

**PURSUING  
EXCELLENCE**

# INSPIRING ALL CANADIANS TO EMBRACE THE JOY OF SKATING



## CANADA 150 SKATING DAY

The whole country came together to celebrate the Canada 150 year in one of the most Canadian of ways: enjoying a true northern winter sport... skating from coast to coast to coast!

On December 10, 2017 Skate Canada hosted 17 flagship skating events in cities across the country. To promote the diversity, inclusion and healthy lifestyle that skating represents, an integral piece of the Canada 150 Skating Day legacy was the introduction of community skate banks, allowing children without equipment the opportunity to take part – not only on December 10th, but for years to come. These skate banks will continue to exist in communities right across the nation, providing helmets and skates to children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to learn to skate. The flagship events also featured skating exhibitions and had Skate Canada coaches available to assist skaters.

Hundreds of communities across the country participated. The Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut hosted 4 flagship events in celebration of Canada 150 Skating Day. These flagship events were held in Edmonton, Calgary, Yellowknife and Iqaluit.

## CANADA 150 SKATING DAY - THE COOLEST SKATING PARTY OF THE YEAR!



# 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 identified 5 Key Strategic Imperatives that provided focus to the vision and mission and set the framework to bring the Strategic Plan to fruition between 2014-2018. Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut prepared the 2014-2018 Strategic Goals to align with those imperatives and the four year cycle is now coming to a close.

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 4 REPORT CARD HIGHLIGHTS

| Imperative        | Objective                 | Measurements   | 2014-2015 Baseline | 2015-2016                    | 2016-2017                    | 2017-2018                     | Target 2018 |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Skate for Life    | Membership Growth         | Total membership number per season   | 23,718             | 23,838                       | 23,996                       | 24,409                        | 26,000      |
| Skate to Win      | Athlete Performance       | Total number of athletes or teams (Pre Novice /Novice) within the top ten NextGen entries per season.          | N/A                | N/A                          | 11                           | 13                            | 12          |
| Skate to Win      | Athlete Performance       | Total number of athletes or teams (Pre Novice - Senior) within the top ten national ranked entries per season. | N/A                | N/A                          | 2                            | 14                            | 4           |
| Delivery Capacity | Coaching Growth/Retention | Total number of coaches registered per season  | 568                | 615                          | 630                          | 701                           | 715         |
| Delivery Capacity | Officials Growth          | Total cumulative number of official promotions   | 12                 | 39<br>(27 during the season) | 84<br>(45 during the season) | 155<br>(71 during the season) | 120         |
| Partnerships      | Partnership Growth        | Total number of partnerships per season  | 11                 | 13                           | 15                           | 18                            | 20          |

# CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Dear Members of Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut,

The pursuit of excellence is evident in all aspects of the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section. This year, we progressed through the final year of our 2014-2018 Strategic Plan that established goals and actions that promote the achievement of excellence. This plan is focused on five Strategic Imperatives – Skate for Life, Delivery Capacity, Brand, Partnerships and Skate to Win.

To support the Skate for Life Imperative, the Section continues to provide grants to clubs/skating schools offering opportunities for Inclusive Skating. The CanSkate@School project was launched in Edmonton and Calgary in January with 30 school classes for a total of over 700 students participating. One class included skaters with special needs and this project was very successful for all involved. Hopefully, this will inspire many Canadian children to embrace the joy of skating by registering in a local CanSkate program. For the second year in a row, Adult Skaters had the opportunity to pursue excellence by participating in a seminar with Elvis Stojko. Synchronized Skating teams are supported every year in their pursuit of excellence through monitoring of programs and development camps.

Many clubs and skating schools embraced the STAR program this season. Coaches prepared by completing online learning modules. Pursuing excellence for STARSkaters is enhanced with changes to the delivery of the program, revised skills and a new method of testing.

Increasing delivery capacity is an important focus for our Section. A Coach Mentoring Program was developed by the Coaching Committee and a pilot with 3 clubs was initiated this spring. With expansion of this initiative next year, an avenue is available for coaches and clubs to pursue excellence in the delivery of programs. Our valued officials continue to increase capacity for excellence by gaining knowledge and experience and working diligently to achieve promotions.

Our new governance structure is another example of pursuing excellence. Staff and volunteers lead the operational aspects of meeting the needs of our members. The Policy Board and Board Standing Committees pursue excellence while setting direction, developing policies, strategic planning and monitoring performance against the set direction. This year we embarked on the process of developing the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan that will guide us over the next four years as we continue in the pursuit of excellence. We are proud of the work that has been done over the past 4 years to achieve our goals and look forward to new challenges.

# CHAIR'S MESSAGE

The Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut brand was well represented at Section events as we partnered with host clubs to deliver three championships events: Sectional Championships, Mountain Regional Synchronized Skating Championships and STARSkate Championships.

Several clubs/skating schools throughout the Section participated in the Canada 150 Skating Day held on December 10, 2017. This exciting skating day provided an opportunity for all Canadians to embrace the joy of skating whether they were new Canadians trying skating for the first time or those who have been skating for years.

