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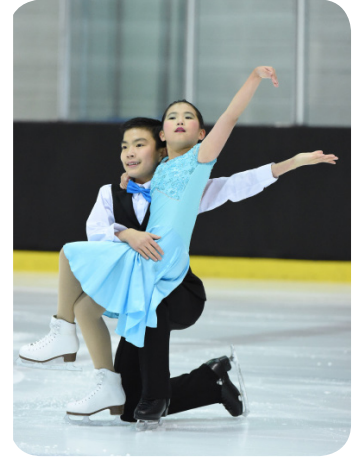


SKATECANADA
ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT



ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

INSPIRING ALL CANADIANS TO EMBRACE THE JOY OF SKATING



SKATE CANADA WILL HAVE A CONTINUING LEGACY OF CHAMPIONS AND BE RECOGNIZED AS A LEADER IN THE DELIVERY OF SKATING PROGRAMS

5 KEY STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES

Skate Canada has identified 5 Key Strategic Imperatives that give focus to the vision & mission and has set the framework to bring it to fruition between 2014-2018. Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut has reviewed the Skate Canada imperatives and related strategic goals. The Section has prepared 2014-2018 Strategic Goals to align with those imperatives and goals.

1. **SKATE FOR LIFE**
Expand our reach through the delivery of member and partner programs in the Skate for Life programming.
2. **SKATE TO WIN**
Build the capacity to achieve success in all disciplines at Interprovincial and National Levels.
3. **PARTNERSHIPS**
Increase the number and variety of sustainable partnerships aligned with the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut's strategic direction.
4. **DELIVERY CAPACITY**
Strengthen the capacity of the organization to deliver high quality initiatives and programs.
5. **BRAND**
Promote the national brand within Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut.

2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN YEAR 3 REPORT CARD HIGHLIGHTS

Imperative	Objective	Measurements	2014-2015 Baseline	2015-2016	2016-2017	Target 2018
Skate for Life	Membership Growth	Total membership number per year	23,718	23,838	23,996	26,000
Skate to Win	Athlete Performance	Total number of athletes or teams (Pre novice /Novice) as listed on the National Next Gen Ranking list per season.	N/A	N/A	11	12
Skate to Win	Athlete Performance	Total number of athletes or teams (Pre novice - Senior) as listed on the National Ranking list per season.	N/A	N/A	2	4
Delivery Capacity	Coaching Growth/Retention	Total number of coaches registered per year	568	615	630	715
Delivery Capacity	Officials Growth	Total cumulative number of official promotions between 2014- 2018	12	39 (27 during the year)	84 (45 during the year)	120
Partnerships	Partnership Growth	Total number of partnerships per year	11	13	15	20

CHAIR'S MESSAGE



DEAR MEMBERS OF SKATE CANADA: ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT,

The Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section strived to create momentum as we moved through Year 3 of our 2014-2018 Strategic Plan. This plan is focused on moving forward in Five Strategic Imperatives – Skate for Life, Delivery Capacity, Brand, Partnerships and Skate to Win.

To support the Skate for Life Imperative, the Section increased the number of grants provided to clubs offering opportunities for Inclusive Skating. Support to Adult Skaters included organizing an exciting seminar with Elvis Stojko! We have engaged in discussions with both Speed Skating Clubs about potential development of a cross promotion strategy and with Active Schools to promote CanSkate@School. We will continue that momentum with increased connections with Speed Skating Clubs, schools and other partnerships. We promoted ParticipAction's 150 Skating Day throughout the Section as part of 2017 Canada 150 Celebration.

Preparing for the changes to the STAR Program is another focus for us. We will increase our momentum as these changes become mandatory this September. Competitive opportunities for younger skaters in the STAR competition model are important and we need to provide the best environment for our younger skaters and encourage athletes to transition along the LTAD athlete pathway. Our Special Olympics skaters competed at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in March 2017 and made us proud with 3 gold medals!

The Leading Edge Series was implemented this year to provide an additional recognition pathway for STARSkate and competitive athletes. Trophies and medals were awarded to skaters with the highest total points from events competed in throughout the year. This initiative is creating momentum and excitement for our skaters.

