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**SKATE CANADA SASKATCHEWAN
COMPETITIVE TEAM
TRAINING PLAN**

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INTRODUCTION

The following is the training plan for the Skate Canada - Saskatchewan Competitive Team. The plan begins with the vision and objectives as per the direction of the Skater Development Committee. The team strategy, structure, action plans, selection criteria, correspondence etc ... all originate from this vision and are detailed in the following report.

SHORT TERM GOALS

By the 2020 season, Saskatchewan will have four (4) skaters/teams at the Canadian National Skating Championships - placing four (4) athletes in the top third (1/3) for their respective disciplines.

VISION / LONG TERM GOALS

That Saskatchewan skaters be recognized across the country as legitimate contenders for medals at all Canadian National Championships and Canada Winter Games events.

That provincial resources be coordinated and focused to provide a healthy and fun environment for skaters to attain their highest potential in all aspects of skating skills, jump/spin technique, and physical development and to acquire life skills that support their emotional and psychological well-being.

By 2023, Saskatchewan would have a full team at the Canada Winter Games - placing in the top five (5) for their respective disciplines.

COMPETITIVE TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

The Competitive Team will have access to some of the following funding and opportunities.

Camps and Seminars			
Spring Camp	<p>This 2 day camp will focus on technique for both jumps, spins and skating skills. Skaters will work on the ice in small groups with the clinician. They may also have the opportunity to work with presenters in the area of sports science (mental skills, nutrition, strength and conditioning) as well as attend a judges presentation. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the athlete's YTP with the High Performance Director and Chair of Skater Development.</p> <p>This camp will be held in conjunction with the High Performance Team and Sask Elite Team.</p>		
Performance Camp	<p>This 2 day camp will bring with it the focus of maximizing performance. Skaters will have on-ice sessions with the chosen clinician, as well as sports science off-ice classes. Skaters will also have the opportunity to sit with a tech specialist and discuss some of the feedback the skater's have received from their summer competitions/monitoring.</p>		
Training Days (TBD)	<p>The Skater Development Committee plans to hold a Team Training Day (TTD) throughout the season.</p>		
Sports Science (SMSCS)		Competitions & Teamwear	
Nutrition	<p>Group sessions at one of the camps with a nutritionist</p>	Summer Competition	<p>Possible subsidy for second out of province competition (must be a NextGen identified event). We want to encourage Competitive Team skaters to attend <u>two</u> summer competitions.</p>
Mental Skills	<p>Access to a mental skills professional for equivalent of 2 one hour sessions per year. All funding requests for mental training must be made through the High Performance Director</p>	HP Fall Competition	<p>Potential to be selected to attend an out of province competition in September or October. There will be a nominal fee (\$450-\$500).</p>
Strength and Conditioning	<p>Off-ice classes to be offered at camps</p>	Teamwear	TBD

SELECTION CRITERIA (posted on Skate Canada Saskatchewan website)

The Skate Canada - Saskatchewan Competitive Team will be comprised of skaters selected from across the province based on their technical ability, competition results, training plan and their observed talent/work ethic as determined by the Saskatchewan Skater Development Committee.

General outline as follows:

Juvenile U12 and U14 skaters who are consistently landing minimum 3 different double jumps and a double/double combination

Pre-Novice Skaters who achieve minimum TCS of 50.00

Novice Skaters who achieve minimum TCS of 60.00

Pair Teams (Juvenile-Novice level)

Dance Teams (Juvenile-Novice level)

Skaters accepting the invitation will be appointed to the team for a one year term starting April 1st and ending March 31st of the following year. Skaters, who throughout the course of their appointment, show consistent improvement and who will benefit from increased provincial support may have additional support afforded to them.

COMPETITION SUPPORT

Skaters may be selected to attend out of province competitions based on their spring/summer monitoring, summer competition results and a criteria developed by the High Performance Director and approved by the Skater Development Committee.

For the out of province competitions where skaters are invited to attend as representatives of Team Sask, team coaches will be provided to look after the skaters both as chaperones and as coaches. Those coaches who are selected to out of province competition assignments will be selected to lead Team Sask as a whole.

If a skater is choosing to bring their personal coach, the coach's travel expenses and fees will be paid by the skater as per policy #103.

PROGRAMMING

Spring Kick-Off Camp

Objectives:

- ☆ Increase awareness of the importance of skating skills & technical elements
- ☆ Increase awareness of the importance of off- ice training
- ☆ Begin to create a team environment
- ☆ Effective communication between skaters, coaches, parents and Skater Development.

The camp will include:

- ☆ On-ice guest coaches and skaters
- ☆ Sports Science presentations
- ☆ Team building exercises
- ☆ Session for the Competitive Team with High Performance Director and Skater Development Chair to ensure that team members training requirements are understood
- ☆ Review of the Yearly Training Plan
- ☆ Parent Awareness of the Team Members' code of conduct and responsibilities.

***** Each athlete must have a coach (preferably the base coach) present *****

Performance Camp

Objectives:

- ☆ Steps taken to building a Winning Performance!
- ☆ Confirming technical elements and conforming to new Skate Canada and ISU requirements
- ☆ Sports medicine with focus on injury prevention through the competition phase of yearly plan.
- ☆ Continued communication between skater, coach, the High Performance Director and Skater Development

The camp will include:

- ☆ On-ice Guest Coaches and Skater
- ☆ Sports Medicine
- ☆ Team Building Exercises
- ☆ Simulation & feedback from Technical Specialists, judges, etc...