Building and maintaining successful relationships is important for our Section and we continue to expand our partnerships. This season we collaborated with Active Schools, the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Oilers to successfully organize the CanSkate@School project. The Section appreciates and thanks our sponsors: Alberta Sport Connection, Alberta Figure Skating Foundation, Duso's, Enterprise and our many supporters.

What a year for our competitive athletes! They have shown us that achieving excellence is possible. We are so very proud of our athletes who competed at Skate Canada Challenge, Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Olympic Winter Games, World Championships and several international competitions. Keegan Messing and Kaetlyn Osmond qualified to represent Canada at the Olympic Winter Games. Their pursuit of excellence paid off as they skated well and excited the fans. Keegan finished 12th overall. Kaetlyn stood on the podium with a bronze medal in the singles event and a gold medal in the team event. Then, they were both off to the World Championships. Keegan again delighted the crowd and finished in 8th place. Kaetlyn completed her season being declared the 2018 World Champion!

I thank my fellow Board members, Section staff, coaches, officials, committee members and all our volunteers for your time and commitment to our organization. You are the reason that we continue to pursue and strive for excellence.

Sincerely,

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

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEES

At the 2017 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Annual General Meeting, the membership approved a new governance structure for the Section. The 2017-2018 season was an exciting time to work through the new structure, which also saw the development of new committees.

The Board Standing Committees are: Membership Relations Committee, Governance Committee and Finance and Risk Management Committee. The Nominating Sub-Committee and the Executive Director Performance Review Sub-Committee operate under the Governance Committee.

The responsibilities of the Governance Committee include: develop and review policies, review Section Bylaws, provide orientation and regular education to Board Directors, coordinate Board and Board member evaluation processes, advise the Executive Director in governance matters and conduct the Executive Director evaluation.

Policies Developed in 2017-2018:

- Board Member Orientation Policy
- Business Continuity Policy
- Human Resource Policy
- Competition Policy
- Interruption Management Strategy
- Financial Policies

The Nominating Sub-Committee is responsible for overseeing and managing the election processes for the Section Board of Directors, Region Representatives and Region Coaching Representatives. This was a year of transition into the new governance structure and the committee took that opportunity to continue to review the election processes and systems. The committee continues to provide election packages to each Local Region Committee to assist with those elections and to help bring awareness to those committees and volunteer roles within each region.

The Finance and Risk Management Committee had a key focus this season on developing a Risk Register for the Section. Risk management is an integrated, documented and system-wide process used to identify, assess and manage risks. This new Risk Register will allow the Board of Directors to better understand and communicate the risks of the organization to effectively achieve desired outcomes and reflect the organization's core values. Risk management will continue to be a focus of the Board of Directors as the Board works in consultation with Sport Law and Strategy Group.





# COACHING

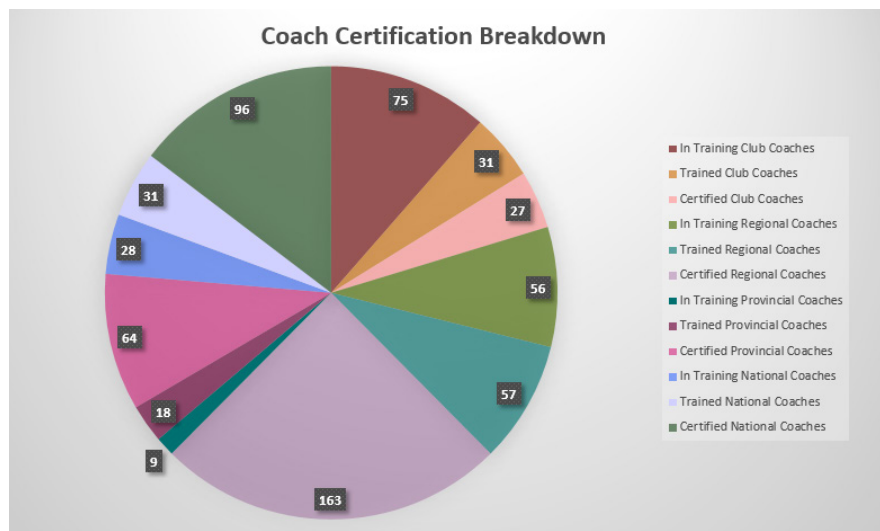
The Coaching Committee would like to recognize the many coaches that supported their athletes in attending national and international events. The committee would like to extend congratulations to the coaches of the skaters who were medalists at the national level and international competitors during the 2017-2018 season: Ravi Walia & Team, Ralph Burghart, Anabelle Langlois-Hay & Cody Hay and Kim Slopak-Weeks & Team.

The Coaching Committee works 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 2017-2018 season and all courses were filled to expected capacity.

