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### **2017 Skate Canada International**

REGINA, SASK: Skate Canada is pleased to announce that the 2017 Skate Canada International will take place in Regina, Saskatchewan from October 26-29, 2017 at the Brandt Centre located at Evraz Place.

"We are tremendously excited to be back in Regina for this event after more than 30 years. The event will be a critical stop on the road to PyeongChang, as skaters look to perfect their programs in the lead-up to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. Many skaters will be debuting their Olympic programs for the first time at the Brandt Centre," said Dan Thompson, Skate Canada CEO. "We are thankful to have valuable partners for this event; the city of Regina, Evraz Place and the Skate Canada Saskatchewan Section have been influential in bringing this event back to Regina. We are looking forward to seeing strong community support next October."

This will be Regina's second time hosting this event, they last hosted in 1986. Most recently, the city hosted Skate Canada Challenge, a qualifying event for the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

"Regina is a welcoming city, and we are excited to have competitors from around the world come to the Brandt Centre," said Mayor Michael Fougere. "Our history with Skate Canada means we have the experience and the enthusiasm to help ensure this truly is a world-class competition."

"Regina has a history of hosting successful skating events in the city, skating is part of our cultural fabric," said John Lee President & CEO of Tourism Regina. "Because of our first class facilities like Evraz Place which includes a new stadium, International Tradeshow Centre and currently includes a 6,000 seat arena and several multi-purpose complexes, we know that 2017 Skate Canada International will continue with this tradition."

Skate Canada International is the second competition in the annual ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating series. The other events take place in the United States (Skate America), Russia (Rostelecom Cup), France (Trophée Eric Bompard), China (Cup of China) and Japan (NHK Trophy).

Each skater/team can be assigned a maximum of two events. Skaters are awarded points based on their placements at their events. The top six from each discipline (men's, ladies, pair and ice dance) qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final.

All-event tickets for the 2017 Skate Canada International will go on sale on Wednesday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. (CT). The event will take place in Regina, Saskatchewan from October 26-29, 2017 at the Brandt Centre located at Evraz Place.

All-Event ticket packages will include all competitions as well as practices. Fans will be able to choose from four levels of all-event ticket packages that are priced at \$120, \$160, \$200, and \$275, plus applicable surcharges.

Tickets can be purchased online at [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca), or by phone at 1-855-985-5000 or in person at Brandt Centre Box Office. Groups of nine or more can purchase by calling the box office directly 1-306-781-9300.

### **SUPER FAN SECTION**

The 2017 Skate Canada International will feature a special Super Fan Section! This section includes the first three rows of the arena, allowing fans to be closest to the action. All fans purchasing tickets in this section will receive a Canada toque, limited edition event pin, super fan name badge and a stylish tote. All-event ticket packages in the Super Fan Section which includes the deluxe super fan kit are priced at \$275, plus applicable surcharges.

**Join our exclusive mailing list to receive pre-sale information!**

### **Upcoming Deadlines**

MAP Spending Plans	Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>
Competitive Post Secondary Grant	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>
Road Show Bid to Host	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>
SaskEnergy Rising Star Seminars	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>
STAR Seminar	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>

### **Canadian Post-Secondary & Distant Learning Grants**

Skate Canada - Saskatchewan is offering two (2) grants of \$500 (Competitive Skaters, STARSkaters / Synchronized Skater and Officials) each to help support registered Skate Canada – Saskatchewan members to continue in the sport while at the same time furthering their education.

Online applications are available on [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) under "Forms/Grants".

Applications are due as follows:

- Competitive Skaters – December 1<sup>st</sup>
- STARSkaters / Synchronized Skaters – March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Officials – March 1<sup>st</sup>

### **SaskEnergy Rising Stars Seminars Bid to Host**

We are now accepting Bids to Host the 2016 SaskEnergy Rising Stars Seminars.

Information can be found on [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) under Skater Development.

If your club is interested, please complete the [online application](#).

### **Road Show Bid to Host**

We are now accepting Road Show Bid to Host applications.

Information can be found on [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) under Skater Development.

If your club is interested, please complete the [online application](#).