***** Each athlete must have a coach (preferably the base coach) present *****

Team Training Days (TBD)

Objective:

- ☆ To bring together our top skaters and coaches at a few strategic times throughout the season to foster and promote a competitive atmosphere as well as encourage collaboration with skaters, coaches and clubs.

TTDs will potentially include:

- ☆ Minimum of two on ice training sessions
- ☆ SMSCS opportunities
- ☆ Off-ice sessions in ballet, stretch, pilates, High Performance Planning

Sports Medicine Science Council Services

Objective:

- ☆ To provide resources for skaters to be both physically and mentally fit for both their on-ice and off-ice well being

Proposed services provided by the SMSCS:

- ☆ Mental Trainer (2 individual sessions)
- ☆ Nutrition (group sessions at camps)
- ☆ Injury Assessment & Treatment (group sessions at camps)
- ☆ Strength & conditioning (group sessions at camps)

Monitoring

Objective:

- ☆ To evaluate the progress of all team members and provide constructive feedback to the skaters throughout the season

As part of the Skate Canada - Saskatchewan Competitive Team Training Program, skaters will be continually evaluated on their performance by the High Performance Director and the Skater Development Committee. Athletes will be assessed at the following events:

- ☆ Summer and fall competitions
- ☆ Potential monitoring by the High Performance Director during summer training
- ☆ Sask Skate / Sask Open Competition
- ☆ You may also send a video clip of your progress to the High Performance Director as well as communicate by telephone, email/ or meeting with the High Performance Director

Sample Calendar for Competitive Team Skaters

Pre-Novice Skater (Goal of top 3rd at Challenge and making HP Team)

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Select new music for one of two programs. Design costume, build program. Previous program should step in to next phase of development (technical elements, speed, content, transitions, etc...)	Compete one new program and one from previous season at Winter Classic	If having two new programs, select music, design costumes and build second new program. January's new program should also step in to phase 2 of choreography and development.
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Compete 2nd competition in preparation for spring. Training new technical element (jumps, spins levels, etc...). This should be debut for one program and second time out for January's new program.	Continue work on new technical elements. Programs should move in to phase 3 for January's and phase 2 for March's from development and choreography standpoint.	June monitoring should see a good representation of what the summer competition skates should resemble. Changes to element order, layout, costumes, content etc... prior to summer
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Heavy training of new technical and both programs in order to ensure fitness level is where it needs to be. Next phase of choreography for both programs adding difficulty to transitions.	Heavy training of new technical and both programs in order to ensure fitness level is where it needs to be. August should bring 1 or 2 competitions with goal of achieving all spin and step levels. Performance Camp reinforces or clarifies content.	Continue training of new technical and both programs in order to maintain fitness level. Sept and October should bring 1 or 2 competitions with goal of achieving personal best scores from summer development.
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Continue training of new technical and both programs in order to maintain fitness level. Sept and October should bring 1 or 2 competitions with goal of achieving personal best scores from summer development.	Programs are ready, all elements are engrained in muscle memory and competition becomes a matter of executing what has been built up in training	Programs are ready, all elements are engrained in muscle memory and competition becomes a matter of controlling nerves and excitement.

The calendar above is to be used solely as a guide however the timetable for when to begin work on new programs should be relatively close. For Novice, Junior and Senior skaters the calendar should shift one month later to allow skaters to peak at Canadians.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Skate Canada - Saskatchewan is committed to the growth and support of the Saskatchewan Competitive Team. The intent of the Skate Canada - Saskatchewan Skater Development Committee is to help elite and select skaters who have the potential to medal in the next 3-5 years at Provincial, National, International and Canada Games Events.

In order to be eligible to be part of the team, athletes must:

- Be invited to participate as part of the Skate Canada Saskatchewan Competitive Team and the athlete must accept the invitation and pay the required fees
- Commit to compete for the following season and be prepared to follow the Skate Canada Saskatchewan Competitive Team Training Plan
- Develop, submit and report on their Yearly Training Plan as required.
- Must attend a **minimum 6** week summer school
- Commit to compete in at least one summer competition
- Commit to compete at the 2019 Sask Skate
- Commit to compete at the 2020 Skate Canada Saskatchewan Sectionals
- **Must register to be a part of Saskatchewan Series**
- Commit to attend the Spring Kick-Off Camp and Performance Camp
- Commit to attend a Team Training Day
- Participate in yearly monitoring
- Parent / Guardian attend a Parent Information Session at the Spring Kick-Off Camp

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Athletes Training Out-of-Province

Athletes training out of Province have special challenges in addition to being away from their team and local training opportunities. To remain on the Saskatchewan Competitive Team skaters training out of Province must take additional steps to:

- Develop and submit an appropriate on-ice/off-ice training plan
- If skaters are not able to attend one of the designated Training Camps in Saskatchewan/or competitions skaters must indicate what actions they are taking as a substitute to continue their development.
- Send a video to the High Performance Director of their progress and an update on their training plan as requested

Multi-Sport Athletes

Skate Canada Saskatchewan recognizes and supports youth athletes that participate in multiple high performance sports. If athletes selected on the Skate Canada - Saskatchewan Competitive Team are also participating in another sport that may at times be in conflict with the expectations of the Skate Canada Saskatchewan Competitive Team requirements, athletes are required to do the following:

- Complete an annual training plan that indicates the potential conflicts between both sports.
- Discuss a plan of action with the High Performance Director.