THE SECTION CURRENTLY HAS A TOTAL OF 701 COACHES

## COACHING COURSES OFFERED

5 CanSkate (Includes 1 in Iqualit), 3 Primary SS, Regional, 2 Provincial, 1 Analyze Technical & Tactile Performance, 2 CanPowerSkate



## COACH INFORMATION, MEETINGS & NETWORKING

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

## COACHING INITIATIVES

Coach Mentoring Program: 9 clubs & coaches expressed interest in this new initiative

CanSkate University: 3 successful STAR 1-5 seminars were held in Edmonton, Calgary and Grande Prairie

# OFFICIALS

This year the Officials Coordinating Committee continued to build and support our officials' community. The committee followed a structured work-plan and delivered innovative officials training, mentored learning sessions, piloted new support systems for competition organization tasks as well as the staffing of test days and competitions.

## PROMOTIONS

34 officials achieved 71 promotions this season

Referee: Interclub Singles – 4, Canadian Singles - 1

Singles Judge: STAR 1-4 – 10, Juvenile – 1, Novice – 4, Senior – 2, ISU - 1

Pair Judge: Senior – 1, ISU - 1

Dance Judge: Senior - 2

Synchro Judge: Novice - 2

Tech Panel: Challenge Singles Technical Specialist – 1, International Technical Controller Synchro - 1

Senior Bronze Evaluator: Free Skate – 2, Dance – 2, Skills - 2

Junior Silver Evaluator: Free Skate – 3, Dance – 3, Skills - 3

Senior Silver Evaluator: Free Skate – 3, Dance – 3, Skills - 3

Gold Evaluator: Free Skate – 3, Dance – 3, Skills - 3

Diamond Dance Evaluator: 1

Interpretive Evaluator: 3

Data Specialist Level I: 1

Data Specialist Level II: 2

## TRAINING

The following learning opportunities were held:

Senior Bronze to Gold Evaluator, Senior Pair and Senior Dance Mentored Learning Projects, ISU Frankfurt Debrief and Information Update, Synchro Update, Headset Program for Dance and Pair Technical Officials, Headset Listening Program for Singles Coaches, Skate to Standard Prep Session, Novice Synchro Judge Seminar and STAR 1-4 Singles Judge Seminar.

## STAFFING OF TEST DAYS

|                 | Total #<br>High Tests | Peace | North<br>West | North East | Edmonton | Calgary | Central | South | NWT |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|---------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|-------|-----|
| Spring<br>2017  | 22                    | 2     |               | 3          | 9        | 5       | 1       | 1     | 1   |
| Summer<br>2017  | 19                    | 1     | 1             |            | 6        | 7       | 2       | 2     |     |
| Winter<br>17-18 | 61                    | 2     | 5             | 9          | 11       | 13      | 12      | 12    | 2   |



## COMPETITIONS

Officials Committee Working Groups and Central Registration team provided support to 2018 Sectionals planning team, 2018 Mountain Regionals, 2018 STARSkate & Adult Championships, and other STAR-based events and competitive invitationals by issuing officials invites, creating draft schedules and competition assignments. The standardization of delivery processes assisted in the overall goal to stage #worldclassevents

The Officials Committee is proud to recognize the following individuals who were invited to judge premier events this season: Jeff Lukasik, 2018 Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea; Lynne Dey, 2018 ISU World Championships in Milan, Italy and Jennifer Betts, 2018 ISU Synchro World Championships in Stockholm, Sweden.

Internationally our officials were invited to: ISU Jr Grand Prix, Egna, Italy; 2018 Egna Ice Dance Trophy, Egna, Italy; ISU Jr Grand Prix, Brisbane, Australia; Autumn Classic International, Barrie, Ontario; ISU Grand Prix Rostelecom Cup, Moscow, Russia; Skate America, Lake Placid, New York; ISU Grand Prix Final, Nagoya, Japan.

Across Canada we had officials invited to officiate at Super Series Victoria Day, Minto SummerSkate, Georges Ethier, SaskSkate, Skate Canada Challenge, Canadian Championships, Synchro Nationals, New Brunswick Winter Skate, Manitoba STARSkate Championships, Prairie Synchro and Winter Skate Synchro.

## OFFICIALS RETIREMENTS

Thank you to Arlene Callin, Sheila Friesen and Elaine Urton for their years of dedication and service to the Section. They were strong contributors to the sport and will be missed at events.

## THANK YOU

The Officials Committee thanks all Section officials who offered time and expertise on Section and National committees, working groups, seminars, test days and competitions. You are all part of the team that builds up the sport and creates opportunities for skaters to chase their dreams.

MAY YOU BE PROUD OF THE WORK YOU DO  
THE PERSON YOU ARE AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE





# SKATING PROGRAMS

## SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Development Camp, Edmonton, May 27-28, 2017, presented by Marie-France Sirois and Catherine Pinard, with approximately 60 participants.

Simulations, Red Deer, November 26, 2017 with 3 Section qualifying teams participating and receiving live feedback from a panel of 5 officials.

Video Monitoring Program, October-December 2017, with over 40 teams participating and receiving feedback from a panel of 5 officials.

