coaches who coach Patch have passed the Patches and are deemed to be able to coach our Patch Class under the guidance of the Patch Managers and Head Coaches.

Patch tests are designed in a way that ensures the skater is proficient once all patches are passed.

The Head Coaches will determine a skater is ready to take a patch test. They will arrange the sitting of the test. Sometimes a skater whom both the coach and Head Coaches think is ready for a patch test may not pass. The skater will be advised what they need to work on and will given another test at a later date.

Any questions or concerns should be taken to the Patch Managers/Club Captain first who will discuss with the Head Coaches if required. It would be appreciated that adult helpers/parents be available to assist with behaviour/control if necessary.

***Private coaching during patch class is not permitted.***

**PATCH MEETING** On the first Tuesday of the month at about 6.20pm a Patch meeting is held so that skaters/parents are kept informed of any important information including competitions, etc. A skater who has passed a patch is recognised by way of a certificate with a sticker and a place to record the date they passed that particular Patch. The skater should then return the certificate so when they pass the next patch it is available to be updated and presented. Each month, one Patch class skater will be awarded a certificate for being the most hard working, improved, dedicated skater of the month. One patch class assistant coach will also be awarded a certificate for their coaching help during the month.

**FUNDRAISING** The Club undertakes various fundraising activities during the year to help towards all the expenses mentioned above, as well as contribute towards UH skaters costs when attending National and International competitions. We run public discos on Saturday afternoons from 3.00-5.00pm. We are able to run these discos only with the assistance of everyone in the club. Club members or the guardian of the club member are rostered on to help about once every 5-6 months with an experienced member rostered. A roster is produced every 2 months. These are usually sent out with the newsletters and are also on the notice board. We also run discos in the term school holidays Monday to Friday from 1.00-3.00pm, Private booking during school hours, and during school holidays and on a Saturday evening 6.30 -8.30 pm. ***All help is appreciated with these.***

**PRIVATE COACHING** If you are interested in private coaching please discuss with The Club Captain first. The Club Captain has a list and will be able to assist you in making the initial contact. Private coaching is done at sometime other than Patch Class and assists the skater in preparing for competitions, medal tests, etc. At the same time any new arrangement required for alteration in Rink fees and training/coaching times will be discussed. Private coaching may start from about Patch 3 onwards, this being a personal choice. All financial arrangements for private coaching are between the coach and skater/parent.

**NZRFS FEE** This fee is paid to the Federation. Before skating any Federation event, or before sitting any Medal Tests, a skater must pay the appropriate fee. A form will need to be completed by skater and/or parent guardian and is given with the required payment to the Treasurer. There are different classes of fees, which are described on the form. The Club collects all fees on behalf of NZFRS and before entering any Federated event, must register with the NZRFS and pay the required fee. Within the NZRFS are Committees, the main two concerning the Club are ***Artistic and Speed***. It is expected that when a skater starts private coaching they will become federated. See your coach for details

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**ARTISTIC/SPEED NUMBER** All federated skaters require their own unique artistic or speed number. This number must be worn correctly at all competitions and medal tests, **except** during a Precision competition event. This number has to be renewed annually by the payment of a fee. **More details at desk or see your coach**

**DISCIPLINES OF SKATING** there are two disciplines covered by the Club and NZRFS which are Artistic and Speed

**ARTISTIC is divided into four categories**

**Figure Skating** is a discipline where skaters follow set patterns on circles marked on the floor. The basic skills of, all skating is learned here.

**Free skating** skaters perform original routines to music

**Dance skating** can be performed singly or in pairs to well known dances such as the Waltz. In Creative Dance skaters make up their own dance to a set dance tempo.

**Precision skating** is a team sport that includes skaters at early levels of ability through to the International level. Basically teams skate in unison with a variety of moves and formation to music of their choice.

**SPEED**

**Speed skating** is either done on Road (Outdoors) or Flat track (Indoors). Race distances are from 200 metres to Marathons. Speed skaters use Inline Skates and must always wear a helmet.

**COMPETITIONS**

Various competitions are held throughout the year at our rink and at other venues in the region. All entries fees must be paid before the **UH Club's closing date** otherwise you will not be entered.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:** This competition is usually held on the second weekend in December. All Club skaters are encouraged to enter.

**CENTRAL LEAGUE:** There are Leagues competitions held in our area (lower half of the North Island) each calendar year. These competitions are ideal for beginners and are encouraged to attend for experience.

