

*Celebrating
50 Years On Ice*

ANNUAL REPORT

2018-2019

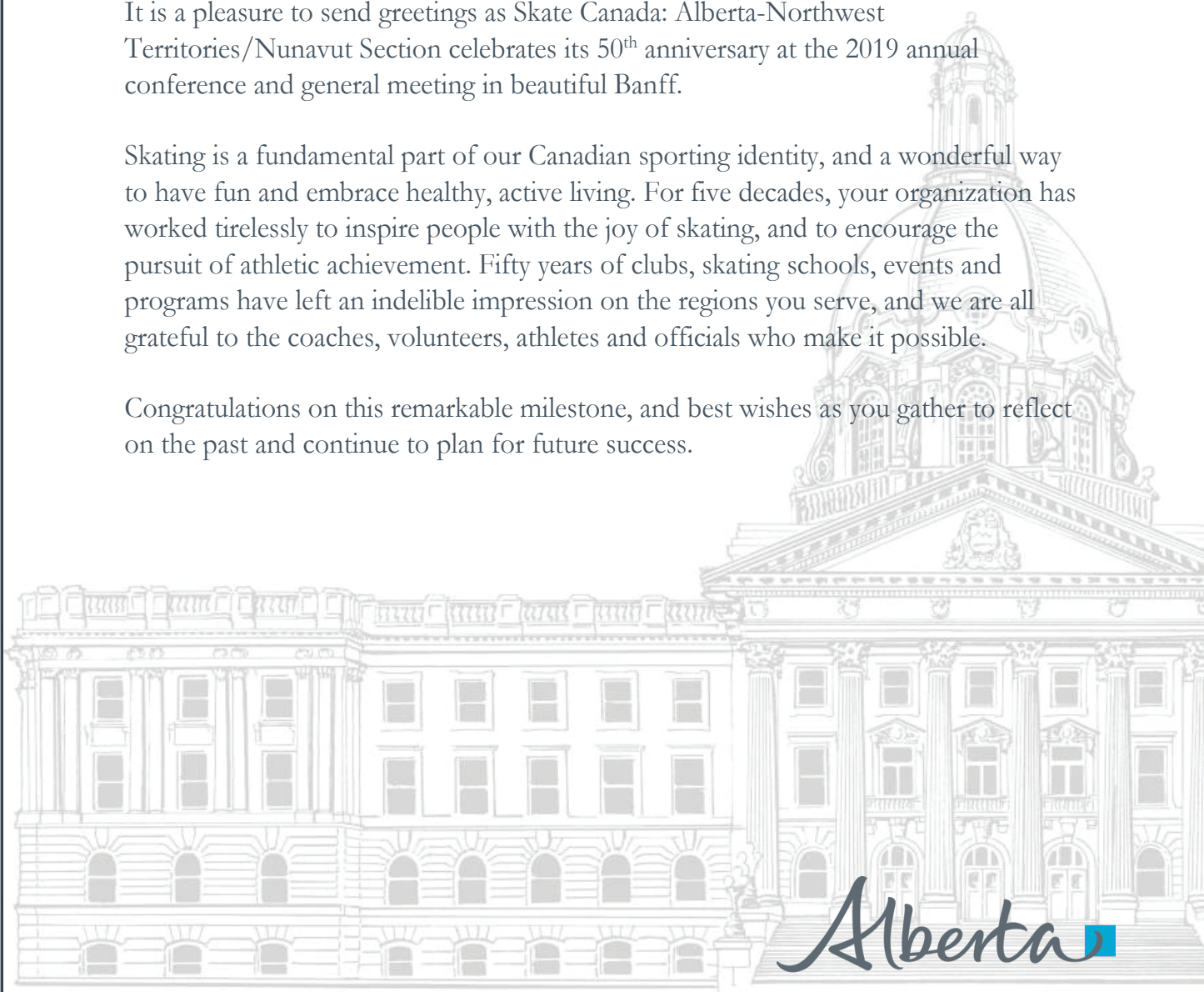


A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

It is a pleasure to send greetings as Skate Canada: Alberta-Northwest Territories/Nunavut Section celebrates its 50th anniversary at the 2019 annual conference and general meeting in beautiful Banff.

Skating is a fundamental part of our Canadian sporting identity, and a wonderful way to have fun and embrace healthy, active living. For five decades, your organization has worked tirelessly to inspire people with the joy of skating, and to encourage the pursuit of athletic achievement. Fifty years of clubs, skating schools, events and programs have left an indelible impression on the regions you serve, and we are all grateful to the coaches, volunteers, athletes and officials who make it possible.

Congratulations on this remarkable milestone, and best wishes as you gather to reflect on the past and continue to plan for future success.



