

Elkford Skating Club 2023/24 Fundraising Requirements

Thank you for registering your child with Elkford Skating Club! One of the most common questions we hear is: “*Why do we need to fundraise so much?!!*”

1. It takes a lot of funds for our non-profit club to operate. We need to pay for our coaching staff, ice rental, Skate Canada fees, and many other essentials.
2. Only about *half* of the expenses are covered by our low registration fees. The rest must be made up through 1.) Fundraising and 2.) our annual Ice Show.

Each family is required to pay a fundraising fee in addition to the registration amount. There is only one fundraising fee per family, not one fee per skater. Half-season registrants, including Pre-CanSkaters and CanSkaters, will be required to pay a \$200 fundraising fee at the time of registration in September or January, depending on which classes they are signing up for. This also includes part-time, once-per-week skaters. Fall skaters who continue into winter will pay the second \$200 at the time of January registration for a total of \$400 for the entire season.

NEW THIS YEAR: There is an option to pay the fall fundraising fee up front at the time of program registration, or installments can be chosen on the invoice so that \$100 of the fundraising fee will be due October 15th, 2023, and the next \$100 of the fee will be due Nov. 14th. Full-time registrants, including Primary, Intermediate, Junior and Senior skaters, will be required to pay a \$400 fundraising fee. They can pay the full amount at the time of registration in September, or they can choose to pay \$100 by October 15th, \$100 by November 14th, and then the final \$200 by January 1st, 2024.

Our big fundraiser this year is the **6th Annual Winter in the Wild Ball Drop**. Ticket sales will begin in fall, 2023, with the Ball Drop event held in February, 2024. This is our biggest and probably most exciting fundraiser of the season. Each ticket sold represents a numbered ball that is placed in a large box, held up by an Elkford Fire Department vehicle. When the balls are dropped, the three balls closest to the mark win awesome cash prizes.

Each family will be receiving ticket books in October 2023. Each ticket sold (\$10 per ticket/ball) by your family puts more of the fundraising fee back into your own pocket. The fundraising fee for each family (registered for the full year) is the equivalent of selling 4 ticket books, for a total of \$400 (10 tickets/booklet at \$10 each).

For half-year registrations, starting in September or January, the fundraising fee for each family is \$200, which is the equivalent of selling 2 ticket books, having a total worth of \$200.

Obviously, if you are a ticket-selling rockstar, you can request and pay for more books, earlier than the November 14th, 2023, second installment date, or the January 1st, 2024, installment date.

We will also be working to get the tickets out as soon as possible, in order to enable you to sell sooner, so you can reimburse yourself sooner.

If you have any questions or concerns about fundraising, please contact the club at: 250-910-7930 or by email at: elkfordskatingclub@gmail.com.

*****Please note that we will also likely hold a small number of other fundraisers throughout the year, and we do hope that you will be able to share your talents and energy with us and support the club, so that we can continue to deliver excellent skating programs to kids in Elkford.**