4 Section teams qualified for the 2018 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships in Oshawa.

3 Section teams attended and were gifted custom blade covers from the Section:

Solstice Intermediate 12th

Solstice Open 9th

Black Gold Open 8th

## CANSKATE

Program Assistant Motivational Workshops were hosted and all were presented by Leona Boyle:

Red Deer, September 30, 2017, with 36 participants

Grande Prairie, October 14, 2017, with 25 participants

Calgary, October 22, 2017, with 15 participants

## ADULT SKATING

AdultSkate Workshop, Calgary, January 20, 2018, presented by Elvis Stojko, Diana Lefebvre, and Kelly Anne Erdman with 24 participants.

AdultSkate Survey received over 100 responses. Data was compiled and summarized for future planning by Skating Programs Committee and Competitions Committee.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Provided support for Section Special Olympics athletes to attend the 2018 STARSkate & Adult Championships in Spruce Grove, March 23-25, 2018. A passenger bus was funded to bring the Calgary athletes to the competition with their parents, volunteers, and coaches.

## INCLUSIVE SKATING

19 grants totaling approximately \$7500 were awarded to 7 different clubs/organizations throughout the season to help support their inclusive skating athletes and programming.

## COMPETITIONS

Competitions ranged from Competitive, STARSkate, Synchronized Skating, Adult Skate and Special Olympics. This was the first year the Section hosted all 3 championships events, with the amazing support of the Local Organizing Committees:

2018 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships, Lethbridge Skating Club

2018 Mountain Regional Synchronized Skating Championships, Edmonton Synchronized Skating Club

2018 STARSkate & Adult Championships, Tri Area Skating Club

16 COMPETITIONS WERE HOSTED BY 14 DIFFERENT CLUBS, 2,318 COMPETITORS COMPETED AND 119 CLUBS ATTENDED VARIOUS COMPETITIONS WITHIN OUR SECTION

The Section office focused on improving the communication between host clubs and the staff to provide them with more support. The Section strives to provide more support to club hosted events and increase communication with the clubs.

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 2018 Sectional Championships and the 2018 STARSkate & Adult Championships.

## LEADING EDGE SERIES

The Leading Edge Series is becoming a part of our skating culture as coaches and athletes gain more awareness and more momentum in the program's second year. Over 500 competitors participated in the 2018 Leading Edge Series.

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Section is focused on providing the experience of "World Class Events" to all the competitors at the Championship events. The committee developed strategies to provide "World Class Events" which offers:

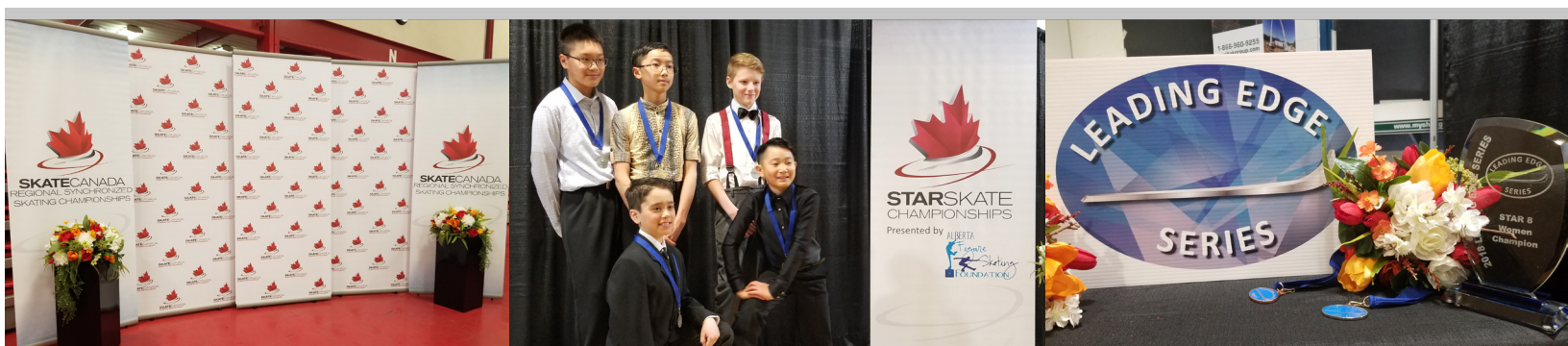
Live scoring

Live streaming of both arenas

Results posted to the Section website during the events

Kiss and Cry at all Championship events

The committee, along with several working groups, reviewed the competition calendar to provide the best structure of the competition season for our athletes. The revised bid process also resulted in a large increase in competition bids submitted for the 2018-2019 season.



# AWARDS

The Section is proud to have an extensive awards program to recognize the achievements and dedication of our skaters, program assistants, coaches, volunteers and officials. The Membership Relations Committee is mandated with reviewing the awards program and identifying any potential additional opportunities for recognition. Sincere gratitude is extended to the families, clubs and sponsors that continue to support the Section's awards program year to year.