Increasing Delivery Capacity continues to move forward in the Section. This year, the Coaching Committee has taken steps to establish a mentoring program to provide advice to clubs and coaches. Several momentum-building training opportunities for officials were delivered in new and unique ways. We are excited that many officials have worked hard to acquire promotions. We will strive to maintain this momentum.

The Delivery Capacity of the Board and various committees has been redefined with the development of the Governance Charter. Reviewed bylaws and policies and processes have been prepared to guide us as we move ahead with our new Board Structure.

The Board will develop Section direction and goals and the operating committees and staff will carry out the work required to achieve the goals.

The Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Brand was well represented at all Section events throughout the 2016-2017 season. We have updated our technology with a new live streaming system that has resulted in improved quality and increased views. To continue moving forward in this Strategic Plan pillar, the level of support provided by Section staff was redefined for various events.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Building and maintaining successful relationships is important for our Section. It is key that we continue to improve our relationships with Skate Canada, Skate Canada Sections, Alberta Sport Connection and other organizations. The Section appreciates and thanks our sponsors: Alberta Figure Skating Foundation, Triple Flip, Duso's, and Enterprise for their support.

This year, we were fortunate to host the Canadian Synchronized Championships in Calgary in February. It was an amazing event! Carrying on the momentum created in the 2015-2016 season when we hosted several events, our volunteers did an outstanding job to provide this quality event.

What a year for our athletes! Talk about momentum! We are so very proud of all of our STARSkate and Competitive athletes as they earnestly participated at varying events across the Section, Nationally and Internationally. This year our Section had representation at the following competitive events: Skate Canada Challenge, Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Special Olympics World Winter Games, The World Figure Skating Championships and a variety of international events.

I thank my fellow Board members, Section staff, coaches, officials, committee members and all volunteers for your time and commitment to our organization. You are the reason that we can celebrate our successes in 2016-2017.

Let's keep up the momentum that has started building this year as we head into an Olympic year!

Sincerely,

Donna Moses
Board of Directors, Chair
Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut



COACHING

THE COACHING COMMITTEE would like to recognize the many coaches that supported their athletes in attending national and international events. The committee would like to extend congratulations to the coaches of the skaters who were medalists at the national level and international competitors during the 2016-2017 Season.

Ravi Walia
Anabelle Langlois-Hay & Cody Hay
Ralph Burghart

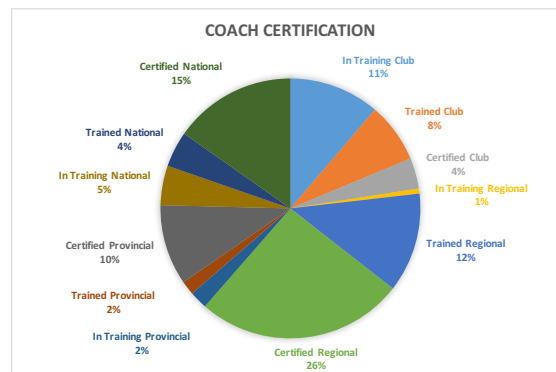
Natasha Taylor
Barb Prystai
Kim Slopak-Weeks & Team

The Coaching Committee continues to work in partnership with the Coaching Association of Canada. The National Coaching Certification Program courses are aligned with Long Term Athlete Development.

The Section continued to hold NCCP courses throughout the 2016-2017 season.
All courses were filled again to expected capacity.

NEW CERTIFICATION BREAKDOWN

IN TRAINING CLUB COACHES	69
TRAINED CLUB COACHES	48
CERTIFIED CLUB COACHES	25
IN TRAINING REGIONAL COACHES	4
TRAINED REGIONAL COACHES	78
CERTIFIED REGIONAL COACHES	163
IN TRAINING PROVINCIAL COACHES	14
TRAINED PROVINCIAL COACHES	11
CERTIFIED PROVINCIAL COACHES	63
IN TRAINING NATIONAL COACHES	31
TRAINED NATIONAL COACHES	28
CERTIFIED NATIONAL COACHES	96



COACHING COURSES OFFERED

CANSKATE	5	INCLUDES 1 IN IQUALIT
PRIMARY SS	2	
ISPC	1	
ANALYZE TECHNICAL & TACTILE PERFORMANCE	1	
CANPOWERSKATE	2	

THE SECTION CURRENTLY HAS A TOTAL OF 630 COACHES

COACH INFORMATION, MEETINGS & NETWORKING

The Section office communicates regularly to coaches via email on coaching updates. Coaches meetings are held at various competitions to help build the coaching community by information sharing and networking.

