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MAP Grant

Funds are to be used to support community and club-level sport development.

The Membership Assistance Program is a program provided for by Sask Lotteries through Sask Sport and the Skate Canada - Saskatchewan. The program is designed to allocate funds directly to the affiliated clubs/skating schools within Skate Canada – Saskatchewan.

Eligibility:

- 1. Attend the Regional Spring or Fall Meeting**

Membership Fees: Clubs/Skating Schools may apply for 100% of the Skate Canada affiliation fee. You are also eligible to apply for \$3.00 per member that you have registered with Skate Canada. (For the Spending Plan Application, use previous year's registration number) For example if you have 1 club and 100 members you apply for \$45.00 plus $100 \times \$3.00 = 300.00$ for a total of \$345.00. **Ceiling \$750.00**

Director & Officer Liability: Clubs/Skating Schools may apply for 100% of the Directors & Officers Liability Insurance premium paid to Skate Canada.

SOCAN: Clubs/Skating Schools may apply for 100% of the SOCAN Fee paid to Skate Canada for programming.

ReSound: Clubs/Skating Schools may apply for 100% of the ReSound Fee paid to Skate Canada for programming.

Eligibility:

- 1. Attend the Regional Spring or Fall Meeting**
- 2. Attend the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting in the current skating season.**

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Membership Drive: Programs at the discretion of the Club/Skating School to increase membership (For example: fliers, advertising, ice rental for Bring a Friend, etc.). **Ceiling \$500.00**

Training: Clubs/Skating Schools can apply for funding to train coaches, officials, executive, committee members and program assistants who are members of their club.

(For example: Regional Fall Skate-Ins, Section Annual General Meeting, Skate Canada Annual General Meeting, Coaches' and Officials' Clinics, etc.).

Spending Plans can be found online at www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com under Forms/Grants.



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 under "Forms/Grants".

Applications are due as follows:

- Competitive Skaters – September 1st
- STARSkaters / Synchronized Skaters – March 1st
- Officials – March 1st

Important Coach Information Update

Skate Canada continues to provide world class skating and coaching programs to support the needs of our evolving sport. While we strive to offer quality development opportunities to help refine or acquire skills, we are committed to implementing simple and effective processes to maintain the best interests of Skate Canada stakeholders.

Please **click here to access an important coach information update** in effect for the 2016-2017 registration year. Although this information is specific to coaching requirements, we encourage club and school executives and sections to become familiar with these changes as well.

Award of Merit Certificate

The Award of Merit certificate that is presented to a skater along with the gold pin once a gold level test certification has been achieved is now available in the Info Centre as a printable template. As Skate Canada is no longer mailing this award to our organizations for distribution to skaters, clubs/skating schools can now access this template by logging into info.skatecanada.ca and clicking on Programs > STARSkate Program > **Award of Merit Certificate**. Please note that the template for the Award of Merit certificate is available as an interim measure while the STARSkate Program is under review. Certificates for passing individual tests have been discontinued.

The gold test pins that accompany the Award of Merit remain available but must be requested by the club/skating school by sending an e-mail to info@skatecanada.ca. Please ensure to include the amount and type of gold test pin(s) needed.

STAR 1 -5 FAQ Skaters' Lottery

Have you ordered your Skaters' Lottery tickets? We are anticipating tickets to be ready by the end of July.

1st Prize	\$30,000 cash
2nd Prize	\$10,000 cash
3rd Prize	\$5,000 cash

Tickets are \$3.00 each.

To order ticket, please contact the Section Office at 306-780-9245.

Incentives:

Clubs:

Highest / Registered Member

- **Clubs (1 – 129) \$5,000**
- **Clubs (130 & over) \$5,000**

20 draws of \$1,000 each for club selling a minimum of one (1) book / registered member

Sellers

- **3 Seller Incentives of \$1,000 each for the seller of the winning tickets**

STAR 1 -5 FAQ

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document for STAR 1-5 programming has been developed and is now available on the Info Centre and [can be found by clicking here](#).

These are exciting times for our Learn to Train stakeholders and with any change comes questions. Please continue to provide questions and feedback to Heather

McMahon, Skating Program Coordinator at hcmahon@skatecanada.ca.

STAR Technical Requirements

The 2016-2017 STAR Technical Program Requirements are now posted on the Info Centre. This will be the only Technical Program Requirements document for STAR. This package contains the technical requirements of STAR 1-5, STARSkate and STARSkate Supplementary Events. [The package is available by clicking here](#).

Here are just a few of the key changes:

- There have been name changes to categories Sr. Bronze to Gold to introduce the STAR 6-10 terminology.
- We have added new categories this year including two optional **short program** events! This will provide our Learn to Train athletes with more performance opportunities.
- STAR 6 (Sr. Bronze) event has been updated to align with the Juvenile event changes.

With the revisions to the STAR program we have removed Skating Skills categories. Creative Skills will remain for this season as it is part of the triathlon event.



Safe Sport Fee

Skate Canada places great importance on creating a fun and safe environment for our skating family, especially children and youth. We create this atmosphere as a reflection of our safety culture that extends throughout the organization. Our goal is to position

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ourselves as the Safe Sport leader in Canada and the world.

