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**Skate Canada – Saskatchewan
Annual General Meeting & Awards
Dinner**

Saturday, April 30th, 2016
Executive Royal Hotel
Regina, SK

Delegate / Proxy forms have been mailed to the Clubs.

Online registration available.

Membership Session Update:

- Laura Strong from the Regina Open Door Society
- Monica Lockie – National Performance Centre Director

**2016 Skate Canada –
Saskatchewan Award Recipients**

Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Awards Committee is pleased to announce the following award recipients:

- Program Assistant Award – Brittany Rowe, Carlyle SC
- Section Volunteer Award – Nadia Stevenson, Skate Humboldt
- CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award – Koen Kucher, Skate Regina
- STARSkate Athlete Award – Alison Fedoriuk, Clavet SC
- CanSkate Athlete Award – Georgia Forsyth, Kinstino SC

- Synchronized Skating Recognition Award – Diane Nervas, Maidstone SC
- SaskEnergy Regional Champion Volunteer Awards
 - Region 1 – Carrie Hengen, Arcola SC
 - Region 2 – Kim Petersen, Mossbank SC
 - Region 3 – Mary Howell, Consul SC
 - Region 4 – Dianne Pelzer, Vibank SC
 - Region 5 – Sharon Renwick, Skate Regina
 - Region 6 – Donna Beutler, Whitewood SC
 - Region 7 – Larry Durand, Skate Humboldt
 - Region 8 - Joann Snustead, Line 19 SC
 - Region 10 – Debra Sparks, Mildred Skate Canada
 - Region 11 – Crystal Craig, Skate Hudson Bay
 - Region 12 – Dayle Loeffelholz-Yuzak, Skate Cudworth
 - Region 13 – Linda & Carey Tollefson, Skate Battlefords
- 2016 Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Sectional Awards
 - Merit Award – Carley Evans, Weyburn SC
 - Amy Award – Brynn Babey, Saskatoon FSC

2016 MILE Project

April 22nd – 24th, 2016
Saskatoon, SK

Friday, April 22th

7:00 – 9:30 PM 510 Cynthia St.

- Coaches only with Joanne McLeod

Topics such as:

- How to make elite skater, Training & Off ice formula, Parent Relationship, Yearly Plan and rest and recovery.
- Q & A Session at the end of the night

Saturday & Sunday, April 23rd & 24th

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM ACT Arena

- On-ice observe Joanne McLeod and Tracy Wilson in action

Cost: \$45.00

Registration Deadline: April 15th, 2016

[REGISTER](#)

For more information please contact Heather Martin at (306) 229-2616 or mailto:mouse_hr@hotmail.com.

****Note: only coaches registered with the MILE project will be allowed in the arena and classroom venue.**

CanSkate University

Skate Canada - Saskatchewan is hosting the CanSkate Coach University. This 2 day training course will provide intensive development for professional coaches who are delivering the new CanSkate program and want to further their skills and expertise.

Maximum 25 coaches may attend the training. A series of on and off ice sessions will be delivered by Skate Canada's CanSkate Club Service and Delivery

Consultant and CanSkate Resource Team Member, Leona Boyle.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All Skate Canada member coaches who currently teach CanSkate have the opportunity to submit an application form. The Section is proud to be able to offer CanSkate University at a reasonable cost.

Candidates should possess these skills and qualifications:

- NCCP CanSkate In-Training, CanSkate Trained, or CanSkate Certified (minimum)
- Registered professional coaching member with Skate Canada for the 2015-2016 season
- Currently teaching CanSkate
- Continuous Education Program (CEP) status
- Good communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to interact well with skaters, coaches, program assistants and parents
- Strong organizational skills
- Enthusiastic and energetic
- Promotes training and development opportunities for program assistants

To Apply:

1. Complete the Supplementary CanSkate University Application Form
2. Submit the Online Registration Form

Any questions regarding the application process can be directed to Heather Martin - Section Coaching Rep.

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Skating Community Mourns Passing of David Dore

OTTAWA, ON: Skate Canada is in mourning after learning of the passing of skating pioneer David Dore. He passed away peacefully this morning in Ottawa at age 75.

Dore was the youngest President of the Canadian Figure Skating Association, now known as Skate Canada. Most recently, and up until his passing, he served as the 1st Vice President of Figure Skating for the International Skating Union (ISU).