Alberta

VISION

Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut inspires every person to embrace the joy of skating, and the pursuit of athletic achievement

MISSION STATEMENT

Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut leads, enables and promotes excellence in the delivery of safe and inclusive skating programs for lifelong fun, fitness and achievement

VALUES

Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section:

Is *ATHLETE-CENTERED* in our development and delivery of programs and services;

Acts *COLLABORATIVELY* by building and supporting partnerships and positive relationships with all stakeholders for the benefit of the sport;

Embraces the belief that skating must be a *FUN* and *FULFILLING* experience;

Conducts our business by being *PROFESSIONAL*, *RESPECTFUL* and *ACCOUNTABLE* to the membership;

Focuses on the provision of a *SAFE SPORT* environment;

Upholds the principles of *SPORT FOR LIFE* through skating

AREAS OF FOCUS

The Section has five (5) AREAS OF FOCUS to assist with organization planning which ensures that all facets of the wide-range of the Section's responsibilities are considered. A Goal Statement for each AREA OF FOCUS highlights the primary outcome the Section is working to achieve in each area.

SKATE FOR LIFE: Ensure consistent, high quality programs are provided by clubs and skating schools throughout the Section

SKATE TO WIN: Supported by systematic delivery, Section athletes will consistently medal at the National Championships and all categories will see top-10 results

COMPETITIONS: Deliver accessible, high quality and consistent events that offer competitions in all levels of skating

DEVELOPMENT: To establish a strong foundation of coaches, officials, clubs, skating schools and volunteers through development opportunities to support Section programs

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS: Ensure positive stakeholder satisfaction and continued growth and development of the Section Staff, Board and Committees



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

50 YEARS ON ICE! Each of these years has been special and we are excited to celebrate this achievement! Over the past few months we have remembered special moments of our history from athlete successes to volunteers' passion and everyone's hard work! These have driven our organization. We have grown in numbers, in reach and in achievements and we will continue to build a strong Section.

The 2018-2019 Season marked the start of a new quadrennial. One of our major accomplishments this year was the creation of a new Strategic Plan. The 2018-2022 Strategic Plan builds on the previous Plan and moves us towards our future.

For over a year, the Board of Directors has worked towards identifying the Areas of Focus and Goals for the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. In September 2017, a consultant was engaged to assist in facilitating the process, gathering stakeholder feedback through in-person interviews, a Membership Survey and focus groups. In addition to all of the important information gathered, she completed a Data Scan to provide the Board with facts including numbers of registrants, revenue, high-performance athlete achievements and numbers of workshops offered.

The Vision, Mission, Values Statements, Areas of Focus, Goals and Strategic Objectives were developed with feedback from the Board, staff and operational committees. The direction was approved in October 2018. More feedback and work on the Tactics and Key Performance Indicators occurred and the final 2018-2022 Strategic Plan was approved in April 2019. The Section now has a comprehensive Strategic Plan that will guide us during the next years.

In this first year of the Strategic Plan we have successes in each Area of Focus including:

- o **SKATE FOR LIFE** – We continue to have increased registrant numbers!
- o **SKATE TO WIN** – The success of our athletes at Challenge (3 medals), Canadians (4 medals) and the Canada Winter Games (6 medals) has been thrilling!
- o **COMPETITIONS** – The delivery of high-quality Section-run events is a high priority that is very successful and provides a good environment for our athletes!
- o **DEVELOPMENT** – The Coach Apprenticeship Program held at Challenge this year was well received and provided a great opportunity for coaches!
- o **BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS** – Preparation for the celebration of our 50th Anniversary and the development of the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan are both very time-consuming but very worthwhile and well done!

As this is my final year as Chair of the Section, I will take this opportunity to mention a few highlights of the past 4 years. I am extremely proud of the work done by the Board of Directors on the Policy Board governance structure that now provides direction in the management of the Association. Providing the opportunity for coaches to be Board Directors and the re-organization of the committees makes the Section stronger. Along with the structure changes, there has been development of many policies and procedures, an ongoing Board education plan and a Board evaluation process. The operational committees and staff now carry out operational responsibilities under the authority of the Executive Director.

Other highlights include the achievements of our excellent athletes! There has been a steady increase in the numbers attending National and International Events, as well as medals won over these 4 years. World medals for Special Olympians in 2017 and the World Women's Champion in 2018 are great memories. The work that the staff and volunteers do to expand learning opportunities for our competitive athletes is impressive.

The CanSkate @School Program in Edmonton has been an exciting initiative that has provided a taste of skating to many children. The implementation of the new CanSkate Program and the STAR Program in our clubs increases the focus on delivery of the Skate Canada Programs.

The numbers of coaches in our Section continues to grow and many are eager to increase their coaching certification level. Coaches are interested in continually learning through mentoring and training.

The increase in the total number of officials and the increase in those striving for and achieving promotions is impressive. Many of our officials are busy at international events.

The implementation of the Leading Edge Series and the delivery of "World Class Events" has been a highlight of the past few years.

And lastly, working with the amazing, passionate volunteers and the exceptional, hard-working, dedicated staff is a personal highlight! The recruitment of a new Executive Director to lead the organization operationally was very successful. The staff are the constant in the Section and I am thankful that they are here to guide us all along the way.

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 have achieved such success over 50 Years on Ice!