COACHING INITIATIVES

COACH MANAGEMENT & HIRING GUIDE

This document was updated to reflect the current economy and changes to the coaches structure and terminology.

MENTORING PROGRAM

34 National Certified (Level 3) coaches expressed interest in this initiative!

CANSKATE UNIVERSITY

13 coaches attended the two day seminar hosted in April 2016

STAR 1-5 ASSESSMENT SEMINAR with Monica Lockie

70 coaches attended the one day seminar hosted in March 2017

OFFICIALS

THIS YEAR the Officials Coordinating Committee (OCC), continued to build and support our officials' community. OCC working groups developed a total of five new guideline/procedural documents. The OCC followed a structured work-plan which resulted in several innovative officials training sessions, as well as the staffing of test days and competitions.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following officials on your hard work and progression in our sport. "Thanks" are extended to the many mentors who supported the development within the officials' community. *indicates a new official

*Kerri Brauner – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Allyson Carroll – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Kendra Domenico – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Karanina Fernandes – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Miranda Goodman – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Sandra Goplin – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Kaelyn Hancock – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Sandra Macenko Merkley – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Meagan Rekunyk – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Nikki Salimova – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Jennifer Shigematsu – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge
*Charlyee Underhill – STAR 1-4 Singles Judge

Caralee Anderson – Juvenile Singles Judge
Donna Gerlinsky – Juvenile Singles Judge
Brenda Hagen – Juvenile Singles Judge
Erin Ladouceur – Juvenile Singles Judge
Christine Low – Juvenile Singles Judge
Samantha Miller – Juvenile Singles Judge

Kristen Belcourt – Novice Singles Judge
Kristin Padget – Novice Singles Judge

Kristen Belcourt – Novice Synchronized Skating Judge
Brenda Hart – Senior Dance Judge

Kristen Belcourt – Interclub Singles Referee
Kristin Padget – Interclub Singles Referee
Krystyna Banas – Section Singles Referee
Sheila Friesen – Section Singles Referee
Elaine Dyck - Level 3 Data Specialist

Lynne Dey – Challenge Referee Singles
Lynne Dey – ISU Singles and Pairs Judge
Tara Alldred-Gundesen - Jr. Silver, Sr. Silver, Gold Free Skate, Skills, Dance & Interpretive Evaluator
Kristen Belcourt - Jr. Silver, Sr. Silver, Gold Freeskate, Skills & Dance, Interpretive Evaluator
Joanne Giesinger - Jr. Silver, Sr. Silver, Gold Freeskate, Skills, Dance & Interpretive Evaluator
Shanna Kurylo – Jr. Silver, Sr. Silver, Gold Freeskate, Skills, Dance & Interpretive Evaluator
Christine Low – Sr. Bronze, Jr. Silver, Sr. Silver, Gold Free Skate, Skills & Dance, Interpretive Evaluator
Renee Tatro – Jr. Silver, Sr. Silver, Gold Freeskate, Skills & Dance, Interpretive Evaluator

*Caitlin Coady – Singles Base Level Technical Official
*Karanina Fernandes – Singles Base Level Technical Official
*Rebecca Marsh – Singles Base Level Technical Official
*David Shoults – Section Singles Technical Specialist

Monica Desmarais – Section Pairs Technical Specialist
Lynne Dey – Section Pairs Technical Specialist
Robin Forsyth – Section Pairs Technical Specialist

Robin Forsyth – Section Singles Technical Controller
Jennifer Betts – International Synchronized Skating Technical Controller



TRAINING

- Pam Chislett delivered a Novice Singles Judge seminar on April 22, 2016 for 11 participants.
- Jae Copeland delivered 2 Evaluator seminars on May 7 & 8, 2016 for 27 participants
- Karen Butcher moderated a debrief regarding technical information and rule changes announced at the ISU Frankfurt Seminar for approximately 40 officials and coaches at Wild Rose on July 28, 2016.

- Susan Heffernan delivered a Referee Seminar for 18 officials at Wild Rose on July 28, 2016.
- Susan Heffernan moderated a headset program for tech panel officials and provided individual feedback for Technical Specialists and Technical Controllers on panel process at the 2016 Wild Rose competition, as well as mentoring trial judges at the event.