37 CLUBS & SKATING SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE 2018 AWARDS PROGRAM THROUGH THE SUBMISSION OF 131 NOMINATIONS



## 2018 SECTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Section Coach Achievement Award: Jadene Ferreira  
AdultSkate Spirit and Passion of Skating Award: Gail Hibbs  
AdultSkate Creating the Edge for Life Award: Will Smith  
Special Olympics Skater of the Year: Amber Harriman  
Gateway Skating Club Post-Secondary Bursary: Nicole Joe

## 2018 SKATE CANADA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

CanSkate Athlete Award: Rae Marie First Charger  
STARSkate Athlete Award: Alanna Hickey  
CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award: Matthew Newnham  
Program Assistant Award: Grace Peori  
Officials Award: Brenda Hart  
Volunteer Award: Karla Powell  
Volunteer Award of Excellence: Kathy Kopelchuk  
Volunteer Coach Award: Antoinette Hempel-Bakker

## ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS

Kaetlyn Osmond, Alberta Sport Connection 2017 Alberta Open Female Athlete of the Year  
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 season



## REGIONS

Clubs and Skating Schools continue to host test days, carnivals, seminars, training courses and CanSkate Element Events. The Section has many dedicated volunteers supporting the development of skaters at all levels. From the moment someone joins a club and wants to learn how to skate, to attending their first competition or test day, the volunteers in our clubs are supportive and eager to provide assistance. Clubs/skating schools were busy this season reviewing their bylaws, policies and procedures, to identify any potential gaps and to make recommendations for positive changes. The Skate Canada Safe Sport program continues to develop and provide support to all members to participate in Skate Canada programming in a safe and respectful environment. A Respect in Sport online module for coaches was available this season as an additional professional development tool.

CLUBS & SKATING SCHOOLS HOSTED 114 CARNIVALS/ICE SHOWS AND 24 CANSKATE ELEMENT EVENTS TO CELEBRATE SKATER AND CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS



## CANSKATE@SCHOOL

In partnership with the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation Group, the City of Edmonton and Ever Active Schools, the Section provided CanSkate lessons to inner-city schools starting in January 2018 at the Downtown Community Arena. It was the first time on ice for the majority of skaters. The project has been inclusive to include full classes of Grades 1-3 children with behavioral challenges as well as 3 students with autism. The response from students and teachers alike has been overwhelmingly positive. The total number of children participating in the CanSkate@School program so far is 291! Ten enthusiastic Skate Canada coaches taught the children with Leona Boyle coordinating the program.



## MEMBERSHIP

Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut's overall membership continues to increase each season. The Section maintains a strong focus on educating our clubs and skating school about the importance of all Skate Canada programs and to offer a wide variety of programs to encourage everyone to Skate for Life.

Over the past 4 years of the Strategic Plan, the Section has continued to support the development of our coaches, officials, clubs and skating schools to increase the delivery capacity to support our skaters' growth and development. The 2017-2018 season has seen an increased number of coaches being registered and officials in all disciplines have seen a growth in promotions. The Section also welcomed two new clubs this season: Skate Morinville in the Edmonton Region and the Southern Alberta Skating Academy in the South Region.

A key initiative this season was the development of a Membership Data Working Group. The purpose of the working group was to determine the Section's membership data requirements, analyze currently available information and develop recommendations related to the goals/objectives of the Membership Relations Committee. The working group reached out to each Section Committee and stakeholder group to gather details relating to the membership and demographics. The Working Group then analyzed the data to identify any potential gaps and analyzed the information gathered for trends as it relates to the Section's Strategic Plan and objectives.

A Club/Skating School Data Survey was distributed to all member clubs/skating schools in March 2018 to gain specific statistic information on the number of individuals that are registered in each program in each club/skating school. This information gathered will provide valuable statistics required for Section reporting and assist with strategic initiatives.

**SKATE CANADA: ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT IS THE THIRD LARGEST SECTION OF SKATE CANADA WITH 24,409 REGISTRANTS IN 160 CLUBS AND SKATING SCHOOLS, AS OF MARCH 31, 2018.**

|                                      | 2017-2018 | 2016-2017 | 2015-2016 | 2014-2015 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of Clubs and Skating Schools  | 160       | 160       | 162       | 165       |
| Number of total Registrants          | 24,409    | 23,996    | 23,838    | 23,718    |
| Number of Coaches                    | 701       | 630       | 615       | 568       |
| Number of Officials                  | 125       | 132       | 130       | 125       |
| Number of Synchronized Skating Teams | 30        | 31        | 34        | 28        |

# ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

2017-2018 was a tremendous season for our Section athletes. They served as wonderful ambassadors of our sport internationally and at home.

## MONITORING

Section athletes were monitored throughout the season. Challenge Team Development day hosted in November, brought together skaters, coaches and officials. Lynne Dey, Leslie Lawrence, and Marg Andriuk worked with skaters and coaches to assist with preparations for Challenge. For the Arctic Winter Games, team Alberta North qualified for their spots at Peace Region Invitational and had a team building day post-competition. Team NWT accessed officials for monitoring following the Territorial competition.