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

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEES

At the MAY 6, 2017 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut (Section) Annual General Meeting, the Membership repealed the 2014 Association Bylaws and approved the 2017 Bylaws. The 2017 Bylaws laid the groundwork for a new governance structure for the Section. The 2018-2019 Season was our second year as a Policy Board. The Board of Directors, committees and staff have embraced the change. This governance model provides a clearly defined, efficient governance structure.

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

The GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE provides governance leadership and the following responsibilities were completed this year: development and review of policies, recommendations for amendments to Section bylaws, orientation and regular education provided to the Board Directors, coordination of Board and Board Director evaluation processes. This Committee also advises the Executive Director in governance matters and provides support in human resource issues.



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. The Sub-Committee continues to provide election packages to each Local Region Committee to assist with those elections. Another function is to identify a desired list of skills/competencies for future Board candidates and identify gaps in skill sets and experience for the current Board of Directors.

The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE is responsible to the Governance Committee. One of the functions that was completed this year included a review and revisions of policies and procedures. This Sub-Committee led the process to determine annual objectives for the Executive Director and to conduct the probationary and mid-year performance reviews of the Executive Director.



The FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE is responsible for guiding the Board as it delivers on its fiduciary responsibilities to its members. This season saw the Committee continue to build on the groundwork established last year with respect to the Section's Risk Register. The Risk Register was expanded and actions to mitigate risks were implemented where appropriate. The Committee also undertook an extensive review of the Section's long term investments, developing new policies to ensure the investments are managed in alignment

with the Section's goals and objectives. Other finance related policies were reviewed and updated throughout the year and work has started on developing a comprehensive Information Technology Policy. Finally, the Committee has worked to improve financial reporting to the Board, providing meaningful information on a timely basis.



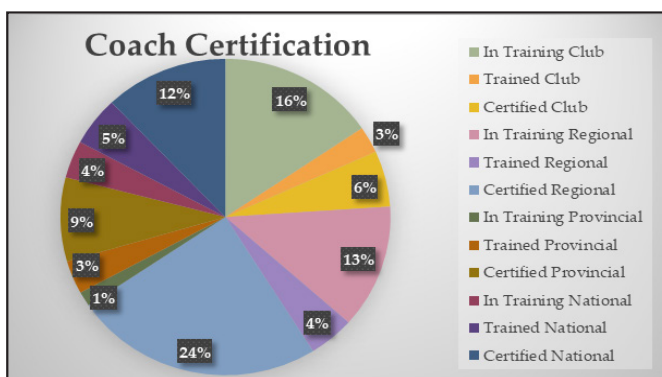
THE COACHING COMMITTEE would like to extend congratulations to the coaches of the skaters who were medalists at the National level and international competitors during the 2018-2019 season

- Ravi Walia & Team
- Ralph Burghart & Team
- Kim Slopak Weeks, Tyler Myles & Team
- Scott Davis & Jeff Langdon

NCCP COURSES HELD THROUGHOUT THE 2018-2019 SEASON. All courses were filled to capacity.

COACHING COURSES HELD:

- 4 CanSkate Courses
- 2 CanPowerSkate Courses
- 4 Regional Course
- 1 Provincial Course
- 1 Analyze Technical & Tactical Performance Course



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 by information sharing and networking at the Sectional Championships, STARSkate and ISU Frankfurt Debrief.



COACHING INITIATIVES

COACH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM - held at Challenge in Edmonton with 20 coaches attending. Facilitated by Greg Folk with numerous special guest coaches and officials.

COACH MENTORING PROGRAM – Rocky Mountain House received mentoring on the CanSkate program, as well as STAR 1-5 with Leona Boyle.

THE OFFICIALS COORDINATING COMMITTEE continues to support officials' development. The OCC offered new judge training and technical panel official programs along with other innovative developmental activities, provided support to tech reps in event pre-work and acquiring officials, and ensured that high test days were staffed.

PROMOTIONS

38 OFFICIALS ACHIEVED 82 PROMOTIONS THIS SEASON!

REFEREE: Interclub Singles – 2, Section Singles – 2, Section Dance – 2, Section Pair – 1, Challenge Pair - 1

SINGLES JUDGE: STAR 1-4 – 6, Juvenile – 8, Novice – 3, Senior Invitational – 7

PAIR JUDGE: Senior – 1

SYNCHRO JUDGE: Junior - 1

TECH PANEL: Base Level Technical Official – 2, Technical Controller Singles - 2

SENIOR BRONZE EVALUATOR: Free Skate – 1, Dance – 1, Skills - 1

JUNIOR SILVER EVALUATOR: Free Skate – 2, Dance – 2, Skills - 2

SENIOR SILVER EVALUATOR: Free Skate – 2, Dance – 2, Skills - 2

GOLD EVALUATOR: Free Skate – 2, Dance – 2, Skills - 2

DIAMOND DANCE EVALUATOR: 1

INTERPRETIVE EVALUATOR: 2

PHASE 2 TECHNICAL PANEL ASSESSORS: BLTO – 4, TS Singles – 3, TC Singles – 2, TS Dance – 1, TC Dance – 1, TS Pairs – 3, TC Pairs – 1, TS Synchro – 2, TC Synchro - 1

