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Inclusive Skating Workshop

Thanks to a SaskSport ParaSport Club Development Grant, Skate Saskatoon is able to host this workshop for all interested clubs in Skate Canada-Saskatchewan.

This workshop is the beginning of a new initiative to bring Inclusive Skating to Saskatchewan. We hope it will be both educational and inspirational for athletes, parents, coaches, program assistants, evaluators, skating club representatives, and volunteers.

Speakers will include:

- **Heather McMahon**,
Skating Programs Coordinator,
Skate Canada
- **Bruce Craven**, Craven SPORT Services,
Saskatoon's premiere sports physiotherapy clinic
- **Dr. Marni Wesner**, MD,MA,
CCFP, FCFP, Dip Sport MD,
Past President, Section of Sport and Exercise Medicine, Alberta Medical Association, University of Alberta Glen Sather Sport Medicine Clinic

Inclusive Skating is a system that makes the sport of figure skating more accessible and rewarding for athletes with disabilities of any kind, by adapting coaching and evaluation approaches. This Skate Canada – Saskatchewan

program is taking place in association with Skate Canada initiatives, as well as other pilot projects in Alberta, Ontario, and worldwide.

Anyone with any interest in pursuing Inclusive Skating at any level is invited to join us.

**Saturday, 10 September 2016,
9:00 am – 4:00 pm**
ACT Centre, 107 - 105th St E
Saskatoon

For more information, or to register for the workshop, please contact **Sarah Dymund** - Skate Saskatoon Program Committee

inclusiveskating@skatesaskatoon.com

Safe Sport Fee

Further to the e-mail communication of June 8th regarding the new [Safe Sport Fee](#), Skate Canada is pleased to provide additional information about the Safe Sport initiatives that will allow us to provide a fun, positive and safe environment for our skating family, especially children and youth, that is built on the values of fairness, excellence and inclusion.

We invite you to distribute the [Safe Sport Information Brochure](#) to all those who will benefit from this initiative. An **Information Poster (8.5 X 11) or (8.5 X 14)** is also available for printing.

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

SaskEnergy CanSkate Team Leadership Clinics

CanSkate Team Leadership is for your Club's **CanSkate** Team – Club Coach, Program Assistants and Club Executive Members to review, revise, and refresh your **CanSkate** programs.

Using the **CanSkate** delivery standards, **CanSkate** can be tailored to meet the specific needs of every Skate Canada club regardless of size, location, availability of coaches and the number of skaters. This is what the workshop will answer for you and your club.

So if your **CanSkate** program is **GOOD**, it can be **GREAT**; if it is **GREAT** it can be **EXCELLENT**; if it **EXCELLENT** it can be **STUPENDOUS**.

This is a great Club CanSkate TEAM training opportunity; all Program Assistants must be accompanied by a Club Coach and / or Club Executive Member.

Purpose: to offer motivation and encouragement to all participants; to share/develop new and existing teaching methods; to assist participants to become effective leaders within their individual clubs. This clinic is designed to enhance the Program Assistant Training completed at the Club level.

Highlights: leadership, skill building, communication, motivation, role modeling, positive self-esteem building, Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD), the revised CanSkate program and the CanSkate Fun Fest format.

On-Ice Activities: Learn-to-Skate terminology; stations and skill circuits; creative expression, games, skills, updated lesson format, pre-CanSkate and Pre-Power programs, synchronized skating and many ideas to make your program fun.

Participants need skates and suitable on-ice clothing, paper, pen and pencil and ideas to share. Skate Canada members are welcome to participate on ice, but may observe from the sides if they wish.

Maximum 30 on-ice participants per clinic. Pre-Registration Only.

October 2nd [Humboldt](#)
October 15th [Shaunavon](#)
October 23rd [Biggar](#)
October 30th [Canora](#)
November 5th [Eastend](#)



Skate Canada Update

STAR Technical Program Requirements Update

The 2016-2017 STAR Technical Program Requirements have been updated. [Please refer here](#) for all updates throughout the season.