"The skating community in Canada and around the world are extremely saddened by the passing of David. He brought figure skating to a whole new level with his innovative and forward-thinking ideas; many practices that he implemented are still in use today," said Dan Thompson, Skate Canada CEO. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dore family during this trying time. The sport has lost a true champion."

Dore is one of the most decorated administrators and volunteers in Canadian sport, and was inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. In 2002, he received the International Olympic Committee's highest honour, the Olympic Order, for his contribution to sport in the global community. In 2008 he was inducted into the Skate Canada Hall of Fame as a builder.

During his eighteen-year tenure at Skate Canada he developed the National Team program, created the Athlete Trust, developed successful marketing and television concepts and staged three highly successful ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

Dore was also a national medallist, a world and Olympic level judge, and was involved locally at the club and section level.

In 2016, Skate Canada launched the [David Dore Mentorship Fund](#). The fund recognizes positive leaders who exemplify the same leadership traits as Dore in the community, club, section and national level.

Skate Canada wishes to send its sincerest sympathies to Mr. Dore's family and friends.

New NCCP National Coach Program - Approved

Skate Canada recently obtained final approval from the Coaching Association of Canada to implement the new NCCP National Coach Program that will replace the NCCP Level 3 program. This is exciting and we look forward to offering the sport-specific training called Analyze Technical and Tactical Performance (ATTP) in conjunction with the 2016 Ice Summit in St. John's, NL. In partnership with the Skate Canada Newfoundland & Labrador Section, coaches who are interested in furthering their NCCP status as a [National Coach](#) are being offered an exclusive opportunity to attend the ATTP 2-day course and begin their journey as a National Coach in preparation for the 2016-2017 skating season.

The learning activities in this training will allow coaches to:

- Analyze technical and tactical performance by observing and defining key factors that influence competitive performance.
- Analyze technical and tactical performance by applying the principles of motion to detect and correct key performance factors.
- Identify strategies to monitor and evaluate technical and tactical performance.
- Implement and assess the effectiveness of corrections.

Program Lead: Josée Bourdon, Senior Coaching & Officials Manager
Learning Facilitator: Monica Lockie, NCCP

Master Learning Facilitator
Course Time: 09:00 – 17:00 (both days)
Recommended For: ISPC/Level 2 Trained Coaches or Higher
Course Fee: \$250 (includes two lunches)
Registration Form: [NCCP Analyze Technical & Tactical Performance](#)

While the ATTP training will be in a multi-disciplined environment, please note to certify as a National Coach you will be required to work with novice to senior level athletes in at least one of four skating disciplines

Creating Life Balance Workshop – Register Today

Skate Canada is pleased to offer "Creating Life Balance" as pre-summit workshop in St. John's, NL! Balancing the demands of work, family, friends and personal time is a challenge; this workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to explore a variety of strategies to add more balance to their lives, including:

- Exploring the need for balance in your life
- Examining 10 key solutions to help you find and maintain balance
- Sharing tips and success stories

Workshop Lead: Josée Bourdon, Senior Coaching & Officials Manager

Workshop Facilitator: Megan Foster, CAAWS Facilitator, Skate Canada coach, and Coaching Development Committee member

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Time: 13:00 – 16:00

Location: Delta St. John's Hotel and Conference Centre

Fee: \$25

Space is limited – [register for the CAAWS Workshop today!](#)

Skate Canada is Moving

We are proud to announce that we will soon be moving to our brand new Ottawa Service Centre office. As of April 15, 2016, please note that our new address will be as follows:

Skate Canada
Box 15
261 – 1200 St. Laurent Blvd.
Ottawa, ON K1K 3B8

We will **close our office site from Monday, April 11 to Wednesday, April 13** to facilitate the moving process. Our business, including email and telephones, will be fully operational during the moving process and you will not experience any changes or delays in service and support during that time.

All other contact information will remain the same:

Phone: 613-747-1007; Toll Free: 1-888-747-2372

Email: info@skatecanada.ca

Website: www.SkateCanada.ca

We thank you for taking the time to update your records. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Saskatchewan Coaches Conference

May 6 & 7 - Saskatoon Inn and Conference Centre

This Multi-sport Coaches conference is designed to benefit all levels of coach from all sports. Featuring leading edge topics delivered in three workshops, twelve breakout sessions, and two keynote speakers. If you coach: Secondary School, High School, Club, Provincial Teams, Canada Games, NAIG, First Nation Games, University, National Team or Professional and want to continue "Making a Difference" this conference is for you! Coaches earn Professional Development points towards their NCCP Maintenance of Certification. ▶ www.saskcoach.ca/2016conference

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Coaches get first look at Skate Canada elearning site

Skate Canada is thrilled to announce the soft launch of the Skate Canada Education and Training Academy (SCETA). The site is available through the [Skate Canada Membership Site](#) to registered coaches and club/skating school administrators.