DATA SPECIALIST INTRO: 1

DATA SPECIALIST LEVEL I: 1



TRAINING

THE FOLLOWING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES WERE HELD: Senior Pair Mentored Learning Project, Juvenile Pair Mini-Seminar, ISU Frankfurt Debrief, Evaluator Update, Referee Seminar, BLTO Seminar, STAR 1-4 Judge Seminar, Juvenile to Senior Singles Judge Seminar, Novice Synchro Judge Clinic, Junior/Senior Synchro Judge Clinic

	Total # high test days	Peace	NW	NE	Edmonton	Central	Calgary	South	NWT
Spring 2018	20			4	5	1	7	2	1
Summer 2018	18	1			5	1	7	4	
Winter 2018-19	59	2	3	9	14	9	16	4	2

NEW LAPTOP SYSTEM



The new Computer Scoring Software Laptop System was successfully utilized at several STARSkate and competitive competitions.

COMPETITIONS

Officials Committee Working Groups and Central Registration team provided support to the 2019 Sectionals planning team, 2019 STARSkate & Adult Championships, and other STAR-based events and competitive invitational by issuing officials invites, creating draft schedules and competition assignments.

The OCC is proud to recognize the following individual who was invited to judge a premier event this season: Jennifer Betts, ISU Junior World Synchro Championships Neuchatel SUI.

Internationally, our officials were invited to: US International Classic, ISU Jr Grand Prix Bratislava, ISU Jr Grand Prix Richmond, ISU Grand Prix Skate America, ISU Grand Prix Moscow, Lumiere Cup Synchro Eindhoven and ISU Four Continents Championships.

Across Canada, we had officials invited to officiate at BC SummerSkate, Minto SummerSkate, GTSA SummerSkate, 2018 North American Series, Super Series Autumn Leaves, Skate Canada Challenge, Bill Phillips Memorial Synchronized Skating Invitational, BC/YK Open Synchro & Adult Competition, Synchrofest, Winterfest, Canadian Championships, Canadian Synchro Championships, Canada Winter Games, Mountain Regionals, Ontario Regionals, Quebec Regionals, Living Skies Synchro and Newfoundland Western Divisionals.

VOLUNTEERS OFFER THE GIFT OF THEIR TIME TO
TEACH, TO LISTEN, TO HELP, TO INSPIRE,
TO BUILD, TO GROW,
TO LEARN



OFFICIALS RETIREMENTS



Thank you to Kim VanHaitsma, Wanda Olszowka, Denise Jensen, and Donna Gerlinsky for their years of dedication and service to the Section. They were strong contributors to the sport and will be missed at events.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

DEVELOPMENT CAMPS: Calgary, September 8, 2018, presented by Kim Slopak Weeks and Tyler Myles, with approximately 50 participants. Edmonton, September 16, 2018, presented by Lynne Koper and Shirley Solkowski with approximately 100 participants.



TECHNICAL UPDATE: Webinar for coaches and officials, September 25, 2018, with over 30 participants from BC, AB, SK. Moderated by Mindy Gerlat and Jennifer Betts.

SIMULATIONS: Red Deer, November 18, 2018 with 4 Section qualifying teams participating and receiving live feedback from a panel of 3 officials.

VIDEO MONITORING Program: October-December 2018, with over 30 teams participating and receiving feedback from a panel of 4 officials.

2019 SKATE CANADA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS: 4 Section teams qualified for and attended the championships in Waterloo. Teams were gifted custom blankets from the Committee.

- Edmonton Edge Intermediate 12th
- Solstice Intermediate 13th
- Solstice Open 5th
- Black Gold Open 6th

CANSKATE



PROGRAM ASSISTANT MOTIVATIONAL WORKSHOPS - facilitated by Leona Boyle. Bonnyville, September 23, 2018, with 13 participants. Edmonton, January 6, 2019, with 25 participants.

ADULT SKATING

The AdultSkate Workshop was scheduled for Sylvan Lake, March 17, 2019 and was canceled due to low enrollment.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

COACH TRAINING FOR SKATE CANADA COACHES - Calgary, August 25, 2018, in partnership with Special Olympics. Presented by Barb Prystai and Jodi Flanagan with 20 participants.



INCLUSIVE SKATING

24 grants totaling approximately \$6000 were awarded to 5 different clubs throughout the season to help support their inclusive skating athletes and programming. Over \$1400 was also provided for Special Olympics skater registration assistance and Special Olympics Coach Training.

THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE continues to have a strong focus on the development of competitions that are offered throughout the Section. Each event this season showed an increase in numbers, sometimes significant, as well as an increase of club participation. This committee will continue to explore options in order to keep up with the increasing demand for more opportunities for our athletes to compete, while adhering to Skate Canada's LTAD model.