- Stephanie Lafleur Morin delivered a Pairs Technical Specialist Seminar for 6 officials on August 26-28, 2016.
- Mindy Gerlat and Jennifer Betts delivered a Synchro Technical Update webinar on September 13, 2016 for 20 officials and coaches.

- Sally Rehorick moderated the 2017 Sectionals Officials Meeting in Edmonton, November 2, 2016 with support from Pam Chislett and Deirdre Coburn. The focus was on GOE and PC Scores. Robin Forsyth delivered the tech panel segment.

- Pam Chislett and Sally Rehorick moderated a Juvenile Singles Trial Judge program at 2017 Sectionals with 4 participants on November 3, 2016. Deb Alsen and Deirdre Coburn with support from Sally Rehorick moderated a Novice Singles Trial Judge Program at 2017 Sectionals with 8 participants on November 4 & 5, 2016.

- Deirdre Coburn delivered a STAR 1-4 Judge training seminar in Springbank on February 11, 2017 for 13 participants and 1 observer.

- Pam Chislett piloted a Novice Singles Judge seminar over Skype on February 15, 2017 for 2 participants.
- Leslie Lawrence piloted a mentored learning project for 3 dance judges.
- Pam Chislett piloted a mentored learning project for 2 pair judges.
- Elaine Dyck and Krista Sellers held a Data Specialist update clinic on October 29 & 30, 2016 with 13 participants
- Stephanie Lafleur Morin and Sally Rehorick moderated a Pair Seminar for 4 tech panel and 6 judges in conjunction with Calgary Winter Invitational competition on March 10 - 12, 2017. Video Phase Two assessments were also conducted for 3 Technical Specialists candidates.

STAFFING OF TEST DAYS

Evaluators committed many volunteer hours to ensure that skaters across the Section had the opportunity to take tests and receive feedback. Here is a breakdown of high test days by Region: Peace – 3, Northwest – 5, Northeast – 12, Edmonton – 12, Calgary – 12, Central – 10, South – 5, and NWT – 2 for a total of 61 high test days.

COMPETITIONS

Officials including judges (singles, pairs, dance and synchronized), technical panel officials, and data specialists staffed 15 competitions in our Section. The OCC implemented a working group structure to assist with Wild Rose and Sectionals to assist the Technical Representatives and to integrate learning opportunities into these events.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to members of the OCC and their working group support teams! We set goals together and worked collaboratively to achieve them.

The OCC wishes to express its thanks to all Section officials who offered time and expertise on Section and National committees, working groups, seminars, test days and competitions. Your contributions make it possible to build our sport and assist our athletes to achieve their goals. Our officials' community is building and growing.

SKATING PROGRAMS

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Development Camp, Calgary, May 14 - 15, 2016, presented by John Briscoe, Cara Moir, Spencer Hunt, and Stephanie Davis with approximately 55 participants.

Technical Update Webinar, September 13, 2016, presented by Mindy Gerlat and Jennifer Betts with 20 participants.

Simulations, Red Deer, November 27, 2016 with 5 Section qualifying teams participating and receiving live feedback from a panel of 5 officials.

Video Monitoring Program, October-December 2016, with over 30 teams participating and receiving feedback from a panel of 5 officials.

5 Section teams qualified for the 2017 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships in Calgary, and were gifted custom chamois and mittens from the Section:

- Black Gold Novice, 10th
- Black Gold Open, 6th
- Edmonton Edge Open, 7th
- Lethbridge Ice Angels Intermediate, 12th
- Solstice Intermediate, 7th



CANSKATE

Program Assistant Motivational Workshops were hosted:

Lethbridge, September 10, 2016 presented by Leona Boyle with 17 participants.

Camrose, September 11, 2016 presented by Leona Boyle with 18 participants.

Edmonton, November 20, 2016 presented by Leona Boyle with 32 participants.

"What Happens After CanSkate?" Is an informational resource which was produced this year and distributed within our Section to clubs and skating schools.

ADULT SKATING

Adult Workshop, Calgary, February 11, 2017, presented by Elvis Stojko, Diana Lefebvre, and Spencer Hunt with 32 participants.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Provided support for two Section athletes to compete in the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria March 2017. JorDen Tyson and Benjamin Maesele both won gold medals in their events, with Barb Prystai attended as the team coach.

