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**2015 Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Warman, Saskatchewan**

Delegate / Proxy Forms have been mailed to all registered Skate Canada clubs.

Registration may be completed online:  
<https://skatecanada.wufoo.com/forms/rzexk9q0zwt19b/>

If your club is attending, please complete the Delegate form.

If your club is unable to attend, please complete the Proxy Form.

**CanPowerSkate Coaches Clinic**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Humboldt, SK**

**Entry Pre-Requisites:**

To attend a CanPowerSkate Coaches Course candidates must:

- be sixteen years of age
- be a Skate Canada associate member

- have completed the NCCP Introduction to competition Part A multi-sport modules
- Figure skating: have completed the NCCP Instruction Beginner CanSkate course or higher;

OR

- Hockey/ringette: have completed the Community Coach Stream (hockey) or the NCCP Community Sport-initiation workshop (ringette).

Please note: These requirements are pre-requisites and must be met prior to attending the course.

**Training Requirements:**

1. 2-day CanPowerSkate course successfully
2. Introduction to competition Part A multi-sport modules successfully
3. Hold a valid First Aid certificate (every three years)

**Evaluation Requirements for  
“CanPowerSkate Coach” Status:**

1. CPS coach’s exam
2. On-ice practice teaching lesson
3. Emergency Action Plan (EAP) if not already completed successfully in the CanSkate Trained Evaluation Portfolio

4. Making ethical decisions on-line evaluation available on CAC's website.

**Coach Title:** CanPowerSkate Coach

To register, please visit the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan website under Events.

### **Skate Canada Update**

#### **2015 Call for Application to the Skate Canada Board of Directors**

In preparation for the 2015 Skate Canada Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Nominating Sub-committee is seeking prospective candidates for election to the 2015-2016 Board of Directors. The sub-committee is looking for people who will bring a variety of skill sets, backgrounds and interests to the board, reflecting the rich diversity and facets of our organization.

This year, a total of nine positions are available on the Skate Canada Board of Directors, where people can bring experience across a variety of subject matters such as skating programs, club development, marketing and sponsorship, and/or coach and official development.

Please take time to review the **Call for Applications to the Skate Canada Board of Directors memo** now posted on the Skate Canada [Info Centre](#). The Nominating Sub-committee encourages you to submit your interest for these nine available board positions.

Elections will take place at the AGM in Winnipeg on May 30, 2015.

**The submission deadline for all applications is March 28, 2015.**

Take part in electing your 2015 Skate Canada Board of Directors!

#### **2014-2016 Continuous Education Program Cycle**

In partnership with the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC), Skate Canada has aligned the Continuous Education Program (CEP) requirements with CAC's Maintenance of Certification policy. Skate Canada and the CAC have streamlined the requirements coaches need to register as a Skate Canada coaching member and also to maintain an active NCCP certification status with the CAC.

Aligning both programs required Skate Canada to modify the dates of the CEP cycles. Continuing on a two-year basis, the CEP cycles will now coincide with CAC's Maintenance of Certification policy effective January 1, 2015 for Skate Canada coaches.

To make this transition easy, we have extended the **2014-2016 CEP cycle to 30 months – July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016**. January 1, 2017 will be the date coaches obtain a renewed NCCP status with the CAC, and obtain a CEP status (gold, silver, bronze, or compliant), should enough points be accumulated during the cycle.

Skate Canada is in the process of implementing a new database and designing a new CEP electronic form to accommodate the changes, and we hope to have this tool available in 2015. In the meantime, we strongly encourage coaches to further pursue their professional development and keep proof of the completed activities on file, until further notice.

Our next CEP update will include information on the changes made to the mandatory points and to the point value per acceptable professional development activities.

#### **2014-2016 Continuous Education Program (CEP) Procedure**

Skate Canada continues to value the commitment coaches make towards professional development. Being successful requires you to think carefully and strategically about your skills and objectives. Whether you are coaching full-time or part-time, committing to personal and professional development is essential in helping our athletes reach their full potential.