Key initiatives that the competition committee focused on this season:

- Implemented an **EVENTS REQUIREMENT CHART** for clubs and Local Organizing Committee's to use at all competitions that will provide consistent promotion of "World Class Events"
- A new system of **ASSIGNING TECH REPS** was adopted this season in conjunction with the Officials Co-ordinating Committee. This involved the OCC assigning Championships, North American Summer Series events, Competitive Events, and Combined/Competitive Events while the Competitions Committee assigning STARSkate Invitational and Synchro Invitational Events.
- A new **TECH REP APPLICATION** process was launched to identify volunteers interested and becoming a Tech Rep and those that have the skills for undertaking different events throughout the season.
- For the first time we offered an **ANNOUNCER TRAINING** seminar during the STARSkate Championships. This initiative will greatly assist in building our capacity at events and continue the #WorldClassEvents standard.
- A **STAR 1-3 CLUB COMPETITION** Working Group was formed this year tasked with developing a program for the STAR 1-3 that can be used to help clubs to host consistent, quality, and easily organized club events.
- We implemented a **STARSKATE/COMPETITIVE CROSSOVER CHART** in order to help athletes, coaches, and parents know which categories they are eligible for at the different levels for those skaters who competed at Sectionals.

15 COMPETITIONS WERE HOSTED BY 14 DIFFERENT CLUBS, 2762 COMPETITORS COMPETED AND 123 CLUBS ATTENDED VARIOUS COMPETITIONS WITHIN OUR SECTION

LEADING EDGE SERIES

Leading Edge is continuing to be part of our skating culture with more athletes paying attention to their standings. The medalists are often different from the championship medalists. OVER 478 COMPETITORS PARTICIPATED IN THE 2019 LEADING EDGE SERIES.

COMPETITIONS

The Section hosted two championship events this year with the help of our amazing Local Organizing Committees: 2019 Sectional Championships, Red Deer Skating Club and the 2019 STARSkate & Adult Championships, Airdrie Skating Club.

Our Section was also proud to host the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton and the Canada Winter Games in Red Deer. `





THE SECTION has an extensive awards program to recognize the achievements and dedication of our skaters, program assistants, coaches, volunteers and officials. There were 40 clubs and skating schools that participated in the 2019 Awards Program through the submission of 97 nominations.

2019 Inaugural Section Hall of Fame

Kurt Browning, Athlete
Jan Ullmark, Professional Coach
Barbara Graham, Builder (posthumous)
Dennis McFarlane, Official (posthumous)

2019 Section Award Recipients

Section Coach Achievement Award: Ravi Walia
AdultSkate Spirit and Passion of Skating Award: Julie Dayton
AdultSkate Creating the Edge for Life Award: Valerie Laferriere
Jamie Salé Special Olympics Skater Achievement Award: Moriah Van't Land
Gateway Skating Club Post-Secondary Bursary: Asha Gumpinger & Josh Brauner
John Vipond Officials Scholarship: Katie Bador
Sectional Legacy Scholarship: Isabel McQuilkin & Jacob Portz

2019 Skate Canada Achievement Award Recipients

CanSkate Athlete Award: Declan Morgan
STARSkate Athlete Award: Brooklyn Watmough
CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award: Kaiya Ruiter
Program Assistant Award: Shaylyn Jackson
Officials Award: Kristen Belcourt
Volunteer Award: Monique Moore
Volunteer Award of Excellence: Laurie Finney
Volunteer Coach Award: Lynne Koper
Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award: Jennifer Betts

Additional Recognitions

Kaetlyn Osmond, Salute to Excellence City of Edmonton Sports Hall of Fame 2019 Inductee
Duso's Male and Female Skater of the Month bursaries were presented to 24 skaters
Duso's Helping Hand of the Month recognized 12 volunteers throughout the season

CLUBS AND SKATING SCHOOLS continue to host test days, carnivals, seminars, training courses and CanSkateElementEvents. Each region in the Section has a committee consisting of a Region Representative, Assistant Region Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, High Test Coordinator and a Region Coaching Representative. These individuals provide support and guidance to the members in their region. The Section has many dedicated volunteers supporting the development of skaters at all levels. 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. The Respect in Sport Activity Leader Training was made available by Skate Canada at no cost to Skate Canada coaches, officials, team leaders, club board members and club/skating school administrators. This training is one of the requirements for coaches to hold an "in good standing" status. This season also saw the development of the Skate Canada Trans Inclusion Policy.

The Regions Committee continues to create **TEMPLATES AND RESOURCES** to provide assistance to clubs/skating schools. This year the committee developed a Clubs in Good Standing Policy, Club Board Code of Conduct template, Club Board declaration template and a Conflict of Interest template.

CLUBS & SKATING SCHOOLS HOSTED 97 CARNIVALS/ICE SHOWS AND 22 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 again provided CanSkate lessons to inner-city schools. 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 & physical challenges. The project was extended to a group of Grade 6-9 students as well. The response from students and teachers alike has been overwhelmingly positive. The total number of students participating in the CanSkate@School program this season is 833 from 13 different schools! Ten enthusiastic Skate Canada coaches taught the students with Leona Boyle coordinating the program.