### **QUEST Events for CompetitiveSkate and STARSkate**

We are excited to announce that the dates of our QUEST events will be:

- Competitive skaters – December 21-22, 2016
- STAR skaters – December 20, 2016

Both events will take place at the Skate Canada National Performance Centre in Toronto. The QUEST events are designed to encourage development, provide constructive feedback and inspire skaters to

continue to strive to the next level of development.

For more information or to register, please visit [npc.skatecanada.ca](http://npc.skatecanada.ca).

## **Awards**

Our organization is built on the dedication of its skaters, coaches, volunteers and officials. The awards program is designed to recognize and celebrate this dedication. Skate Canada and all Skate Canada Sections are pleased to announce that online nomination forms are now available for all national and section awards.

There are two separate sets of awards – those that recognize activity at the national level and those that celebrate the involvement of participants at the local and sectional levels.

To nominate an individual for a national award, [please click here](#).

To nominate an individual for a section award, [please click here](#).

Skate Canada's vision is to 'inspire all Canadians to embrace the joy of skating'. Help us celebrate the efforts of those who support the vision of Skate Canada by nominating them for an award!

Please see [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) for additional Awards.

## **STAR 1 - 5 Update**

**The STAR 1-5 Communication 6 (November 2016) is now available.** This communication includes:

**Important Dates:**  
**September 1, 2017** – Full Implementation

– Preliminary and Junior Bronze tests will no longer be available after this date.

### **Reminders:**

All resources for the STAR 1-5 program and assessments are located in the [STAR 1-5 Resource Toolkit](#) on the Info Centre. New information, documents or updated documents will continue to be added as September 1, 2017 approaches. Please keep this in mind if you are printing off documents, as those documents may be updated during this time frame.

### **Test Chair Information:**

**Test chairs** are reminded to ensure the coach providing the assessment to the skater has completed the necessary training **and** is the coach of the skater in the discipline being assessed.

The full communication is available here: [STAR Communication 6 \(November 2016\)](#).

## **Officials & Coach Updates**

A referee's webinar was developed by the Officials Assignment and Promotion Committee and the Officials Development Committee for sectional/invitational referees; however, we have received feedback that even our highest level of referees in Canada have been using it as a preparation tool before going to events. We encourage referees of all levels to **watch the video!**

### **Message for Coaches**

We have received feedback that [this webinar](#) would also be useful for coaches, especially in helping to understand the interruption rule (this is discussed at **22:30** on the webinar). Coaches, please log in to Skate Canada's Membership site and continue to the elearning tab. The 2016 Referee Webinar can be located by clicking on Officials from the navigation table.

## ***Vote for our Sport for Canada's 150 Play List!***

On October 12th, ParticipACTION launched Canada's 150 Play List to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. The Play List is the ultimate list of 150 physical activities that define us as Canadian. The top 150 activities will be selected by Canadians, and we need YOUR help to get YOUR SPORT on the list! Click the button below to vote and ensure YOUR SPORT is among the top 150 physical activities in Canada! You can vote every day until December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Funding Opportunity with ParticipACTION's 150 Play List***



To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, ParticipACTION is creating the [ParticipACTION 150 Play List](#) – the ultimate list of all the physical activities that make us Canadian. Voting is now open at [www.participaction.com](http://www.participaction.com) for Canadians to select their favourite 150 physical activities.

As part of the 150 Play List, Skate Canada and ParticipACTION are working together to show Canadians why we love skating and to get more Canadians skating. ParticipACTION has made a limited amount of funding available for Skate Canada clubs and skating schools to host local skating celebrations on Saturday, January 21, 2017 as part of *ParticipACTION's 150 Play List Skating Day*.

To learn more, go to Skate Canada's Info Centre under Partner Programming Toolkit > [Program Funding](#).

## ***STAR 1 – 5 Assessor Training***

Attention Coaches!

The **STAR 1-5 Assessor Training** is now available on Skate Canada's Education and Training Academy. This training will train coaches how to critically assess their skaters in the STAR 1-5 program. Coaches must successfully complete this training before assessing their skaters. A certificate of completion will be provided at the end of the training for coaches to prove their eligibility to assess. Please note, prior to assessing it is important that clubs/skating schools establish an assessment procedure with their coaches and test chair.

