

Sue Cutmore

Memorial Spirit Award



Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut is proud to announce a new award that has been created in the memory of Sue Cutmore. Sue passed away in August 2020, and it is the wish of her family to create an annual award for skaters to honor the 40 years that she dedicated to the sport of figure skating.

Sue Cutmore was a successful pairs skating competitor at the national level. She coached for over 25 years at the Calgary Glencoe Club, and Edmonton's Royal Glenora and Ice Palace Figure Skating Clubs. She guided skaters all the way to the Canadian Championships.



In the late 1970's, Sue formed the first synchronized skating teams in Alberta, and while she was predominantly a Singles and Pairs coach, she had a natural knack for synchro. She founded the Edmonton Precision Skating Club in 1979, which under her exceptional direction went on to win many national titles. Sue was sought after to coach seminars across Canada, the US, and even Australia.

In 2004, Sue joined the Section Office as the Coaching & Officials Development Coordinator. She then took on the role of Skater Development & Talent ID Advisor, and her title changed to Manager, Athlete Development. She worked in that role until 2007, and in that time countless skaters were the beneficiary of Sue's guidance, expertise, and mentorship.

Sue was more than just a coach, colleague, and friend to the figure skating world. She was an inspiration. She exemplified the values that represent the best attributes of the sport, including hard work, sportsmanship, and the pure love of skating.

As such, her family feels it is fitting to create the ***Sue Cutmore Memorial Spirit Award.***



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The award will be presented annually to the top placing STAR 5 U10 and U13 Girls at the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut STARSkate Championships. The family is supporting this award by presenting each recipient with a \$500 bursary.

Sue's family recognizes that the STAR 5 categories are a bridge for many skaters into the competitive system, and a stage at which their love of the sport can often require a boost to encourage them to 'skate forward' to the next level.

Sue was particularly interested in this type of encouragement; helping others to see in themselves the possibility that she could already detect. Her life's work was a tribute to the beauty of the sport of figure skating.

With this annual award, Sue's values and legacy will live on through the skaters who find themselves as passionate and enamored by the sport of figure skating as she was.