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 schools about the importance of all Skate Canada programs and to offer a wide variety of programs to encourage everyone to Skate for Life. The Section supports the development of our coaches, officials, clubs and skating schools to increase the delivery capacity to support our skaters' growth and development.

The 2018-2019 season has seen an **INCREASED NUMBER OF REGISTERED COACHES AND OFFICIALS** in all disciplines have seen a growth in their promotions.



The Section welcomed **TWO NEW CLUBS** this season: Northern Lites Synchronized Skating Club in the Edmonton Region and the Crowfoot Skating Club in the Calgary Region. We also welcomed back the Bentley Figure Skating Club to the Central Region. Four rural clubs did not register this season, one due to an ice plant failure rendering their facility as non-operational this season.



SKATE CANADA: ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT IS THE THIRD LARGEST SECTION WITH 25,278 REGISTRANTS IN 159 CLUBS AND SKATING SCHOOLS, AS OF MARCH 31, 2019.

A key area of focus for the Membership Relations Committee is to develop an Annual Membership Survey to gather feedback from all registrants and members of the Section. In June 2018, a Membership Survey was distributed, and 230 responses were received. As a follow up to the 2018 survey, the 2019 Membership Survey was distributed recently in April. The committee will review the feedback and provide information to the Board and various committees on the feedback and suggestions on how to further enhance and improve upon the services we provide to our members.

IN CELEBRATION of the Section's 50th Anniversary, the committee developed a Section Hall of Fame, with the inaugural inductees being honored at the Section's 50th Anniversary Awards Banquet on May 4, 2019. Also, in honor of the 50th Anniversary, the Special Olympics Skater of the Year Award is being renamed the Jamie Salé Special Olympics Skater Achievement Award. This award was renamed to recognize the career achievements of Jamie Salé and to honor her continued advocacy of Special Olympics.



	2018- 2019	2017- 2018	2016- 2017	2015- 2016	2014- 2015
Number of Clubs and Skating Schools	159	160	160	162	165
Number of Coaches	735	701	630	615	568
Number of Officials	136	125	132	130	125
Number of Synchronized Skating Teams	33	30	31	34	28
Number of total Registrants	25,278	24,409	23,996	23,838	23,718

2018-2019 WAS A VERY BUSY SEASON FOR ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT. We had preparations for Challenge and the National Championship, Canada Winter Games and our Section competitions. Athletes were monitored, tested and some attended international competitions. Athlete Development continues to develop support programming for our Section athletes.

MONITORING

Section athletes were monitored by both Officials and the Technical Director in their home clubs and at Section events. Prior to the Spring Development Camp in June, selected athletes were monitored by officials working with the NextGen program. Officials Pam Chislett and Leslie Lawrence attended the Minto Summer Competition and Octoberfest in the fall as monitors and Team Leaders. Feedback sessions occurred during the Wild Rose competition accessing the expertise of Pair and Ice Dance Officials attending the competition.

2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES



The 2019 Canada Winter Games figure skating athletes were announced following the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge competition. Team NWT announced their team following the 2019 Sectional Championship. Team Alberta included the following athletes: William Oddson – Pre-Novice Men, Michelle Deng – Pre-Novice Women, Grace Pele & Joel Portz, Savanna Martel & Kobi Chant – Pre-Novice Dance, Matthew Newnham and Tobiah Wong – Novice Men, Kaiya Ruiter and Alexandra Sarmiento-Diaz – Novice Women, Isabel McQuilkin & Jacob

Portz – Novice Dance, Tamara Lambert and Jacqueline Coutts - Special Olympics & Team NWT sent Victoria Hamm – Pre-Novice Women

Support services provided by **ALBERTA SPORT CONNECTION** and accessed by our team included sessions in media training and mental training. Team Coaches were Terri Gallant and Leonard Bakker. Team Manager was Holly Henderson. Aboriginal Apprenticeship Coach Anne-Marie Behnke was one of two Alberta coaches chosen for the program. Support for this program was provided by both Alberta Sport Connection and the Section. Anne-Marie leaves the program with all the required National level courses completed.

ATHLETE TESTING WITH ALBERTA SPORT DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

Select Team athletes were able to access physiological testing in both Edmonton and Calgary in June. This initiative was supported by 50% by the Alberta Sport Development Centre. The results of the tests will contribute to physiological data being collected to begin to understand the norms of provincial level athletes.

SPRING DEVELOPMENT CAMP, EDMONTON

100 PARTICIPANTS OF THE SELECT AND JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM MEMBERS meet once a year for this opportunity. International coach Yvan Desjardins led the technical on-ice sessions with National team member and Junior World medalist Nicolas Nadeau. Section alumni and former International competitor Shae Zukiwsky led the edge classes for all disciplines plus the ice dance specific sessions. Ballroom, hip hop dance classes, mental training and talks with parents by Skate Canada NextGen Director André Bourgeois rounded out the weekend.