To access this training, coaches are to log in to the [Skate Canada Membership Site](#) > eLearning > Recently released courses.

The STAR 1-5 Assessor Training is the second training that was provided regarding the new STAR 1-5 program. This training accompanies the STAR 1-5 Program training that was released in August.

Happy Assessing!

## ***Skate Canada Executive Leadership Change***

OTTAWA, ON: The Board of Directors of Skate Canada is announcing that Dan Thompson has chosen to move on from Skate Canada to pursue other professional opportunities. Dan joined Skate Canada as CEO in June of 2013. In his three years with the organization, Dan led the development of a new strategic plan, restructured the organization to become more efficient, and spearheaded the development of MOU's with the Sections and new strategic partners such as Hockey Canada.

We thank Dan for his contributions to Skate Canada and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

## **Skate Canada Appoints New Chief Executive Officer**

OTTAWA, ON: The Board of Directors of Skate Canada is pleased to announce that Debra Armstrong has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer of Skate Canada, effective immediately. Debra joined the organization in January of 2016 as Chief Operating Officer. She brings an impressive combination of skills, experience and collaborative leadership style that has already made a significant impact on the organization.

Throughout her career, Debra has focused her legal and business acumen on contributing to the growth of leading national and international private sector and not-for-profit institutions. In her 17 years with MBNA Canada Bank, Debra attained increasingly senior roles, and as President & CEO led the organization through its acquisition by TD Bank.

A committed community leader, Debra serves on the Board of Governors of Carleton University, is Past President and Board Chair of Volleyball Canada and was recently appointed to the Nominating Committee of the Canadian Olympic Committee.

“Debra’s proven background in business growth and change management, as well as in sport governance and leadership will be a tremendous asset to Skate Canada” stated Skate Canada President, Leanna Caron.

## **Sanctions**

A **Sanction** is an approval, by the Association, of a skating competition, event or activity and as such is required for any competition, carnival, exhibition or other activity whether open to the public or club members under **any** of the following circumstances:

- If an admission fee is charges, or

- If some financial benefit accrues to the organizers, or
- If both eligible and ineligible persons participate together in the event, carnival or exhibition. See Skate Canada Rule 2100.

If eligible guest skaters are invited to skate in a carnival, the club holding the carnival must secure a letter of permission from the guest skater’s home club. In the case of Senior National Team skaters, in any discipline in Canada, permission must also be obtained from Skate Canada.

Participation together of eligible and ineligible persons in the club carnivals or exhibitions, should when possible, be avoided. When such participation takes place, all eligible and ineligible persons must be treated in the same way and ineligible persons must skate without remuneration.

### **Sanction Fee for Carnivals:**

- Minimum 31 days prior to the event – NO CHARGE
- 7 – 30 days prior to the event - \$20.00
- 6 days or less to the event \$50.00

In the case of **Invitational Competition Sanctions**, a fee of \$3.00 per skater or \$2.00 per skater for synchronized skating will be applied. The Competition Sanction Audit Form (completed by the Chief Accountant) and cheque should be submitted to the Section Office within three (3) weeks following the competition.

Sanction forms can be found online at [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) under Forms / Grants.

As per Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Policy #0904 – Competition Sanctions: No other competition sanctions will be granted on the same weekend as the Jean Norman Open Dance and Free Skate Competition and STARSkate Championships.

**Calendar of Events**  
**\*\*subject to Change\*\***

Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	High Test Day	Melville
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Swift Current
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Humboldt
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Skater Development Committee Meeting	Saskatoon
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	15 Wing
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Regina
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Weyburn
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Martensville
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Nipawin
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Maidstone
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Kindersley
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Saskatoon
Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	STAR Seminar	Davidson
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	STAR Officials Clinic	Regina
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	STAR Officials Clinic	Saskatoon
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Region 1 & 6 Invitational Competition	Carlyle
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Canadian Tire National Skating Championships	Ottawa
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Region 4, 7 & 8 Invitational Competition	Clavet
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Region 5 & 9 Invitational Competition	Saskatoon
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	High Test Day	Meadow Lake
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Region 2 & 3 Invitational Competition	Shaunavon