As a follow up to the recent CEP article in *Keeping in Touch*, the full [2014-2016 CEP procedure](#) highlighting all of the changes made in collaboration with the Coaching Association of Canada's NCCP maintenance of certification policy is now available [on the Info Centre](#).

Please note that publishing a list of eligible activities is no longer required as all activities that contribute to your professional development as a coach will be accepted. However, please do familiarize yourself with the procedure as the different categories have specific guidelines to follow. For example, active coaching and first aid training are now eligible for points!

If you have any questions, please contact [coaching&programs@skatecanada.ca](mailto:coaching&programs@skatecanada.ca)

### **NCCP Level 4 Task 3: Music and Choreography**

Skate Canada is currently developing the program for the 2015 National Coaches Conference in Winnipeg and is looking to offer the Music and Choreography Level 4 task in conjunction with this event.

If you are interested, please complete the "[NCCP Level 4 Task 3: Music and Choreography](#)" poll. Should we receive enough interest, we will definitely offer this training.

### **Results – Coach Survey on National Performance Centres**

The results are in! Please go to [npc.skatecanada.ca](http://npc.skatecanada.ca) to find the results of our coach's survey on the National Performance Centres. Thank you to all who participated. We value your feedback and will start working on meeting the needs in the areas you have identified. As our website is under construction, please be sure to check back often for more information and surveys.

### **Child Fitness Tax Credit Receipts**

Clubs and skating schools have the ability to create child fitness tax credit receipts through Members Only. Information related to what is eligible for this tax credit can be found [on the Canadian Revenue Agency's website](#).

Instructions on how to create these tax receipts can be found in Members Only under Clubs and Schools > Clubs (or Schools) > Registration Documents and Forms > How to Issue Child Fitness Tax Receipts Online. And great news! Skate Canada membership fees can now be claimed as part of this tax credit. Simply add the membership fee as an additional program (cost of \$32) when inputting tax-eligible programs.

Your members can then log into Members Only and click on Personal Profile > Child Tax Credit Receipt to access and print these receipts.

### **What's your learn-to-skate partnership success story? We want to hear from you!**

Has your club engaged in a learn-to-skate programming partnership with the municipality, community group, school program or competitor? Has the partnership met or exceeded your expectations? Have your club, coaches or community benefitted? If so, we want to hear from you!

Share your successes with us and your club could be featured in a future edition of *Keeping In Touch*.

It could be a programming arrangement, a marketing agreement or the sharing of resources. No matter how simple or complex, we want to learn about your experiences.

[Share your success story here.](#)

### **Now Available: Coach Development Series Videos Online**

[Login](#) to the National Performance Centre website or [make an account to view videos of the seminars](#) being delivered in Toronto online. As each seminar is delivered on ice, we will edit and post videos to add to this collection.

## Contact Information for Safe Sport

Skate Canada invites you to visit the Safe Sport section of our website, which contains information and resources that raise awareness and improve safe sport initiatives throughout the organization.

Start using this one-stop online aid to learn more about Skate Canada's commitment to safety in our sport now at <http://www.skatecanada.ca/about-us/safe-sport/>.

Should you require further information please contact the Safe Sport department at [safesport@skatecanada.ca](mailto:safesport@skatecanada.ca) or 1.888.747.2372.

## 2015-2016 Pre-Juvenile to Novice Program Requirements

The [2015-2016 Pre-Juvenile to Novice Program requirements](#) are now available on the Info Centre.

These requirements have been approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee. Through the months of December and January the Technical Coordinating Committee conducted a survey of competitive coaches to seek input on the program requirements for the competitive categories for the 2015-2016 season.

There were also number of coaches' meetings for the smaller disciplines of pair and ice dance at the 2015 Skate Canada Challenge and the 2015 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships. The Technical Coordinating Committee considered feedback from all of these stakeholders while continuing to keep in mind the principles of our Long Term Athlete Development model.

Within the requirements for the 2015-2016 competitive season there are a number of items that have been approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee that must be presented to the Skate Canada Board of directors for review and approval. The [items currently being considered by the Skate Canada Board of Directors](#) can also be found on the Info Centre.

