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24-25 SEASON WRAP-UP

March is upon us, and with that comes the end to our 24-25 Winter Skating Season. This season has been chalk full of learning, challenges, competitions, laughs, and so much more. Read on to see what our skaters have been up to the past few months.



SKATE CANADA TESTING

As we wrap up the 2024-2025 season, we're proud to reflect on the success of our Skate Canada testing. This year, our club completed a total of 80 tests, with 31 achieving the impressive Pass with Honors results, highlighting the incredible dedication and talent of our skaters. From beginners mastering essential skills to advanced skaters excelling in complex elements, the results demonstrate consistent growth across all levels. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the testing this season – your passion and perseverance have set a high bar, and we look forward to even more success in the year ahead.

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SPRING SKATING ACADEMY IS Open for Registration!

The conclusion of winter weather doesn't have to signify the end of ice skating! At PGFSC, we are lucky to have ice available throughout the spring, and our Spring Skating Academy Schedule is now live and ready for registration! Take a look at the different programs and session times we have available!





UPCOMING EVENTS:





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WHERE DO I GO FOR NEW SKATES?

With the recent closure of North Edge Ice Sports in Prince George, our options for acquiring new skates have become limited. Koops Bike shop carries mainly recreational skates, but has informed us that they are planning to bring in more styles suitable for competitive skaters.

If your skater requires new skates—whether they've outgrown their current pair or need a stiffer boot to match their skill level—please consult Coach Jenn or Coach Ferro before making a purchase. Our coaches can provide valuable insight into the type of skate or blade your skater will need and assist you in navigating the decision-making process when the time comes.

PGFSC Consignment

Don't forget about the PGFSC Consignment where your can drop off skating gear and attire that you no longer need, and can also browse our selection of used skates, dresses, club sweatshirts and more!



SKATE SHARPENING

Caring for your figure skates is essential, and this involves regular sharpening. The frequency of sharpening depends on how quickly the skater wears down the blade's edge, as well as individual preference. A common recommendation is to sharpen the skates every 20 to 30 hours of skating. If you have any questions about skate sharpening, feel free to contact us via the club's email address.

ART KNAPPS FUNDRAISER

As a non-profit organization, fundraising is essential for covering the everyday expenses of operating a club. This spring, we are excited to collaborate with Art Knapp for a flower fundraiser. From **May 9th to 19th**, Art Knapp Plantland will contribute 10% of the proceeds from your purchases of bedding plants, annual planters, annual hanging baskets, vegetables, and herbs to the PGFSC. To participate, simply present a physical letter or a screenshot of the attached letter <u>before your order is processed at the register</u>! Both Art Knapp locations in Prince George will be involved in this fundraising effort.



DROP OFF YOUR EMPTIES!

Our most recent bottle drive was a success, and we thank all those skaters and parents who participated to ensure it was so. We want to remind members that we have accounts at the bottle depot that allow you to drop off your empties and donate the funds to PGFSC throughout the year. Under 6 bags of empties: Head to any of the Express Return-It locations and use the kiosk window. Tag your bags with our club's phone number (250-563-4768) to ensure the funds go to our club account. You can visit: PG Recycling & Return-It Centre, Hart Return-It Depot, Nechako Bottle Depot. Over 6 bags of empties can be returned to the Nechako Bottle Depot on 1st Ave using the account #1136.





2025 CNC REGIONALS

In January, PGFSC made the trip to Quesnel, BC, for the CNC Regional Championships. Our club had a fantastic weekend, and two of our skaters were fortunate enough to participate in an interview with CKPG News. They discussed the competition, their results, and figure skating as a whole. You can find the article and watch the news story below.

CKPG NEWS STORY

THE 2026 CNC REGIONALS ARE COMING TO PRINCE GEORGE!



Every January, a club within the BCYT Region is tasked with hosting the CNC Regional Championships. In 2026, the PGFSC will proudly take on the responsibility of organizing this prestigious event, which will bring together nearly 300 skaters from all over Northern BC. This occasion is vital for us, and we will be actively seeking sponsors, in-kind product donations for our silent auction, and volunteers to help manage the competition. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, contributing to the silent auction, or have connections to businesses that might want to get involved, please reach out to us! Stay tuned for more information as we kick off our 2025-26 season this Fall.

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SPRING HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

For the past few years, we have partnered with Yellowhead Road & Bridge to support their spring highway clean-up initiative. Our club will take charge of collecting litter along a specific section of the highway, contributing to the beautification of our city while also fundraising for our club! We warmly invite and encourage all skaters, parents, and siblings to join in – even our coaches participated last year! Keep an eye out for more details regarding the event dates!

PG COUGARS PLAYOFF USHERING



Our WHL Prince George Cougars are headed to the playoffs! We're excited to continue our regular season partnership with the team and will be providing ushering services for the playoff hockey games to help raise funds for our club and program expenses. This is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your volunteer obligations for the season, support our local hockey team, and contribute to our fundraising efforts! Take a look at the available dates below.



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