SKATE CANADA 2018 NEXTGEN

Senior Man Eric Liu, Junior Man Brian Chiem and Novice Ice Dancers Amelia Boone and Malcolm Kowan were selected as 2018-2019 NextGen athletes. Eric Liu competed in Junior Grand Prix in September. Skaters who were recognized for their summer results were invited to attend the NextGen camp opportunity in September. Kaiya Ruiter, Matthew Newnham, Isabel McQuilkin & Jacob Portz, Mia Saunders & William Oddson all attended the camp. Kaiya Ruiter competed in the Bavarian Open in January 2019 placing 3rd.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

61 ATHLETES BECAME MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM after the 2019 Sectional Championships. These skaters are invited to attend the annual Spring Development Camp with members of the Select Team. The Junior Development team is comprised of:

Pre-Juvenile: 8 U11 Women, 4 U11 Men, 2 Pair teams, 3 Dance teams

Juvenile: 8 U12 Women, 2 U12 Men, 6 U14 Women, 2 U14 Men, 1 Dance team, 2 Pair Teams

Pre-Novice: 12 Women, 1 Man, 1 Dance team

BRIAN POCKAR MALE SEMINAR

The 2019 Brian Pockar Male Seminar was hosted at the Glencoe Club in Calgary February 17-18, 2019. Olympian Keegan Messing and coach Ralph Burghart worked with Section athletes over the two days. 31 skaters participated in the Brian Pockar Male Seminar. 15 of the skaters were STAR 1-3 Level.



ATHLETE FUNDING

The Athlete Funding Program continues to support Section athletes who have competed in all disciplines at the Challenge and National Level. The total number of awards distributed according to each level of the Athlete Funding Program was 101.

ENDOWMENT FUND PROGRAM

2018-2019 was the inaugural year for the Endowment awards. Recipients of the awards were announced at the 2018 Annual Awards Banquet.

BARBARA GRAHAM INTERNATIONAL AWARD - Kaetlyn Osmond

SECTIONAL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP - Aislinn Ganci

JOHN VIPOND OFFICIAL'S SCHOLARSHIP - Jonathan Okrainetz

JUMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

At the May 2018 Board meeting a new annual initiative called the Jump Scholarship Program was approved. Successful difficult jumps are tracked each season beginning with the annual Sunational competition and concluding in March of each year. The focus is encouragement for the athlete to consistently attempt and successfully execute difficult jumps with a financial scholarship attached to the jump. Awards are calculated at the end of each March. The total amount awarded for this inaugural year was \$4675. Thirteen skaters benefited from this scholarship program.



SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE AND SECTION SELECT TEAM

67 athletes of the Section Select Team advanced to the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge. Challenge Team Development day hosted at the Royal Glenora Club on November 11, brought together skaters, coaches and officials for a day of skating. Monitoring was provided by Officials Lynne Dey, Pam Chislett, Leslie Lawrence, Marg Andriuk, Robin Forsyth and Monica Desmarais.

Categories and numbers of athletes attending Challenge:



Pre-Novice: 5 Pre-Novice Women, 3 Men, 2 Pair, 6 Dance teams

Novice: 5 Women, 3 Men, 2 Pair teams, 6 Dance teams

Junior: 3 Women, 2 Men, 1 Pair team, 3 Dance teams

Senior: 4 Women, 2 Men

CANADIAN TIRE NATIONAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

32 members of the Section Select Team advanced to the 2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships. Team members earned medals in Novice Men and Women, Senior Men and Novice Dance.

Novice: 3 Men, 2 Women, 2 Pair teams, 4 Dance teams

Junior: 1 Woman, 2 Men, 1 Pair Team, 2 Dance teams

Senior: 3 Women, 3 Men

SENIOR GRAND PRIX, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, FOUR CONTINENTS AND WORLD TEAM TROPHY

National team member Keegan Messing had a busy season at International competitions. He competed at Skate Canada International and Rostelcom Cup placing 2nd and 5th respectively and won the 2018 Nebelhorn Trophy. He went on to compete at the Grand Prix final with a 5th place finish. Keegan's placement at the National Championship earned him a return to the National Team and a spot at the 2019 World Championship, Four Continents and World Team Trophy teams.