## Attention Coaches



## NCCP Competition Development – 2015 Winter/Spring Schedule

The 2015 Winter/Spring NCCP Multi-sport Competition Development schedule has been posted on the CAS website and is now open for online registrations.

Visit [www.saskcoach.ca](http://www.saskcoach.ca) to view the schedule and to register - workshops are limited to the first 20 paid coaches.

## **Sask Sport Inc. announces the 2014 Saskatchewan Sport Award Recipients**

Sask Sport Inc. is pleased to announce the recipients of 2014 Saskatchewan Sport Awards. Nominations were submitted by Sask Sport Inc.'s active and affiliate members for awards in the following categories: Athlete of the Year for master, youth male, youth female, male, female, and team; as well as awards for coach of the year, coach dedication, official male, official female and volunteer. A voting process involving the Saskatchewan sports media and Sask Sport active and affiliate member organizations was used to determine the recipient in each category.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients, finalists and nominees of the 2014 Saskatchewan Sport Awards. The Sport Awards celebrate the hard work, dedication and commitment of the outstanding amateur athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers in our province, and Sask Sport Inc. and our member organizations are proud to honour their remarkable achievements, said Jeff Herback, President of Sask Sport Inc. 2015 is the year of sport in Canada, and we're pleased in this Year of Sport to celebrate these outstanding achievements and the many benefits of participation in sport. The Saskatchewan Sport Award nominees and recipients embody the spirit of the Sport It's More than a Game

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campaign, inspiring others to participate and fueling our Saskatchewan pride.

The **recipients** for the **2014 Saskatchewan Sports Awards** are:

**MASTER ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:**

*Milos Kostic, 73, Regina, Triathlon, Nominated by Saskatchewan Triathlon Association Corporation*

**YOUTH MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:**

*Marco Schumann, 15, Saskatoon, Speed Skating, Nominated by Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association*

**YOUTH FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:**

*Tianna Kennett, 17, Manor, Wrestling Nominated by Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Association*

**MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:**

*Mark McMorris, 20, Regina, Snowboard, Nominated by Saskatchewan Ski Association Snowboarding*

**FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:**

*Brianne Theisen-Eaton, 25, Humboldt, Athletics, Nominated by Saskatchewan Athletics*

**TEAM ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:**

*Saskatchewan Women's Under-15 Provincial Basketball Team, Regina, Basketball Nominated by Basketball Saskatchewan*

**COACH OF THE YEAR:**

*John Haver, Saskatoon, Rowing, Nominated by Saskatchewan Rowing Association*

**COACH DEDICATION AWARD:**

*Frank McCrystal, Regina, Football, Nominated by Football Saskatchewan*

**MALE OFFICIAL:**

*Ron Boden, Saskatoon, Nominated by Saskatchewan Athletics*

**FEMALE OFFICIAL:**

*Karen Howard, Regina, Nominated by Skate Canada Saskatchewan*

- Served as a judge in singles and pair skating at the 2014 Olympic Games;
- Served on numerous Skate Canada committees including high performance,

technical officials, officials advisory, officials assignments and promotion; has been a monitor of skaters from juvenile to senior international levels; and has served on the board of directors;

- At the provincial level she has served on the officials, coaches and skater development committee as well as the board of directors; was the seminar leader for various judges, evaluators and skaters clinics; and monitor of skaters.

**VOLUNTEER AWARD:**

*Al Dyer, Prince Albert, Nominated by Special Olympics Saskatchewan*

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*Carol Chernishenko, Zehner, Nominated by Synchro Saskatchewan*

**New CanSkate Program – Checking In**

The new CanSkate program was officially launched in September 2014. This is a reminder for clubs to complete the CanSkate Program Confirmation Form as soon as possible so that we may gauge the level of delivery in clubs across the country, and to take note of where further support is required in order to achieve full delivery status. See link below to access the form:

**What Should CanSkate Look Like on the Ice? What are the Delivery Standards?**

If your club team is unsure of what the new CanSkate should look like on the ice and/or what your club's CanSkate program delivery status actually is, we can help – please see links below.