Changes to Adult Skating Competition Schedule

Skate Canada is proud to have a strong adult skating community throughout the country. Our adult skaters bring valuable recognition to the organization and truly live out our vision of Inspiring all Canadians to Embrace the Joy of Skating.

This new vision sees Skate Canada supporting several section initiatives and hosted adult invitational instead of a single national championships. This coming season, Vancouver will host the International Adult Figure Skating Competition and Ft. Erie welcomes the Skate Ontario Adult Invitational. Skate Canada will support adult competitions hosted by our Sections through technical expertise, partnerships, and continuous learning opportunities and as a result of these new additions the Skate Canada Adult Figure Skating Championships will no longer be offered.

We encourage all adult skaters to get involved and continue to embrace the joy of skating.

Skate Canada Referee Webinar

The OAP and ODC have created a referee webinar, which will prove as a useful tool for all referees at the section level and higher. We would like to extend a special thank you to all the presenters in the video! [You may access the bilingual webinar here.](#)

2016-2017 Adult Technical Program Requirements

The 2016-2017 Adult Technical Program Requirements can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Be sure to [check here](#) throughout the season for any updates or clarifications.

Please note there are a few new categories for skaters to try this season. These categories are aligned with events offered at U.S. competitions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Skating Program Coordinator at hmcMahon@skatecanada.ca.

Ice Dance Pre-Event Technical Package- Update

The Pre-Event Technical Package for Ice Dance has been updated with some text clarification for the Novice Key Points - Blues, and the Novice Free Dance - Step Sequences. No technical changes have been made. Click [link](#) here.

SyS - Technical Requirements Update

2016-2017 SyS Technical Requirements have been updated with clarifications to text in Appendix A and C.

The updated document is found on [Info Centre](#).

2016-2017 Competitive Technical Packages

The 2016-2017 Competitive Technical Packages have now been posted on the Info Centre.

These documents may be accessed using the following links:

- [Singles](#)
- [Pairs](#)
- [Ice Dance](#)
- [Synchronized Skating](#)

Attention Coaches!

STAR 1-5 Program Training

The STAR 1-5 Program Training is now available on Skate Canada's Education and Training Academy. This training will educate coaches on the STAR 1-5 content and delivery aspects of the program. All coaches actively coaching skaters at the STAR 1-5

level are required to take this training (average training time is 1.5-2 hours).

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

The STAR 1-5 Program Training is one of two online modules that coaches are to complete. Part two: **STAR 1-5 Assessor Training** will be available this fall; please watch for communications.

Additionally, the [STAR 1-5 Resource Toolkit](#) is also available which is the home of many useful tools and documents. Check it out!

2016-2017 Professional Coach Registration Fee

Please [click here](#) to read important information regarding your coach registration fees for 2016-2017.

Improved Coach Screening

In order to help to ensure the quality and integrity of our professional coaching membership and the safety and well-being of Skate Canada registrants and their families, Skate Canada requires all professional coaches to complete a screening through the company BackCheck. This screening reviews records that are held within the RCMP National Repository of Criminal Records.

NEW! Skate Canada has now added an additional background check to its screening requirements, known as the Enhanced – Police Information Check (E-PIC). This check is a Canada-wide search of local police records that looks for additional convictions and non-convictions that are not listed in the RCMP National Repository of Criminal Records.

The Enhanced – Police Information Check (E-PIC) could reveal things like:

- Outstanding charges that an applicant may be currently facing
- Recent convictions that are not yet registered in the RCMP National Repository
- Warrants
- Peace bonds
- Prohibition orders
- Release conditions
- Probation orders
- Summary conviction offences (not held in the RCMP repository)

Please note that this message advises only that a more in-depth screening is being completed for coaches and that there is no change to the process of completing a screening through BackCheck.

For more information, please send all inquiries to safesport@skatecanada.ca.

NCCP Transition: From Level 3 to National Coach

As a reminder, please note that effective **September 1, 2016**, the current NCCP Level 3 program will be replaced with the newly approved NCCP National Coach program. The following information will explain the equivalencies from Level 3 to National Coach. Please note that fully Level 3 certified coaches will be transitioned to National Coach certified.

