

*Burlington Skating
2023 Ice Show*

Living the Dream

Rehearsal and Performance Information

Rehearsals

**Thursday, March 2 through
Thursday, March 30
Burlington Ice Palace**

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The rehearsal schedule is [available for download](#). Please make note of your skater's dates and times and record them in your calendar right away! We have done our best to keep rehearsal times as close to your skater's typical lesson times as possible.

This year, we are operating on a shorter window of rehearsals than usual, so we have had to get a little flexible to get everyone their rehearsal times. Please make every effort to attend all rehearsals, even when they are not at your usual skating time.

REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

Attendance at rehearsals is mandatory. Please arrive early so that you are ready to get on the ice when your rehearsal begins. There are only five scheduled choreography rehearsals for each group (except Graduates), and missing skaters makes it difficult for everyone in the group to learn the program. Any skater that misses 3 or more rehearsals will not be allowed to participate in the show. If you cannot attend a rehearsal, please email Liz at director@burlingtonskating.org before your scheduled rehearsal time.

DRESS REHEARSAL

All skaters must attend the Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday, March 29. Skaters will be expected to come dressed in their full show costume. Each group will have two run-throughs of their program, practice their finale, and have group photos taken before they will be dismissed by the Director. Times are listed in the rehearsal schedules, and more details will be shared as the date approaches.

Performances

Saturday, April 1, 7:00 - 9:30pm

Sunday, April 2, 2:00 - 4:30pm

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SHOW RULES:

- 1. All skaters must participate in both performances.**
2. Skaters must be at the ice rink one hour before show time (6:00pm on Saturday and 1:00pm on Sunday) and should go directly to their assigned locker room and check-in with their Show Supervisors.
3. Absolutely no men in the dressing room areas. To ensure the safety of your children during performances, no parents, family members or friends are allowed backstage or in the dressing room areas, except for Show Supervisors. This rule is strictly enforced.
4. Skaters will remain with their Show Supervisors and skating group for the duration of the show. They will not be allowed to go to the snack bar area or roam around the rink during the show.
5. Our youngest skaters (Snowplow; Basic 1-3; Basic 2-4; Boys) will perform during the first half of the show, and will participate in a mini-finale before the intermission. These groups **ONLY** will be dismissed to their parents at intermission and are welcome to head home or stay to watch the second half of the show.
6. Skaters should bring a coat, blanket, or bathrobe to stay warm. They may also bring a drink and small snack - something that will not stain costumes if spilled - such as water and popcorn. Please do not bring snacks containing nuts. Snacks will stay in the locker rooms and not be brought into the stands.
7. Hard skate guards are mandatory, as skaters may need to walk under the bleachers from the dressing room to get to the other end of the rink.
8. After the finale, please wait for the entire cast to return to their dressing rooms before sending **ONE** adult to pick up your skater.

Costumes and Dress Codes

COSTUMES

Costumes will be distributed as soon as they have arrived. Once costumes are distributed, they are your responsibility to keep them in a safe place. All skaters must try on costumes as soon as you receive them in case there are any problems or if alterations are required. All alterations are your responsibility. Costumes should be hung up to avoid wrinkling.

TIGHTS AND BODYSUITS

All girls are expected to wear footed, skin/tan colored tights, such as [these Mondor tights](#) (or similar) available on Amazon and other retailers. **No** *footless, over-the-boot, shimmer, or embellished tights*. We recommend skaters not wear underwear under their tights if possible. They often end up visible under the costume and it can be distracting and embarrassing!

Flesh/nude colored leotards or body suits (long or no sleeves) may be worn under costumes for extra warmth or comfort if you choose. Tights and bodysuits can be found at Cooke's Skate Supply in Wilmington, or online retailers such as Discount Dance Supply and Amazon.

Boys: We recommend wearing a long-sleeved fitted base-layer shirt (such as [this one at Target](#)) and long underwear or leggings ([such as this](#)) under your costume.

HAIR AND MAKE-UP

As the dress rehearsal approaches, coaches will let the skaters know how they would like hair to be styled. A bit of make-up (lipstick, blush, eye shadow and/or mascara) makes a big difference on the ice and in photos, but we do not have specific requirements.

SKATES

If your skater has been using rental skates, we very strongly suggest that now is the time to obtain their own personal skates, so that they can get comfortable in them before the show. Please let us know if you need recommendations or have concerns.