INCLUSIVE SKATING

16 grants totaling approximately \$10,000 were awarded to 9 clubs throughout the season to help support their inclusive skating programming.

EVENTS

THE 2016-2017 season started off with another successful Annual Convention, General Meeting and Awards Banquet which was held in Edmonton, April 30, 2016 at the Marriott River Cree Resort. The weekend brought many coaches, parents, skaters, club members and officials together to learn, to share and to celebrate. Attendees were fortunate to hear presentations about Skate Canada Updates and Bullying in Sport.



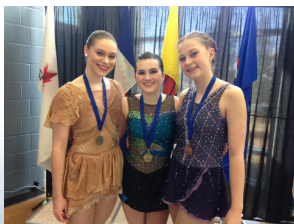
The Section strives to offer a wide variety of competitions throughout each season to offer competitive experiences for SynchroSkate, STARSKate, AdultSkate, Special Olympics and CompetitiveSkate athletes, with 15 competitions being held across the Section.

Hosting provincial and national events is a commitment of time and dedication by the host clubs. Thank you for the support of the following host clubs that hosted provincial and national events in 2016-2017:

2017 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships, hosted by the Ice Palace Skating Club.

2017 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships, hosted by the Calgary Synchronized Skating Club.

2017 STARSKate & Adult Championships, hosted by the Airdrie Skating Club.



The Section is fortunate to have a continued partnership with the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation. The Foundation supports the development of skaters in the Section and was the presenting sponsor for the 2017 Sectional Championships and the 2017 STARSKate & Adult Championships.

The Competition Committee worked this season to create policies, processes and additional templates to assist the hosting of competitions and to ensure that the technical information is reached to our membership. The Committee reviewed the structure of competitions to continue to create opportunities for skaters throughout the Section.

The Leading Edge Series was implemented this season to create an additional recognition to both the Competitive and STARSKate athletes. The Leading Edge Series is recognition based on a skater attending a number of competitions throughout the season.



Enhancing the live streaming experience was also main focus this season. New live streaming equipment was purchased and used for the first time at the 2017 Sectional Championships. At the conclusion of each live streamed competition, each skater's program will be uploaded and available to view on the Section's YOU-Tube channel.

AWARDS

THE AWARDS COMMITTEE completed a review and forecast of current awards during the year. We were pleased that the Fort Macleod Skating Club continued to support the Jesse Smith Memorial Award, donating funds to cover the next five years.

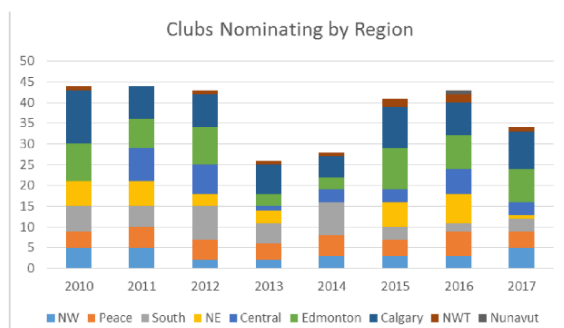
Overall award nominations were down 30% from 2016 levels and the number of clubs participating fell 21% to 34 clubs in 2017. 48 Clubs submitted nominations for the Marilyn Chidlow Volunteer Award, comparable to prior years. Clubs and members are encouraged to use the awards as opportunities to recognize dedicated skaters, coaches, officials and volunteers.

2017 SECTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

SECTION COACH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Clyde Hammer
ADULTSKATE SPIRIT AND PASSION OF SKATING AWARD – Ana Sotelo Alfaro
ADULTSKATE CREATING THE EDGE FOR LIFE AWARD – Cynthia Gauvreau
SPECIAL OLYMPICS SKATERS OF THE YEAR – JorDen Tyson and Benjamin Maesele
GATEWAY SKATING CLUB POST-SECONDARY BURSARY – Jane Gray

2017 SKATE CANADA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS

CANSKATE ATHLETE AWARD – Kayden Frederick
STARSKATE ATHLETE AWARD – Deanna Klein
COMPETITIVESKATE ATHLETE AWARD – Jackson & Jessica Lee Behiel
PROGRAM ASSISTANT AWARD – Samantha Daigle
OFFICIALS AWARD – Kristen Belcourt
VOLUNTEER AWARD – Kirsten MacDonald
VOLUNTEER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – Krista Sellers
VOLUNTEER COACH AWARD – Sylvie DeCaen Wandzura



ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS

MARILYN CHIDLOW was recognized by the Alberta Sport Connection as this year's Sport Volunteer Award recipient

JODI ABBOTT was recognized by the Alberta Sport Connection as this year's Sport Official Award recipient

Duso's Male and Female Skater of the month bursaries were presented to 24 skaters

Duso's Helping Hand of the Month recognized 13 volunteers throughout the year



REGIONS

CLUBS AND SKATING SCHOOLS continue to host test days, carnivals, seminars, training courses and CanSkate Element Events. During the 2016-2017 season, the CanSkate Element Events have grown. These club events provide CanSkaters and those transitioning into the STAR program an opportunity to showcase their skills in a fun environment. These fun events continue to evolve and the Section is pleased to see clubs and schools supporting the skaters' development.

Two skaters from the Medicine Hat Skating Club were given the opportunity to skate with Kurt Browning in the Medicine Hat Holiday On Ice Show held Dec 3, 2016!

The Section received donated funds from the NATIONAL ICE THEATRE OF CANADA to support initiatives for our clubs and members. Clubs that had a gaming license could apply to the Section to receive funding. The response was great with 80 clubs submitting applications with each club receiving \$500.



The Regions Committee focused on educating clubs and schools on resources available on the Skate Canada Info Centre and the Section website. Clubs and schools continue to look for ways to best utilize their resources to support their skaters and programming, especially in rural communities. In rural areas, some coaches do travel between communities to assist other clubs and schools in the delivery of their programming. Communication is key amongst clubs and volunteers to share resources and ideas to provide wonderful skating experiences.



CLUBS HOSTED 22 CANSKATE ELEMENT EVENTS AND 99 CARNIVALS WERE HELD TO CELEBRATE SKATER AND CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS.

MEMBERSHIP

SKATE CANADA: ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT'S overall membership continues to increase each season. The Section continues to advertise the importance of Skate for Life and to encourage those of all ages to learn to skate and be on the ice. Section clubs and skating schools support this goal through the advertising of all Skate Canada programs, especially CanSkate, CanPowerSkate and Synchronized Skating.

The Section has also had a strong focus on increasing our delivery capacity to support skaters' growth and development. The 2016-2017 season has seen an increased number of coaches being registered and officials in all disciplines have seen a growth in promotions as well as welcoming new officials.

The participation with males 10 and under in our sport continues to stay steady and grow slightly. This increase is the result of advertising the benefits of learning to skate that compliment other ice sports, such as hockey, ringette, speed skating or just skating for fun.



SKATE CANADA: ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT IS THE 3RD LARGEST SECTION OF SKATE CANADA WITH 23,996 REGISTRANTS IN 160 CLUBS AND SKATING SCHOOLS, AS OF MARCH 31, 2017

	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013
# of Clubs and Skating Schools	160	162	165	167	164
Total number of registrants	23,996	23,838	23,718	23,094	22,438
Total number of Coaches	630	615	568	545	550
Total number of Officials	132	130	125	126	128
Number of Synchronized Skating Teams	31	34	28	30	27
% of male registrants in the Section	41%	40%	33%	33%	30%



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

2016-2017 was full of achievements for athletes from our Section and we could not be more proud. Section athletes served as wonderful ambassadors of our sport not only across Canada but internationally as well. Challenge began with Brian Chiem becoming the 2017 Pre-Novice Men's National Champion.

At the 2017 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Jessica and Jackson Behiel received a bronze medal in the Novice Dance competition. This was the first medal in dance for our Section in 20 years. A milestone certainly worth celebrating! Pair team Takara Dei and Josh Venema won a bronze medal in Novice Pair, while Dawson Nodwell took home the silver medal in Novice Men. Keegan Messing earned his position back on the Senior National Team with his 5th place finish in Senior Men and Kaetlyn Osmond claimed her 3rd National Championship Title in Senior Womens. Kaetlyn then went on to capture the silver medal at the 2017 World Figure Skating Championships in Helsinki!

MONITORING

MONITORING of Section athletes was ongoing from April through preparations for the 2017 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in January. All Section Junior Development Team and Select Team athletes benefited from regular monitoring by Provincial to Olympic level officials.

