

OFFICIALS' NEWSLETTER



Happy Start of the 2015-2016 Skating Season!

Can you believe that it is July already and we are gearing up for the next season? Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the latest documents and communications before your first competition. This newsletter will highlight a few of these, plus provide you with important information.

If you have any content you would like to share or have a question for our continuing education section, please send it my way!

See you at the rink,
William
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Congratulations!

The following officials have recently completed the requirements for promotion. We want to congratulate them on all of their hard work and dedication.

Lauren Kawai - Sr Bronze Evaluator
Lisa MacLeod - Gold Evaluator
Bethany Thurber - Gold Evaluator
Helen Atkinson - Novice Singles Judge
Trevor Crowe - Sectional Pairs Referee
William Lindsay - Sectional Singles Referee

We also want to congratulate the following award recipients from the 2015 WO AGM.

Skate Canada WO Section Judges Award -
John McNeil

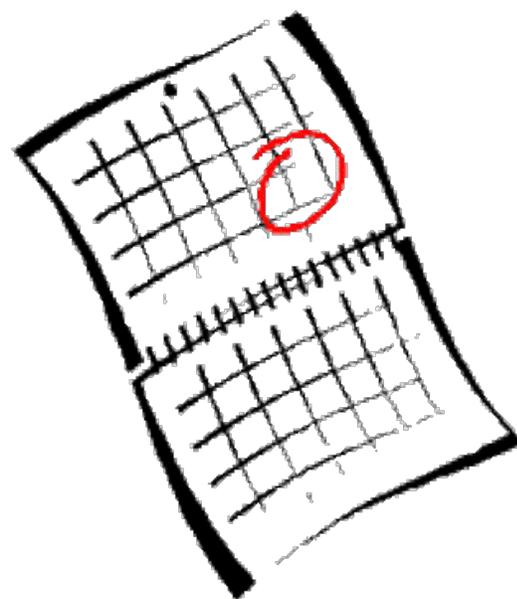
25 Year Volunteer Pin Recipients:

Elizabeth Gaffney
Lynne Pearson
Pat Michie



Announcing the 2015-2016 Competition Technical Representatives

Summer Sizzle - Laurie Goulet and Sue Blatz
Isabelle Henderson - TBD
WO Sectionals - Virginia Gillham
John McKay - Maureen Cecile
Bill Phillips - Fred Saretz
Charles Dover - Raquel Ahearn and Roblyn Partridge
Pat Abela/Lyle McPhedran - Dennis Will
Dennis Silverthorne - William Lindsay and Laurie Goulet
WO STARSkate - Nancy Ravenhorst
Futures East - Lisa MacLeod
Futures Central - TBD
Futures West - Sharon LaPier



Bernie Deveau - TBD
WO High School - Andrea Derby

Watch your email for invitations to many of these events!

Introducing the 2015-2016 WO Officials' Committee

Laurie Goulet - Chairperson
Susan Blatz - Technical Panel Chair
Andrea Derby - Secretary
Andrew Bosco - Synchro Coordinator
Sabrina Wong - Senior Development Coordinator
Susan Blatz - Novice Development Coordinator
Maureen Cecile and Trevor Crowe - Juvenile Development Co-Coordination
Virginia Gilham - Officials Development Coordinator

Support:

Diane Jamieson - Website
William Lindsay - Newsletter

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Out of Section Judging

A friendly reminder that officials, including evaluators, need to have permission from the Judges' Chair to go out-of-section for competitions and test days. Please be sure to confirm with the Technical Representative/Test Chair that he or she has done this before you attend.

Family Members on the Same Panel

Please note the following motion that was recently passed by the Skate Canada Board of Directors regarding family members on the same panel of officials:



Rule 2502-1

- i) Closely related persons* shall not officiate in any capacity in Qualifying Events (judge, referee, technical controller, technical specialist or assistant technical specialist) on the same panel.
- ii) In Non-Qualifying Events closely related persons* may sit on the same panel provided no more than one is acting as a technical official on the technical panel (TC, TS, ATS, DIO,

VRO) and no more than one is acting as a judge. Anyone acting as a referee cannot be a closely related person to any judge or member of the technical panel.

*Note: Closely related is defined as husband, wife (or common law spouse), mother, father, grandfather, grandmother, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, sister, brother (or step mother, father, daughter, son, sister, brother).

2015-2016 Skate Canada Registration

Please make sure that your home club has registered you as a Skate Canada member prior to September 1, 2015. You can log onto the Members Only portion of the Skate Canada website to check your personal profile and be sure your membership and qualifications are accurately reflected there.

Judging, Evaluating, and Technical Panel Clinics

If you are interested in attending a specific clinic either for your next promotion or as a refresher, please email Virginia - VirginiaGillham@aol.com. She will add your name to her master list in order to assist the committee in planning upcoming clinics.

ACGM Notes



Sue and Laurie attended the Skate Canada ACGM in Winnipeg in May.

As part of the initiative to build the learn to skate programs (CanSkate and CanPowerSkate), Skate Canada has entered a partnership with Hockey Canada. Sue and Laurie were part of a brainstorming session to collect ideas/suggestions for Skate Canada clubs, sections and the national organization to determine what this will look like in the near future. Stay tuned!

Now that every section has had at least one season to use the STAR 1-4 competition program, Skate Canada has taken the feedback from last year and will be releasing a new

technical package soon. Trevor Crowe and John Stevenson attended a national clinic for STAR 1-4 and will be armed and ready to bring us all up to date with the newest changes.

John Knebli was inducted into the Skate Canada Hall of Fame in the Builder category. His daughter, Elizabeth, made a lovely speech, sharing his life and career with us. Have a look on the Skate Canada website for this snapshot of John Knebli's life. <http://skatecanada.ca/2015/05/skate-maker-to-the-stars/>

It was also announced that Waterloo will be hosting the 2016 Skate Canada Synchro Championships - Feb 19-21, 2016.

Continuing Education

Take a look at Skate Canada's Annual Report if you have not already. <http://skatecanada.ca/about-us/board-of-directors/annual-report/>

This year's annual report is available in electronic form for you to read online, or you can download it and print a copy to read at your leisure.

The 2015 annual report takes a look back at the past season, highlighting our successes through our sections, clubs, volunteers, officials and athletes. It also forges a pathway for what to expect in coming years as we move forward. We hope you enjoy this electronic version and look forward to working together as we inspire all Canadians to "embrace the joy of skating."