We recommend that you sharpen your skates two to three weeks prior to the show. Polish skates (by removing scuff marks with rubbing alcohol) and wash laces for the dress rehearsal and show.

Remember that hard (plastic/rubber) skate guards are required for all skaters as they will need to walk on concrete surfaces under the bleachers.

Program Book Ads

PROGRAM BOOK INFORMATION

Our full-color program books are given out for free to all skaters and audience members! They will include all of the skaters names and group information, as well as personal and business advertisements.

These ads are so important to our program, as the funds raised not only enable us to print the programs themselves, but also to ensure that every skater gets to attend the cast party for free! Please consider placing an ad for your skater and/or contacting local businesses to ask them to advertise with us. Personal ads may be submitted online (see below), or you can email info@burlingtonskating.org for more information. **All ads must be submitted by March 10th** in order to be included in this year's Program Book.

Payment may be by cash or check (made out to BHSA), or can be paid via credit card/PayPal at <http://paypal.me/BurlingtonSkating>.

PERSONAL/FAMILY ADS

Many families purchase an ad in the program book to congratulate their skater. Quarter-, half-, and full-page ads are available at a reduced price for our show families. Ads can include full-color photos and your own text. The easiest way to submit your ad is to use our form at <https://forms.gle/8ACKc5o1xv77MiBd8>, which will allow you to upload your photo(s) and write your message. Payments can be made at the rink in cash or by check, or via PayPal. You may also use the attached form, or submit via email.

BUSINESS ADS

Do you run a local business? Do you know someone who does? Please reach out and ask them if they would advertise in our program book, reaching hundreds of people! Family members and friends of skaters may place a business advertisement at the reduced member price. The business ad form is [available for download](#).

Photographs

Group and individual photos will be taken by the amazing Coach Dawn! More information on dates and times will be forthcoming.

All skaters will take group photos. Individual portraits or small group photos with friends or siblings will also be available, but are optional. Coach Dawn will also take "action" photos during the performances.

All photos will be available digitally at the cost of \$20 per family. If you choose to purchase access to the photos, you will be emailed a link as soon as they are available. You are then welcome to download, share, and print the photos as you see fit. We will not be offering any prints or other items directly.

Video

The Saturday evening performance will be filmed by BCAT, along with some behind-the-scenes interviews on Sunday! In the past, we have offered DVD copies of the show for \$20. We are working to see if we can offer a digital option this year, and will provide more information as it is available!

Tickets and other Audience Information

SHOW TICKETS

Ice Show tickets will be on sale at all ice show practices and through dress rehearsal. Tickets are show-specific and cannot be transferred due to maximum capacity laws of the rink, so please be sure which show(s) you will require tickets for. Tickets cost \$15, and may be paid by cash, check, or PayPal.

All audience members age 3 and up must have a ticket for each show they attend, including parents of skaters. Parents who are volunteering during the show (show supervisors or lobby staff) do not need to purchase a ticket for the show at which they are helping.

FLOWERS

Flowers will be on sale in the lobby of the rink, or you are welcome to bring your own. They are delivered to the skaters so that they can carry them on the ice during their finale.

All flowers need to be labeled and given to the flower volunteers. They will place them in the appropriate boxes for distribution at the finale. Pre-printed labels for every cast member will be available at the flower table.

NO BALLOONS, STUFFED ANIMALS OR GIFT BAGS WILL BE DELIVERED. If you bring your own bouquets, please make sure they are not too large for your skater to safely carry while on the ice!

TIMING AND SEATING

Doors will open approximately 1/2 hour prior to show time, and all seats are first come, first served. Due to issues during previous years, blankets and jackets may not be used to save seats. Please make sure family and friends arrive early and dress appropriately for the cold!

Cast Party

The cast party will take place immediately following the Sunday performance at the Woburn Elks (295 Washington St. in Woburn). All skaters are welcome to attend free of charge, but must request their ticket by the end of the Dress Rehearsal. Skaters under age 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Families may purchase a ticket to the cast party for \$15 per person. You may pay by cash, check, or PayPal at any rehearsal. We must have an accurate headcount ahead of time, so tickets will not be available at the door.

The Cast Party includes food, music, dancing, t-shirts, awards, prizes and more! Parents are asked to bring a small dessert for the dessert table.