SEMINARS

The SPRING DEVELOPMENT CAMP hosted in Calgary at WinSport had 104 participants. International coaches and Olympians Yuka Sato and Natalia Annenko lead the on-ice sessions while the off-ice components were lead by Martin Lefebvre, Shayne Johnson, Kaleb Takeste and Angela Duffy.



TWO THEATRE ON ICE PERFORMANCE CAMPS were held in the fall, one in Edmonton and one in Calgary. These camps were made possible from funding by the National Ice Theatre of Canada. A total of 30 skaters participated in the two camps. The camps were facilitated off-ice by actor Trevor Campbell and on-ice with coach and choreographer Elina Viola. The camps offered a unique opportunity to participating athletes, its and style and structure received a great response from all participants!

The 2017 BRIAN POCKAR MALE SEMINAR was held in February in Calgary with 25 skaters participating and learning from Olympic coaches Doug Leigh and Scott Davis. Off-ice hip-hop and flexibility was facilitated by Kaleb Takeste. The skaters enjoyed two days of comradery and even fit in some off-ice bowling fun!

A NO RISK ELEMENT EVENT was held in conjunction with the 2017 Brian Pockar Male Seminar. This initiative was funded from year two of the Canada Winter Games funding. A total of 21 Juvenile and Pre-Novice competitive skaters were selected to attend based on their technical content from the 2017 Sectional Championships. They performed a short program and isolated elements over two days and shared a talk from Doug Leigh with the male seminar skaters. Officials for this event were Leslie Lawrence (Senior Canadian Judge) and Scott Davis (ISU Technical Specialist). Doug Leigh provided additional feedback to the skaters from a coaching perspective.

ATHLETE TESTING WITH ALBERTA SPORT DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

40 Section athletes were tested to determine their fitness levels to assist with the development of appropriate off-ice training programs. This was an initiative sponsored 50% by the Alberta Sport Connection. Follow up testing and data collection will take place in May 2017.

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

SKATE CANADA 2016 NEXT GEN

Section athletes Eric Liu and Triena Robinson were selected as 2016 Next Gen athletes. Next Gen rankings followed the 2016 Summer Series. Pre-Novice singles skaters Brian Chiem, Matthew Newnham, Pre-Novice Ice Dance team Isabel McQuilkin/Jacob Portz, Novice singles Dawson Nodwell, Novice Dance team Janine Rho/Vali Baimoukhametov, Junior singles Eric Liu, Triena Robinson were selected to participate in Next Gen camp opportunities.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

50 athletes registered for the 2017 Junior Development Team. These skaters receive ongoing monitoring and attend the 2017 Spring Development Camp. The make-up of the team is as follows:

PRE-JUVENILE: 6 U11 Women, 3 U11 Men, 2 U13 Women, 2 U13 Men, 3 Pair teams, 2 Dance teams

JUVENILE: 6 U12 Women, 2 U12 Men, 6 U14 Women, 3 U14 Men, 2 Dance teams

PRE-NOVICE: 1 Woman, 1 Man

SECTION SELECT TEAM ATHLETES: ADVANCING FROM SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE

66 members of the Section Select Team advanced to attend the 2017 Skate Canada Challenge in Montreal in December.

PRE-NOVICE: 10 Pre-Novice Women, 6 Men, 5 Dance teams

NOVICE: 4 Women, 3 Men, 1 Pair team, 5 Dance teams

JUNIOR: 5 Women, 2 Men, 1 Dance team

SENIOR: 5 Women, 3 Men, 2 Pair teams (withdrawn due to injury)

CANADIAN TIRE NATIONAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

28 members of the Section Select Team advanced to the 2017 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships.