Compare your program to what you see in the following video clips and delivery standards checklist. If they are exactly the same, congratulations, you have reached full delivery status. **If not:** please ensure you study the videos and information and work with your club team to transfer these components and delivery methods onto the ice.

## CanSkate: The Session video series

A complete set of video clips that shows and explains each on-ice component of the CanSkate program (Intro & Warm-up, Lesson Time, Group Activity, Cool-down and Final Words).

These video clips can be found in Members Only under *Technical & Programs > New CanSkate*

## The new CanSkate promotional video

A promo-style video that shows CanSkate in action, why CanSkate is Canada's best learn-to-skate program and testimonials from CanSkate graduates Olympic and World medalists Patrick Chan, Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, as well as Ivania Blondin, World and Olympic long track speed skater, and Matt Duchene, NHL hockey player.

## CanSkate Program Delivery Standards Checklist

A list of on-ice and off-ice delivery standards that are required for Skate Canada clubs to operate the new CanSkate program.

If after viewing these videos and information you feel that your club would benefit from further support to adopt all components of the new CanSkate program, please contact either your section office, your section CanSkate resource team member, or the national office for further assistance.

## Newsletter Changes

Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 paper copies of the newsletter will no longer be mailed to clubs.

In order to ensure your club and members remain update to date, in compliance with Canada's anti-spam legislation, you must provide us with your consent to receive regular updates from Skate Canada – Saskatchewan.

To those of you who have already provided your consent, **Thank you**. To those of you who have yet to provide consent we hope that you will chose to provide consent to receiving

information electronically. Your decision to do so will ensure your and your club members remain informed about the Section events and activities.

If you have any questions about your contact information and how it is used please don't hesitate to contact us at 306-780-9245.

To provide your consent to receive information electronically, simply email [sk.skate@sasktel.net](mailto:sk.skate@sasktel.net) requesting to be added to our distribution list.

## Wanted: A Few Good Individuals



It is that time of year when we are canvassing members to volunteer their time to serve on the Board of Directors of Skate Canada – Saskatchewan.

Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Nominating Committee is receiving nominations for the following positions on the Board of Directors for the 2015/2017 seasons:

Chairperson  
Five (5) Directors

These positions will be elected to the Skate Canada - Saskatchewan Board of Directors by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Nominations for election to the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Board of Directors must be submitted, in writing, by members by **Noon on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015** to:

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1072 McDonald St.  
Regina, SK S4N 2X8  
Fax: (306) 780-9245  
Email: [sk.skate@sasktel.net](mailto:sk.skate@sasktel.net)

All nominations will be submitted in the Nominating Report, in alphabetical order by position, and posted on the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan website April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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Nomination forms online at [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) under Forms/Grants.

**Office Closure**

Please note the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Office in Regina will be closed the following dates (subject to change):

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Friday
April 6	Easter Monday
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day



**Reminders**

- ✓ Carnivals, Achievement Days, Invitational Competitions, Exhibition skates are Hockey games, etc. must be sanctioned. Sanctions are available on-line at [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com).
- ✓ Be sure to check the Skate Canada Members Only Login for information for the upcoming season.
- ✓ Be sure to check the web site [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) for upcoming NCCP Course information, seminars and more

**Calendar of Events**

Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	PharmaChoice Road Show	Fort Qu'Appelle
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PharmaChoice Road Show	Moosomin
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PharmaChoice Road Show	Melfort
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	PharmaChoice Road Show	Loreburn
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Warman
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Kincaid
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Moose Jaw
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Regina
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Living Skies Synchronized Skating Competition	Regina
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	La Ronge
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Skater Development Committee Meeting	Saskatoon
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Kindersley
Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	High Test Day	Esterhazy
Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	High Test Day	Macklin
Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Clavet
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Nipawin
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Swift Current
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Humboldt
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	Region 7 Spring Meeting	Drake



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