

## [Program Assistants 2020-2021 Season](#)

The CanSkate Program Requirements have been updated with COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS. The role of the PA is more important than ever to meet the new CanSkate Program requirements. The CanSkate Season will begin after the Mlacak Arena opens on Oct 13, 2020. [Register by Sept 7, 2020.](#)

At this time, the Ottawa City Restrictions and Skate Ontario Return to Play protocols include:

- Maximum of 20 CanSkaters and 3 PAs on each session
- Only CanSkate Stage 2 (or equivalent level skaters) and up, no hands-on assistance
- A physical distance of 2 metres must be maintained between all individuals on the ice

In addition to the regular training of circuit drawings and and safety procedures, the Mandatory Program Assistant training will include this year:

- Training on flow control with physical distancing (encouraging passing lanes)
- Facility guidelines
- Hygiene/sanitizing measures, teaching aid cleaning and placement
- On-ice protocols/new PA roles
- Strategies for on-ice demonstrations, emphasize body language and verbal cues

We are accepting applications for Program Assistants. Priority will be given to experienced PAs.

### [2020/2021 Qualifications:](#)

- [Intermediate/Senior skaters 11 years and older](#)
- [Junior 2 skaters 12 years and older \(Age as of Sept 1, 2020\)](#)

All new PAs must complete 10 hours of on-ice training during CanSkate sessions before they can start earning credits. When you become a Program Assistant you are making a commitment to the MKSC CanSkate team. The CanSkate program could not run without you. You are expected to attend your sessions and if unavailable it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Thank you very much for applying to be a Program Assistant for the 2020/2021 season. Applications will be reviewed based on age, skating level, experience and availability. Successful candidates will be invited to the mandatory Program Assistant Training session and following the clinic, the 2020/2021 Program Assistants will be notified and given their schedules.

[PA Registration Link](#) Refer questions to Mitzi Rillo, [PACoordinator.mksc@gmail.com](mailto:PACoordinator.mksc@gmail.com)