Skate Canada has always strived to create a positive sport environment built on the values of fairness, excellence, inclusion and fun. We are proud to support the True Sport movement and its principles including: Go For It; Keep It Fun; Play Fair; Stay Healthy; Respect Others; and Give Back.

For us to follow best-in-class standards and ensure sustainability of the Safe Sport initiative, a fee of \$3 per registrant, which includes skaters, club board members, officials and on-ice volunteers, will be implemented for the 2016-2017 registration season. This fee is to be collected by clubs and skating schools in conjunction with the \$32 registrant fee and the \$0.65 accident insurance fee. Payment of this fee by clubs and skating schools will be collected by Skate Canada in the normal course.

For more information, [please click here](#).

For questions on the Safe Sport Program, please contact safesport@skatecanada.ca.

Ice Dance Program Requirements

The 2016-2017 Ice Dance Program Requirements document has been updated and posted on the Info Centre.

The document can be found under [Technical > Competitive - Ice Dance](#).

Coach Education On-Line Video Library

Free online workshops are now available! Topics include the NEW STAR 1-5, Jump Technique, Edges & Turns, Sport Science and more.

There are two ways to access the workshops:

- Skate Canada's Education and Training Academy: To access workshops located here and to receive recognition for professional development, go to skatecanada.ca, click on 'Members' in the top left corner of the main page, sign in and proceed to the eLearning tab on the toolbar.
- National Performance Centre: To access workshops located here, go to npc.skatecanada.ca. For English workshops, go to the Toronto location, make an account or sign in and proceed to the NEWS tab. Some video albums will be located in the archived files. For French workshops, repeat the previous instructions on the Montreal location site.

Completion of the NPC workshops does qualify for professional development points and may be used towards your maintenance of NCCP certification with the CAC and Skate Canada. Please keep track of these activities in your personal files.

For a full list of video workshops **please click here**.



Special Olympics Domestic Event Requirements

The 2016-2017 Technical Program Requirements for Special Olympics domestic events are now posted here.

Please note, there are new requirements for entry to pair events. There are also new program lengths, and two new **pilot** categories. Vocal music is permitted for domestic events only. All new information is indicated with underlined text. All changes were made based on feedback gathered following the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games.

Those skaters moving on to the 2017 Special Olympic World Winter Games must abide by the rules set by Special Olympics International.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather McMahon at hcmahon@skatecanada.ca.

Synchronized Skating Program Elements

The 2016-2017 Synchronized Skating Program Elements document has been posted on the Info Centre.

The document can be found under Technical > Synchronized Skating > 2016-2017 Synchronized Skating Program Elements (May 24, 2016).

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A proud sponsor of the 2016 Sask Skate (part of the Skate Canada Summer Series).

August 12th – 14th, 2016
Regina, SK

Take Part in the CTV Athlete of the Week Contest!!



Have you heard about the **CTV Athlete of the Week?**

Every week, CTV News features local athletes as our Athlete of the Week, showcasing the talents of athletes from across the province.

We're reaching out to our local High Schools, Athletic Associations and other sport organizations to encourage you to nominate some of your own as an Athlete of the Week!

It's easy to do!

- Visit your local CTV News website (CTVRegina.ca or CTVSaskatoon.ca) and click the Athlete of the Week button on the right hand side of the page.
- Fill out the information.
- That's it!

From all the nominations gathered each week, we then select an Athlete of the Week who will be featured in CTV Morning Live, CTV News @ Noon, CTV News @ 6 and CTV Late news, PLUS they'll be entered to receive a monthly prize pack from Subway, valued at over \$100! Remember, not only does the athlete get exposure, but the organization does too!

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So what are you waiting for? Let your athletes know that they could be the next Athlete of the Week!

Attention Primary STARSkate Coaches

Cosmetic changes have been made to the Primary STARSkate Evaluation Portfolio. The scope of work remains the same, however how the order content is displayed and how the portfolio is to be submitted have changed.

If you are currently completing the Primary STARSkate Coach Certification (NCCP Instruction Intermediate) or planning to in the near future, please ensure you read through and work off of the most current evaluation portfolio to ensure you fully understand the new processes. You can find the most current version of the Primary STARSkate Evaluation Portfolio and supporting documents on the [Info Centre](#).



Calendar of Events
(subject to change)

July 22 – 24	CanPowerSkate Coaches Clinic • Registration deadline July 8 th	Regina
Aug 12 – 14	Sask Skate • Registration deadline July 13 th	Regina
Sept 16 – 18	Primary STARSkate Coaches Course • Registration deadline August 22 nd	Regina
Sept 23 – 24	Regional Coordinators / Coaching Reps Meeting	Saskatoon
Sept 24	Skater Development Committee Meeting	Saskatoon
Sept 25	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
Sept 30	Coaches' Forum	Regina
Oct 1 – 2	Team Saskatchewan Performance Camp	Regina
Oct 14 – 16	Instruction Beginner CanSkate Coaches Course • Registration deadline September 23 rd	Regina
Oct 27 – 30	Skate Canada International	Mississauga