NOVICE: 1 Woman, 1 Pair team, 3 Dance teams (1 dance team withdrawn due to injury)

JUNIOR: 3 Women, 2 Men, 1 Dance team

SENIOR: 3 Women (1 Woman withdrawn due to injury), 2 Men, 2 Pair teams (withdrawn due to injury)



INTERNATIONAL & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

KAETLYN OSMOND, SENIOR WOMEN

ISU Finlandia Trophy, 1st

Skate Canada International, 2nd

ISU Cup of China, 2nd

ISU Grand Prix Final, 4th

ISU Four Continents, 4th

ISU World Figure Skating Championships, 2nd

KEEGAN MESSING, SENIOR MEN

Autumn Classic International 4th

ISU Golden Spin of Zagreb, 3rd

ERIC LIU, JUNIOR MEN

Junior Grand Prix St. Gervais 15th

Junior Grand Prix Yokohama 14th

MEDALISTS

2017 SKATE CANADA: ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Senior Men	Dustin Sherriff-Clayton	Stuart Ure	
Senior Women	Jane Gray	Jordan Topolnyski	Nicole Joe
Junior Men	Eric Liu	Graham Schaufele	Josh Venema
Junior Women	Triena Robinson	Aislinn Ganci	Madison Moore
Novice Men	Dawson Nodwell	Yu Jon Armstrong	Juan-David Castillo
Novice Women	Jolie Chiem	Devan Dawes	Isabelle Law
Novice Dance	Jessica-Lee Behiel/Jackson Behiel	Pearl Kang/ Cael Elford	Emily Mikulcik/Malcom Kowan
Pre-Novice Men	Brian Chiem	Matthew Newnham	Jackson Behiel
Pre-Novice Women	Takara Dei	Guadalupe Raed Di Bari	Grace Johnson
Pre-Novice Dance	Mia Saunders/William Oddson	Isabel McQuilkin/Jacob Portz	Amelia Boone/Alessio Carello
Juvenile U12 Men	Cooper Feser	Anson Chung	
Juvenile U14 Men	Ethan Scott	Luke Arbib	Michael Keenan
Juvenile U12 Women	Maja Husain	Joanne Min-Roberts	Kieryn McHale
Juvenile U14 Women	Sophie Do	Makayla Michel	Julia Wright
Juvenile Dance	Siobhan Lee/Joel Portz	Emelyn Feigel/Zaheen Mahmoud	Emma Yu/ Daniel Yu
Pre-Juvenile U11 Men	Jayden Johnson	Parker Vaudrin	James Keenan
Pre-Juvenile U13 Men	Colton Foreman	Connor Chan	
Pre-Juvenile U11 Women	Juliette Thievin	Hye Jin Cho	Jade Pham
Pre-Juvenile Pair	Charlotte Arbib/Luke Arbib	Ava Martin/Austen Franz	Kaylee Hammer/Parker Vaudrin
Pre-Juvenile Dance	Olivia Rodzon/William Forrester	Grace Lloyd/Connor Chan	Dahlia Gladys/Jameson Harding-Doctor

2017 SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE

EVENT	RANK	ATHLETE(S)
Junior Men	Silver	Eric Liu
Novice Men	Gold	Dawson Nodwell
Pre-Novice Men	Gold	Brian Chiem

2017 CANADIAN TIRE NATIONAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

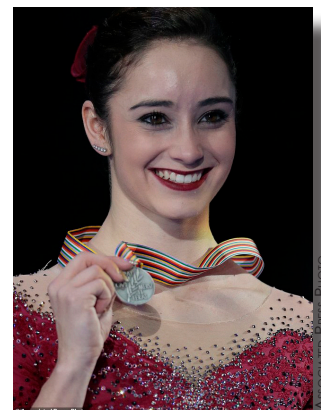
EVENT	RANK	ATHLETE(S)
Senior Women	Gold	Kaetlyn Osmond
Novice Dance	Bronze	Jessica Behiel/ Jackson Behiel
Novice Pair	Bronze	Takara Dei/Josh Venema
Novice Men	Silver	Dawson Nodwell

2017 MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT	RANK	TEAMS
Elementary	Gold	Solstice
Juvenile	Silver	Black Gold
Juvenile	Bronze	Solstice
Pre-Novice	Gold	Solstice
Pre-Novice	Silver	Lethbridge Ice Angels
Intermediate	Gold	Solstice
Intermediate	Silver	Lethbridge Ice Angels
Open	Gold	Black Gold
Open	Silver	Edmonton Edge
Adult SYS I	Gold	Black Gold
Adult SYS II	Silver	Edmonton Ice Edition



JorDen Tyson- Special Olympics World Winter Games Gold Medalist
Benjamin Maesele- Special Olympics World Winter Games Gold Medalist



Kaetlyn Osmond- World Silver Medalist

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