Over the next few months we are looking forward to gathering valuable feedback from coaches and club/skating school administrators in preparation for our full launch to all Skate Canada members this summer. There is a feedback survey located directly on the site and, in addition, you can send any further comments to elarning@skatecanada.ca.

This initiative will deliver new and improved education and communication opportunities using innovative and interactive technologies. Currently the site will host various training materials and resources including National Performance Centre (NPC) seminar recordings and CanSkate Training.

Feel free to explore all the resources currently available. We look forward to your feedback as we work to achieve our strategic goal of improving delivery capacity.

Test Certificates, Awards of Merit and Gold Pins

Please be advised that test certificates and awards of merit are not being printed at this time. Note, however, that gold test pins will be mailed to clubs **by request only** for distribution to any skaters who may have earned them. Please e-mail your request to info@skatecanada.ca and type Gold Test Pin Request in the subject line. Remember to include the amount and discipline (dance, skating skills, etc.) for each pin needed.

Regional Spring Meetings

Region 1	April 24 th	Carlyle
Region 4	April 17 th	Fort Qu'Appelle
Region 6	April 16 th	Yorkton
Region 7	April 16 th	St. Brieux
Region 8	April 17 th	Saskatoon
Region 10		Kindersley
Region 12	April 17 th	Shellbrook
Region 13	April 17 th	Maidstone

Please contact your Regional Coordinator for locations and times.

Children's Fitness Tax Credit Receipts No Longer Available from Skate Canada

Skate Canada is no longer offering the program that allowed for the creation of receipts for the children's fitness tax benefit. With tax season quickly approaching, we encourage you to find an alternative solution for the issuance of these receipts.

The Canada Revenue Agency provides a list of items that should be included when preparing tax receipts. [Please click here](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page to view this list.

Skate Canada Numbers are Changing

Skate Canada is changing the format of the familiar 10-digit Skate Canada number. The new identifier will continue to be 10 characters in length; however, it will be made up of both letters and numbers. This change will help to eliminate the issuance of duplicate Skate Canada numbers. Note that this change does not apply retroactively – **previously issued Skate Canada numbers will remain the same.**

Use of Vocal Music with Lyrics

The Skate Canada Board of Directors has approved the use of vocal music with lyrics for all levels of STARSkate and CompetitiveSkate in all disciplines, **effective March 1, 2016.**

After March 1, 2016, there will no longer be a deduction applied for the use of vocal music with lyrics in any test or competition setting.

Documents on the Info Centre referencing the restriction of using vocal music with lyrics will be updated over the coming months.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Safe Sport Update on Incident Reporting

WHEN SHOULD AN INCIDENT REPORT BE COMPLETED?

It is at the discretion of the individual responsible at the time of the incident whether or not an incident report should be filled out. From a safe sport perspective it is better to over report than under report especially if insurance claims can stem from the incidents.

Please keep in mind anytime a skater falls and bumps their head, an incident report must be completed in case they may suffer from a concussion. An incident report must also be completed if a skater sustains any other injury. This information is useful and required when dealing with insurance claims stemming from the incident.

Skate Canada strongly encourages you to also report any incident that might help us improve the overall safety in the organization. [To report an incident, click here.](#)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND BENEFITS OF AN INCIDENT REPORT?

- To record details of an unusual event that occurs at the facility, such as an injury.
- Guarantee insurance compliance.
- This tool will allow us to effectively collect and analyze incident information related to skating.
- Detect trends by club such as bad ice, poor lighting, and ventilation issues.

This information will allow us to proactively implement preventative measures and best in class safety programs.

Check your Coach Transcripts

The LOCKER:

Check your Coach Transcripts

Are you a coach and curious about what kind of coach training you have? The NCCP Locker database stores all the coach training you have completed in one place. With an active email account, you are able to view your very own coaching transcript.

To gain access, log into <https://thelocker.coach.ca>

Please review your certification and report any missing courses.



