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Dear skater, parent or guardian,

Welcome to Stratford Park Skating Club! This pack will give you all the information you need to know about the club, allowing you to make the most of your time here with us.

Our Sunday sessions (9.00am – 11.00am) are designed to teach skaters of all ages and abilities how to skate. Skaters will learn basic skills and are encouraged to take part in informal grade tests, earning badges as they progress. They will also be taught the basics of roller dance and will have some fun along the way! The rough schedule for a Sunday is as follows:

<u>9.00am</u>	General skate to warm-up
<u>9.30am</u>	Basic skills lessons
<u>10.30am</u>	General skate and introduction to roller dance

We also run sessions for advanced and competitive skaters on a Sunday (11.00am – 1.00pm) and a Thursday evening (6.00 – 8.00pm). These sessions are invite-only.

On arrival to our Sunday morning sessions, please ensure that you 'check in' at the desk. This applies to all skaters, including advanced skaters and those who pay for sessions in advance. We securely keep a register of all skaters attending each session (in compliance with GDPR) to ensure their safety in the event of a fire. We also ask that skaters inform a coach if they wish to leave the hall.

For safeguarding reasons, the club does not permit the taking of photos or videos during sessions. All children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Prices and Membership

Sunday sessions (9.00 – 11.00am) are at a reduced price of £8 for club members (£9 for non-members). Skaters invited to stay for the advanced session (11.00am – 1.00pm) will pay a reduced price of £10 for both sessions. You will need to pay your £20.00 membership for the year from April and will be reminded to renew your membership at the end of each year. This is a pro rata fee by quarter, so if you join the club part way through the year, you will only be charged for the remainder of that year (e.g., if you join in July, you will only pay £15). You will be asked to fill out a new membership form each April, but if any contact/medical details change in the meantime, please alert one of the volunteers at the desk on a Sunday morning.

Payments can be made by cash, card or bank transfer (account name: SPSC, sort code 30-98-97, account no. 76177860).

Competitions

Our competitive skaters regularly take part in national competitions and have won many medals and trophies between them! They skate in solo, duo and team (teams of three skaters) events at one- or two-day competitions.



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Once skaters have learned the basic dances, they will be invited by a coach to compete in dance competitions if they wish to do so. In order to take part in competitions, skaters must become a member of GB Skate Artistic (GBSA). When you are invited to take part, pricing information and GBSA membership forms are available from the desk on a Sunday morning. However, competitions are optional; skaters are not obliged to take part!

Skating Equipment

We have a limited number of second-hand skating dresses and other equipment available for purchase, and club kit is available for competitive skaters. Please ask at the desk on a Sunday for more information, or for advice on purchasing your own skates.

And Finally...Useful Links

- Club information & social media:
 - Website: www.spsc.org.uk
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stratfordparksbateclub>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stratfordparksbating>
- Skate hire/purchase:
 - Skatermate supply dance skates (for hire or purchase) and accessories (e.g. tights, bags, etc.): www.skatermate.co.uk/
 - Facebook Marketplace or eBay can be useful for second-hand skates. Look for 'Edea' or 'Risport' brands, and ask at the desk for advice.
- GB Skate Artistic (GBSA): Formerly the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating (FARS). For more information on Artistic Roller Skating as a competitive sport, visit their website: www.fars.co.uk
- Stratford Park Leisure Centre: 01453 766771

If you have any queries, please feel free to use the contact details at the top of this letter.

We hope you enjoy your time with us!

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