## ATHLETE TESTING WITH ALBERTA SPORT DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

40 athletes were tested by the Canadian Sport Institute staff in Edmonton and Calgary to track and assess their fitness levels to develop appropriate off-ice training programs. This initiative is sponsored 50% by the Alberta Sport Connection.

## SPRING DEVELOPMENT CAMP, EDMONTON

100 participants of the Select and Junior Development Team members meet once a year for this spring opportunity. Olympic coach Jo-Anne McLeod led the technical on-ice sessions with Olympian Kevin Reynolds assisting. Megan Wing led the Ice Dance sessions and provided edge classes for all disciplines. Off-ice dance was conducted by ballroom expert Martin Lefebvre, and hip-hop expert Harman Baweja. Kelly Carter-Erdman, Canadian Sport Institute nutritionist gave sessions on nutritional choices and the science of recovery through nutrition.

## SKATE CANADA 2017 NEXTGEN

Eric Liu was selected as a 2017 NextGen athlete. Eric Liu and Brian Chiem were selected to participate in the NextGen camp opportunity in September 2017. The following skaters have been selected for 2018 NextGen: Eric Liu, Senior Men, Brian Chiem, Novice Men and Amelia Boone and Malcolm Kowan, Novice Dance.

## JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

47 athletes became members of the Junior Development Team after the 2018 Sectional Championships. These skaters are monitored throughout the season and invited to attend the 2018 Spring Development Camp with the Select Team. The Junior Development team is comprised of:

Pre-Juvenile: 6 U11 Women, 3 U11 Men, 1 Pair team, 3 Dance teams

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

Pre-Novice: 6 Woman, 1 Man

## BRIAN POCKAR MALE SEMINAR & 2ND ANNUAL NO RISK ELEMENT EVENT, CALGARY

25 skaters participated in the Brian Pockar Male Seminar and learned from International coaches Keegan Murphy and Scott Davis. Off-ice hip-hop and flexibility was facilitated by Decidedly Jazz performer Kaleb Takeste and Martial Arts was provided by Philipp Ndugga. The No Risk Element Event was held in conjunction with the Brian Pockar Male Seminar. This event was a year three initiative of the Canada Winter Games funding. A total of 21 skaters were selected to attend based on their technical program content at the Sectional Championships. Skaters performed a short program and isolated elements over two days and shared a talk with the male seminar skaters conducted by Keegan Murphy, Scott Davis, Jeff Langdon and Angela Duffy. This event provides an opportunity for skaters to choose a "risk element" to perform in a non-competitive environment. Officials for this event were Leslie Lawrence, Senior Canadian Judge and Scott Davis, ISU Technical Specialist.

# ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

## ENDOWMENT FUND PROGRAM

The Athlete Development Committee and Athlete Funding Working Group concluded it's work on the development of the Section Endowment Fund Program. The purpose of this fund is to provide further assistance and reward an athlete, team, or official's pursuit of excellence in figure skating. The awards/scholarships are available to athletes and officials within the Section. We are pleased to offer these new initiatives:

**BARBARA GRAHAM INTERNATIONAL AWARD** is awarded to an athlete or team who has reached greatness at the Provincial and National level and is focused on achieving excellence at the International level. The athlete or athletes represent the best in sportsmanship, dedication to their sport, and are role models for all skaters.

**SECTIONAL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to an athlete/team who has achieved success over several competitive seasons. This athlete/team, through their body of work, demonstrates a dedication to the sport, works hard to perfect their skill and has represented their club proudly within the Section.

**JOHN VIPOND OFFICIAL'S SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to an official who is striving towards becoming an accomplished official. The official will be an established official who needs assistance in reaching a higher level through experience or training opportunities and is attending a post-secondary institution while working on achieving this goal.

## 2018 ALBERTA WINTER GAMES

77 athletes attended the 2018 Alberta Winter Games in Fort McMurray, achieving personal bests while competing in their very first Games.

## 2018 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

21 athletes from our Section competed in the 2018 Arctic Winter Games. Team Alberta North won 9 medals. Team Nunavut attended the Games for the second time with an increase of 30% in their team size.

## 2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES

Year 3 funding was used to purchase headsets, and to offset the cost of the No Risk Element Event. Anne Marie Behnke was successful with her application to be one of two Aboriginal Apprenticeship Coaches for the Games.





# ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT



## SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE AND SECTION SELECT TEAM

59 athletes of the Section Select Team advanced to the 2018 Skate Canada Challenge.

Pre-Novice: 6 Pre-Novice Women, 5 Men, 1 Pair, 6 Dance teams

Novice: 5 Women, 2 Men, 2 Pair teams, 4 Dance teams

Junior: 3 Women, 2 Men

Senior: 4 Women, 2 Men

## CANADIAN TIRE NATIONAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

22 members of the Section Select Team advanced to the 2018 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships.

