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## WHAT WE DO

Skate Canada-Western Ontario strives to provide quality programming and support services to over 21,900 members, 108 skating clubs, 3 registered skating schools, and hundreds of committed volunteers who contribute thousands of hours to provide services which enable young skaters to realize their dreams – big and small. The staff support for Western Ontario consists of a part-time Administrative Assistant, a full-time Coaching Coordinator, and a full-time Skating Programs Coordinator. The majority of the work is carried out by scores of volunteers. Programs include both competitive and recreational, individual and synchronized skating. It should also be noted that Western Ontario is one of four sections in Ontario – the others being Northern Ontario, Eastern Ontario and Central Ontario.

Skate Canada-Western Ontario is broken down into nine regions, each with its own director. The majority of the clubs in all of the regions are operated by their own volunteer boards, which are usually made up of the parents of skaters, past and present. Skating programs are offered for both recreational and competitive skaters, as well as synchronized skating teams and special needs athletes. The majority of the membership is comprised of recreational skaters who begin their careers in the CanSkate program delivered by trained professionals. Trained volunteers handle fundraising, organization of carnivals, evaluation, monitoring, record keeping, registration, reporting, competition organization, travel arrangements, and ice time negotiation and management, among other things.

Coaches provide services as a Professional and also as a volunteer to the parents of young skaters and/or the skating club. By taking a lead role in the coordination of recreational and competitive skating programs, we are confident that we can continue to create stronger programs for the skaters, equitable access to available programs for all clubs in Western Ontario, and improved program administration for volunteers.

The work of Skate Canada-Western Ontario depends on its partnerships with business and government. Without this crucial financial support, it would be difficult for skating in Canada to flourish at a world-class level. We believe that by working together, we can all win – especially our most precious resource – Western Ontario's children and youth.



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