Coaches interested in completing a Level 3 certification must have achieved a full Level 3 certification status by September 1, 2016.

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

2016 Petro-Canada Sport Leadership sportif Conference

The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) is pleased to announce that the city of Richmond, B.C., has been selected to host the [2016 Petro-Canada Sport Leadership sportif conference](#). The event will take place from November 3-5, 2016 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel and the Richmond Oval. The event was last held in British Columbia in 2009.

2016/2017 Registration Open

The Skate Canada Membership Site is open for 2016-2017 registration! Information on who needs to be registered can be found in the [Club and Skating School Minimum Operating Standards](#). If your club or skating school still has registrations to submit for the current registration year, please ensure that they have been submitted prior to the opening of the 2016-2017 registration.

If you require assistance, please contact Member Services at 1-888-747-2372 or at info@skatecanada.ca.

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 under Skater Development.

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



2016/2017 Challenge Minimum Scores Have Been Posted

The Skate Canada Challenge minimum scores for 2016-2017 have now been posted.

	Men	Women	Pair	Ice Dance
Pre-Novice	14 17	14 20	10	10
Novice	17 23	17 23	13	12
Junior	25 28	22 26.50	23	22
Senior	30 35.50	27 32	28	30

Please [click here](#) for more information.

MAP Grant

MAP Grant criteria & guidelines are posted on www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com under Forms / Grants.

Spending Plans (Applications) must be postmarked on or before November 30th, 2016.

Follow Up Reports with receipts must be postmarked on or before March 1st, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact the Section Office at 306-780-9245 or sk.skate@sasktel.net.

2019 Canada Winter Games

Please note, information regarding the 2019 Canada Winter Games is now posted on the [Info Centre](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura Baker, High Performance System Analyst, at lbaker@skatecanada.ca.

2017 Skate Canada – Saskatchewan

November 10th – 13th, 2016
Humboldt, SK

[Online Registration](#) is now open.

Registration closes at 11:00 PM CST ON
September 30th, 2016.

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 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

Sept 10	Inclusive Skating Workshop	Saskatoon
Sept 16 – 18	Primary STARSkate Coaches Course	Regina
Sept 23 – 24	Regional Coordinators / Coaching Reps Meeting	Saskatoon
Sept 24	Skater Development Committee Meeting	Saskatoon
Sept 24 – 25	Section Board of Directors Meeting	Saskatoon
Sept 30 – Oct 2	Team Saskatchewan Performance Camp	Regina
Sept 30 – Oct 2	Coaches Forum	Regina
Oct 2	SaskEnergy CanSkate Team Leadership Clinic	Humboldt
Oct 14 – 16	Instruction Beginner CanSkate Coaches Course	Regina
Oct 15	SaskEnergy CanSkate Team Leadership Clinic	Shaunavon
Oct 23	SaskEnergy CanSkate Team Leadership Clinic	Biggar
Oct 27 – 30	Skate Canada International	Mississauga

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Oct 30	SaskEnergy CanSkate Team Leadership Clinic	Canora
Nov 5	SaskEnergy CanSkate Team Leadership Clinic	Eastend
Nov 10 – 13	Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Sectionals	Humboldt
Nov 30 – Dec 4	Skate Canada Challenge	Peirrefonds
Dec 9	Skater Development Committee Meeting	Saskatoon
Dec 10	Section Board of Directors Meeting	Saskatoon
Jan 14 – 15	Region 1 & 6 Invitational Competition	Carlyle
Jan 16 – 22	Canadian Tire National Skating Championships	Ottawa
Jan 20 – 21	Region 4, 7 & 8 Invitational Competition	Clavet
Jan 28 – 29	Region 2 & 3 Invitational Competition	Shaunavon
Jan 28	Region 5 & 9 Invitational Competition	Saskatoon
Feb 4 – 5	Region 11 & 12 Invitational Competition	Prince Albert
Feb 11 – 12	Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating	Warman
Feb 17 – 19	Region 10 & 13 Invitational Competition	Rosetown
Feb 24 – 26	Jean Norman / STARSkate Competition	Regina

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