Novice: 2 Men, 2 Pair teams, 3 Dance teams

Junior: 1 Woman, 2 Men

Senior: 4 Women, 3 Men

## 2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Kaetlyn Osmond, Team Event, Gold and Individual Event, Bronze

Keegan Messing, Individual Event, 12th

## 2018 WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kaetlyn Osmond, Gold

Keegan Messing, 8th

## INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

KAETLYN OSMOND, SENIOR WOMEN

Autumn Classic International, 1st

Skate Canada International, 1st

Trophee de France, 3rd

ISU Grand Prix Final, 3rd

ERIC LIU, JUNIOR MEN

Autumn Classic International, 3rd

ISU Junior Grand Prix #7 Egna, 12th

KEEGAN MESSING, SENIOR MEN

Autumn Classic International, 3rd

NHK Trophy, 5th

Skate Canada International, 8th

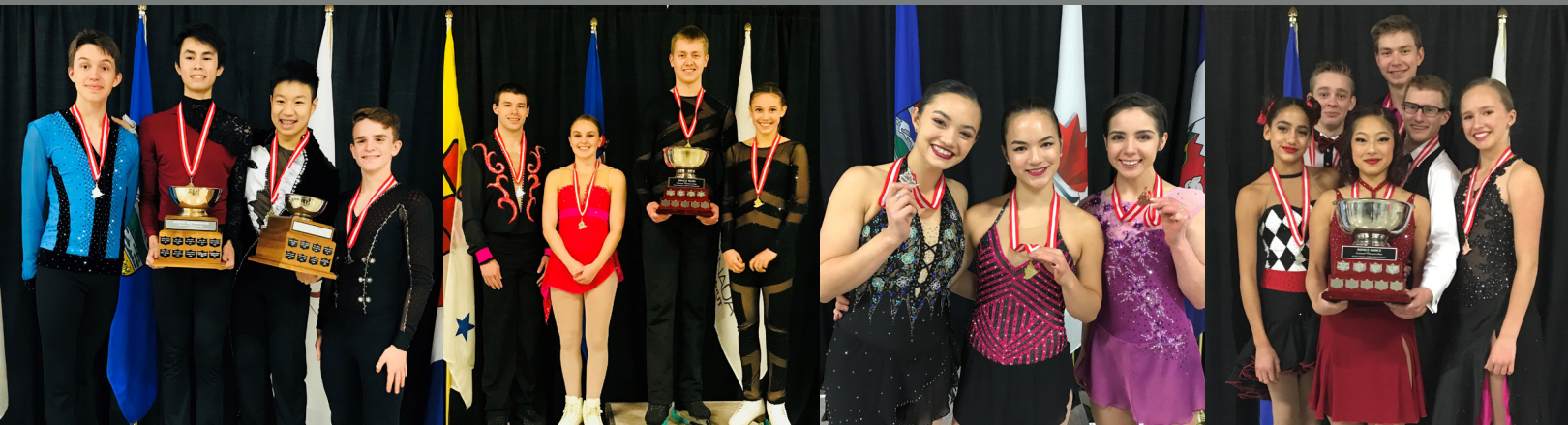
BRIAN CHIEM, NOVICE MEN

Egna Spring Trophy, 2nd

NATASHA PURICH AND DAVIN PORTZ, SENIOR PAIR

Ondrej Nepela Trophy, 5th

# MEDALISTS



## 2018 SKATE CANADA: ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

| EVENT                  | GOLD                             | SILVER                          | BRONZE                         |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Senior Men             | Eric Liu                         | Dustin Sherriff-Clayton         | Jordan Topolynski              |
| Senior Women           | Triena Robinson                  | Aislinn Ganci                   |                                |
| Junior Men             | Dawson Nodwell                   | Graham Schaufele                | Jolie Chiem                    |
| Junior Women           | Isabelle Law                     | Madison Moore                   |                                |
| Novice Men             | Brian Chiem                      | Tim Pomares                     | Devan Dawes                    |
| Novice Women           | Sophia O-Brien-Doerksen          | Guadalupe Raed Di Bari          | Amelia Boone/Malcolm Kowan     |
| Novice Dance           | Pearl Kang/Kyle Pearson          | Isabel McQuilkin/Jake Portz     |                                |
| Novice Pair            | S. O-Brien-Doerksen/Josh Venema  | Asha Gumpinger/Josh Brauner     |                                |
| Pre-Novice Men         | Matthew Newnham                  | Tobiah Wong                     | William Oddson                 |
| Pre-Novice Women       | Alexandra Sarmiento Diaz         | Grace Johnson                   | Kaiya Ruitter                  |
| Pre-Novice Dance       | Mia Saunders/William Oddson      | Grace Pele/Joel Portz           | Juliette Shadid/Lucas Shadid   |
| Juvenile Men U12       | Oleg Penner                      | Jayden Johnson                  | Cooper Feser                   |
| Juvenile Men U14       | Anson Chung                      | Michael Keenan                  | Connor Chan                    |
| Juvenile Women U12     | Jade Pham                        | Hye Jin Cho                     | Michelle Deng                  |
| Juvenile Women U14     | Tehya Wiltzen                    | Kayla Welygan                   | Erin Higa                      |
| Juvenile Dance         | Charlotte Arbib/Luke Arbib       | Olivia Rodzon/William Forrester |                                |
| Pre-Juvenile Men U11   | James Keenan                     | Parker Vaudrin                  | Kurtis Che                     |
| Pre-Juvenile Men U13   | Ryan Heske                       | Thomas Kapocsi                  |                                |
| Pre-Juvenile Women U11 | Angelina Grant                   | Kenzie Wright                   | Mary Pham                      |
| Pre-Juvenile Dance     | Mackenzie Reimer/Gabriel Beckett | Cadence Doan/Peter Strouhal     | Mikayla Coupland/Adrian Shouli |