**OPEN COMPETITION:** An open competition where the local club hosts a competition and invites skaters from other clubs are invited to attend.

**REGIONALS COMPETITION:** are held once a year in the Club's region. The Upper Hutt Club is in the Eastern Central Region consisting of Clubs from the eastern side of the lower North Island down to Wellington.

**AREAS CHAMPIONSHIPS:** is the competition where skaters qualify to enter the National Championships. The Upper Hutt Club is within the Central Area consisting of all Clubs from the lower half of the North Island.

**NATIONALS CHAMPIOSHIPS:** are held yearly and consist of all the Federated grades from Artistic, Precision & Speed.

**INTERNATIONAL:** events are held on a regular basis with different qualifying competitions.

**DRESS CODE FOR COMPETITIONS** Costume for female skaters must have a skirt. The costume for both man and lady in all events should be in character with the music, but should not be such so as to cause embarrassment to judges, audience, or skaters concerned. Costumes that are very low cut at the neck or that show bare midriffs are considered show costumes and not suitable for championship skating. Any beads or diamante trimmings used on the costume must be very securely stitched so as not to cause obstruction to following competitors. Props of any nature are not permitted.

**MEDAL TESTS** Medal Tests are for personal achievement and a requirement to have to enter all International competitions. Your coach will discuss the requirements with you. Medal Tests are undertaken for each discipline. There is a cost to sit each medal. This may vary depending on various costs such as judges travel expenses, hall hire etc. Watch the notice board and newsletter for dates and entry details

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## **POLICY 1**

### **RINK FEES**

#### **From 20 February 2013**

These fees are payable to use rink at 4A Railway Avenue, Upper Hutt

The Club operates a three tier card (fee) system for Financial Members only.

Full and Part Cards are invoiced and payable at the start of each quarter June – August, September - November, December - February, and March – May.

Patch Cards are invoiced and payable at the start of each school term.

1. **Full card** allowed to skate any number of times during the Club's time.

2. **Part card** still in Patch Class and allowed to skate one (1) other nominated day during club time.

**OR** allowed to skate only one (1) nominated day per week during club time.

Members on a Part Card can not change their nominated day without notifying the Club Captain and/or Treasurer first. Failure to get permission to change will result in the member being charged the daily charge for any extra days.

3. **Patch card** allowed to skate only during Patch time.

#### **Fees are**                      **If paid in full before due date**

Full card                      \$150.00 per quarter                      (\$600 per year)

Part card                      \$ 90.00 per quarter                      (\$360 per year)

Patch card                      \$ 50.00 per term                      (\$200 per year)

Payment can be made by Internet Banking, Automatic Payment or by EFTPOS at the Rink

**NOTE** If payment is not received by the due date a **PENALTY FEE of TWENTY-FIVE (25%)** may be added to due amount.

#### **Rules**

1. Every quarter/term to be paid in full, except for a new member, when the Committee will decide on the fee. No refund will be given for partially used quarters/terms.

2. Fees for the current quarter/term are to be paid in full by the due date otherwise the member will not be allowed to use the rink.

3. If a skater from another NZFRS club wishes to use the rink the fee is \$10.00 per hour

4. Skaters from NZFRS affiliated clubs regularly using the rink at least once a month must become an associate member.

5. Club skaters on a part card wanting extra time must pay \$8.00 per session. The same fee is payable by a Club non card holder

6. Club skaters who are not on a card but wish to use the club facilities for off skate training only will pay a fee of \$4.00 per session.

7. Members wishing to change to a lower fee card must notify the Club Captain and/or Treasurer before the start of the next quarter/term. Any fees outstanding for the current quarter/term must still be paid in full.

8. Members wishing to change to a higher fee card must notify the Club Captain and/or Treasurer prior to increasing their rink usage. The Committee will advise the fee to be charged for the increased usage during the current quarter and the higher card fee will be invoiced from the start of the next quarter.

9. Where there are more than two skaters from the same family residing at the same address, card fees will be charged for the 2 highest cards applicable and then at 50% of the applicable card for any other skaters.

10. Only members on a full card may purchase a key as per "Key Rules".

11. Disco Charges

a) No charge for any member paying a Card fee.

b) \$4.00 for all other Club members.

#### **Note**

Kiwi Speed skaters will pay \$45.00 per school term while using Upper Hutt Riverstone Recreation hall for the Kiwi Speed class the Club organises time for