Aboriginal Community Sport Development Grant

The purpose of the Aboriginal Community Sport



Development Grant Program (ACSDGP) is to provide greater sport participation and development opportunities for Aboriginal youth in Saskatchewan. The program will assist and support the implementation of organized community sport programs to increase sport opportunities for youth in the Aboriginal community, specifically in urban, rural, on-reserve, isolated and northern communities.

For more information on the ASCDG, please visit:

<http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/funding.php#grant>

Federal Budget offers support for sport and recreation infrastructure

Finance Minister Bill Morneau released his first budget, *Growing the Middle Class*, today and the sport, physical activity and recreation sector was the beneficiary of infrastructure support for community and recreational facilities.

The Budget sets out a plan for two phases of infrastructure spending. In Phase One (the next two years) \$3.4 billion in new money has been allocated "for social infrastructure including affordable housing, early learning and child care, cultural and recreational infrastructure and community health care facilities on reserve." Specifically, an amount of \$150 million over the next two years will go to Regional Development Agencies on a cost-shared basis with municipalities, community organizations and non-profit entities to support projects to renovate, expand, and improve existing community and cultural infrastructure. No change has been proposed to existing infrastructure funds

such as the Gas Tax Fund which will see funds transferred to it, on an accelerated basis, from older federal infrastructure programs. In addition, First Nations communities will see \$76.9 million over two (2) years allocated to the construction of cultural and recreational infrastructure.

Phase Two will deliver on the remaining eight (8) years of the Government's long term plan for infrastructure.

"We appreciate the funding committed in this budget to sport and recreation infrastructure. However, it is a very modest commitment given the estimated replacement costs to repair existing sport and recreation facilities in Canada is \$16 billion - not including required funding for new facilities for the growing, aging and diversifying population", commented Cathy Jo Noble, Executive Director of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA). "We look forward to continuing our dialogue with government to secure this critical investment in the future."

In order to help with the concussion issue the Budget has earmarked \$1.4 million over two years to "allow the Public Health Agency of Canada to work with provinces and territories to harmonize concussion management guidelines across Canada."

The Budget will also see the Children's Fitness Credit change over the next two years. In 2016 the maximum amount eligible will drop to \$500 from \$1,000 even though it will remain a fully refundable credit. This credit will then be eliminated for 2017 and beyond.

"While disappointed in the message that this sends we will continue to work along with our colleagues in the sector and the government to find ways to encourage more Canadians to be more active", stated Bob Elliott, Senior Leader of the Sport Matters Group.

In sport, there was little mention of high performance sport other than to allocate \$10 million (from the Veterans budget) over the next two fiscal years to the Invictus Games which will take place in Toronto in 2017. This

will consist of \$4 million of reallocated funds from 2015-16 and 2016-17 as well as \$6 million in new money from 2016-17.

in 2017-18 with a decline to \$14.3 billion by 2020-21.

On an overall basis the Budget calls for a deficit of \$29.4 billion in 2016-17, \$29 billion

Calendar of Events

April 16	Development & Jr. Development Teams Spring Kick Off Camp	Saskatoon
April 22–24	2016 MILE Project	Saskatoon
April 22–24	High Performance Team Spring Kick-Off Camp	Saskatoon
April 23–24	Competitive Team Spring Kick-Off Camp	Saskatoon
April 29	Coaches AGM & Awards Reception	Regina
April 30	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Regina
April 30	Section Annual General Meeting	Regina
April 30	Section Annual Awards Dinner	Regina
May 1	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Regina
May 13–15	Instruction Beginner CanSkate Clinic	Saskatoon
June 3–4	Skater Development Committee Planning Meeting	Saskatoon
June 4	Coaches Core Committee Planning Meeting	Saskatoon
June 10–12	Section Board of Directors Planning Meeting	Saskatoon
June 11	Sask Sport Inc. Annual General Meeting	Regina
June 18–19	CanSkate University	Saskatoon
July 22-24	CanPowerSkate Coaches Clinic	Regina
Aug 12-14	Sask Skate (Skate Canada Summer Series)	Regina
Aug 12-14	Sask Open	Regina
Sept 16-18	Primary STARSkate Coaches Clinic	Regina
Sept 30-Oct 2	Team Saskatchewan Fall Camp	Regina
Oct14-16	Instruction Beginner CanSkate Coaches Clinic	Regina



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