2019 SKATE CANADA: ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Senior Women	Jane Gray	Aislinn Ganci	Madison Moore
Junior Men	Dawson Nodwell	Brian Chiem	
Junior Women	Jolie Chiem	Isabelle Law	Haley Gillett
Junior Dance	Amelia Boone/Malcolm Kowan	Jessica-Lee Behiel/Jackson Behiel	Sophia O'Brien-Doerksen/Kyle Pearson
Novice Men	Matthew Newnham	Tobiah Wong	Tim Pomares
Novice Women	Kaiya Ruiter	Alexandra Sarmiento Diaz	Grace Johnson
Novice Dance	Isabel McQuilkin/Jacob Portz	Mia Saunders/William Oddson	Mychala Collier/MacKenzie Mah
Novice Pair	Asha Gumpinger/Josh Brauner	Lauren Proskurniak/Andrew Sernecky	
Pre-Novice Men	Ethan Scott	William Oddson	Christopher Hammer
Pre-Novice Women	Paulina Grant	Maja Husain	Michelle Deng
Pre-Novice Dance	Grace Pele/Joel Portz	Savanna Martel/Kobi Chant	Marissa Power/Brian Popa
Pre-Novice Pair	Paige Nguyen/Christopher Hammer	Emma Gross/Austen Franz	
Juvenile Men U12	Jayden Johnson	Parker Vaudrin	
Juvenile Men U14	Cooper Feser	Colton Foreman	Ryan Heske
Juvenile Women U12	Angelina Grant	Felicia Holterman	Mary Pham
Juvenile Women U14	Juliette Thieven	Emma MacDonald	Katya Gereluk
Juvenile Pair	Addison Wolsey/Jayden Johnston	Kaylee Hammer/Parker Vaudrin	Cassidy Tutt/Caleb Hoveland
Pre-Juvenile Men U11	Kento Nakashima	Ethan Cheung	Kurtis Che
Pre-Juvenile Men U13	Sean Lough	Andrew Song	Max Aubin
Pre-Juvenile Women U11	Hailey Diep	Addison Wolsey	Yitun Feng
Pre-Juvenile Dance	Peyton Murphy/Kurtis Che	Heather Nunn/Benjamin Vatcher	Shanaya Kailey/Alexander Ereemeev-Raykhert
Pre-Juvenile Pair	Keana Lough/Sean Lough	Arabella Robinson/Colton Foreman	

2019 SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE

EVENT	ATHLETE(S)	RANK
Novice Men	Matthew Newnham	Silver
Novice Dance	Isabel McQuilkin/Jacob Portz	Gold
Pre-Novice Dance	Grace Pele/Joel Portz	Silver
Pre-Novice Dance	Savanna Martel/Kobi Chant	Bronze

2019 CANADIAN TIRE NATIONAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT	ATHLETE(S)	RANK
Senior Men	Keegan Messing	Bronze
Novice Men	Matthew Newnham	Bronze
Novice Women	Kaiya Ruiter	Gold
Novice Dance	Isabel McQuilkin/Jacob Portz	Bronze



2019 MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT	TEAMS	RANK
Juvenile	Black Gold	Silver
Juvenile	Solstice	Bronze
Pre-Novice	Edmonton Ice Eclipse	Gold
Pre-Novice	Black Gold	Silver
Intermediate	Solstice	Silver
Intermediate	Edmonton Edge	Bronze
Open	Black Gold	Silver
Open	Solstice	Bronze
Adult SYS I	Black Gold	Gold
Adult SYS I	Edmonton Ice Edition	Bronze
Adult SYS II	Black Gold	Bronze
Adult SYS III	Northern Lites	Bronze



2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES



EVENT	ATHLETE(S)	RANK
Novice Men	Matthew Newnham	Gold
Novice Women	Kaiya Ruiter	Gold
Novice Dance	Isabel McQuilkin/Jacob Portz	Bronze
Pre-Novice Women	Michelle Deng	Gold
Pre-Novice Dance	Grace Pele/Joel Portz	Silver
Pre-Novice Dance	Savanna Martel/Kobi Chant	Bronze



2019 LEADING EDGE SERIES

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Senior Women	Jane Gray	Aislinn Ganci	Madison Moore
Senior Men	Dustin Sherriff-Clayton	Eric Liu	Graham Schaufele
Junior Women	Jolie Chiem	Isabelle Law	Haley Gillett
Junior Men	Dawson Nodwell	Brian Chiem	
Novice Women	Kaiya Ruiter	Grace Johnson	Alexandra Sarmiento-Diaz
Novice Men	Matthew Newnham	Tim Pomares	Tobiah Wong
Pre-Novice Women	Michelle Deng	Maja Husain	Hye Jin Cho
Pre-Novice Men	Christopher Hammer	Ethan Scott	Anson Chung
Juvenile Women U12	Mary Pham	Angelina Grant	Felicia Holterman
Juvenile Women U14	Juliette Thievin	Grace Smyth	Emma MacDonald
Juvenile Men	Jayden Johnson	Cooper Feser	Parker Vaudrin
Pre-Juvenile Women U11	Hailey Diep	Addison Wolsey	Kassidy Sinclair
Pre-Juvenile Men	Andrew Song	Sean Lough	Max Aubin
Gold Women	Cara Chudak	Melissa Kohut	Chloe Wagenaar
STAR 10 Women	Kyla Murray	Kyla Sterna	Brooklyn Watmough
STAR 8 Women	Sadie Nicholson	Kiera Berardocco	Alyrra Lindsay
STAR 6 Women	Mariika Meadus	Evelyn Archibald	Molly Wacowich
STAR 6 Men	Kole Sauve		
Pre-Juvenile Women U13	Judy Moon	Kyla Garritano	Angela Guan





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