## 2018 SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE

| EVENT            | ATHLETE(S)                  | RANK   |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Novice Dance     | Amelia Boone/Malcolm Kowan  | Bronze |
| Pre-Novice Men   | Matthew Newnham             | Gold   |
| Pre-Novice Dance | Mia Saunders/William Oddson | Bronze |

## 2018 CANADIAN TIRE NATIONAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

| EVENT        | ATHLETE(S)                 | RANK   |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Senior Women | Kaetlyn Osmond             | Silver |
| Senior Men   | Keegan Messing             | Silver |
| Novice Men   | Brian Chiem                | Bronze |
| Novice Dance | Amelia Boone/Malcolm Kowan | Bronze |

# MEDALISTS

## 2018 MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

| EVENT         | TEAMS                 | RANK   |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Juvenile      | Black Gold            | Bronze |
| Pre-Novice    | Edmonton Ice Eclipse  | Gold   |
| Pre-Novice    | Black Gold            | Bronze |
| Intermediate  | Solstice              | Gold   |
| Intermediate  | Lethbridge Ice Angels | Bronze |
| Open          | Black Gold            | Gold   |
| Open          | Solstice              | Silver |
| Adult SYS I   | Black Gold            | Gold   |
| Adult SYS I   | Edmonton Ice Edition  | Silver |
| Adult SYS II  | Black Gold            | Gold   |
| Adult SYS III | Wild Age-ility        | Bronze |

## 2018 ALBERTA WINTER GAMES

| EVENT            | GOLD               | SILVER             | BRONZE                |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Novice Women     | Carys Prodaniuk    | Haley Gillett      | Willow Fedina         |
| Pre-Novice Women | Mikala Cutler      | Emma-Grace Fairey  | Paige Wright          |
| Juvenile Women   | Michelle Deng      | Erin Higa          | Chloe Nguyen          |
| STAR 6 Women     | Yellenna O'Connell | Amber Mica         | Karlee MacMillan      |
| STAR 5 Women     | Anni Heinkainen    | Sadie Finnebraaten | Brooklynn Michalevich |

## 2018 LEADING EDGE SERIES

| EVENT                  | GOLD                    | SILVER                 | BRONZE              |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Senior Women           | Aislinn Ganci           | Jane Gray              | Nicole Joe          |
| Senior Men             | Dustin Sherriff-Clayton | Eric Liu               |                     |
| Junior Women           | Jolie Chiem             | Madison Moore          | Michelle Wong       |
| Junior Men             | Graham Schaufele        | Dawson Nodwell         |                     |
| Novice Women           | Sophia O'Brien-Doerksen | Guadalupe Raed Di Bari | Katelyn Lo          |
| Novice Men             | Brian Chiem             | Tim Pomares            | Juan-David Castillo |
| Pre-Novice Women       | Alexandra Samiento-Diaz | Kaiya Ruitter          | Milara Okabe        |
| Pre-Novice Men         | Matthew Newnham         | William Oddson         | Matthew Yip         |
| Juvenile Women U12     | Michelle Deng           | Jade Pham              | Hye Jin Cho         |
| Juvenile Women U14     | Tehya Wiltzen           | Erin Higa              | Chloe Nguyen        |
| Juvenile Men           | Anson Chung             | Oleg Penner            | Jayden Johnson      |
| Pre-Juvenile Women U11 | Kenzie Wright           | Angelina Grant         | Mary Pham           |
| Pre-Juvenile Men       | James Keenan            | Ryan Heske             | Parker Vaudrin      |
| Gold Women             | Sydney Perron           | Talia Sargeant         | Linda Kemigisha     |
| STAR 10 Women          | Julia Chua              | Mairyn Dumanowski      | Chloe Campbell      |
| STAR 8 Women           | Nikki Jugovic           | Kennedy Bond           | Kailey Ewanchuk     |
| STAR 6 Women           | Kaitlyn Ho              | Holly Pougnet          | Sara Loutitt        |
| Pre-Juvenile Women U13 | Sadie Nicholson         | Olivia Rodzon          | Monica Moon         |





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