

CREATING MOMENTS AND MAKING

History



Skate
AB | NT | NU

**2024 SECTION
ANNUAL REPORT**

WELCOME MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are at the conclusion of another successful season. This year's theme for the AGM is *creating memories and making history*. Certainly the 2023-24 season had many proud moments for the Section.

As a starting point, our membership base has reached historic high levels with more than 30,000 registrants participating through 155 of clubs and schools. In fact, our membership is up almost 25% since the pre-COVID season of 2019-2020.

Before the fall season commenced, the Board and Management, synthesized through the valuable stakeholder feedback to develop the Section's Strategic plan, which will guide the organization and stakeholders through until the next quadrennial of 2026-2030. The organization has embarked on implementing the various activities aligned to the following four key areas of focus:

Building Organizational Excellence
Skating for Everyone
Skating for Life
Skating to Win

In an attempt to align the Skate Canada's Long Term Development framework and manage to our Section's capacity, we modified the competition schedule this season. Although change is never easy, it seems the guidance we received from our skating community resulted in a sound decision ensuring the athletes and coaches have fair and equitable opportunities based on the respective levels.

In addition to hosting our twelve regular scheduled competitions in the Section, we had the honour of hosting the Canadian National Skating Championships in Calgary in January. In front of a hometown crowd, Kaiya Ruiter skated beautifully back-to-back programs for her first Senior Canadian Women's title.

One of the most remarkable Canadian athletes this season was our own Lia Cho, in the Novice Women's event. At Skate Canada Challenge, Cho took home the gold medal and set a new Canadian Novice record. Lia then went on to reach another historic milestone at the 2024 Novice Canadian Championships where she captured first place, broke her own previous record and held a 33-point lead on the nearest competitor.

Skate AB I NT I NU's performance in the Novice category was rounded out with Kento Nakashima in the Novice Men's event, finishing the season strong at Novice Canadians with top scores for both his short and free program leading to his gold medal finish.

On the international stage, our high-performance athletes also rewrote history including Canada's first figure skating gold medal at any winter Youth Olympic Games with a solid performance by Annika Behnke and Kole Sauve from Alberta. The Canadian Youth Olympic Team, led by Calgary's coach, Scott Davis, went on to win a bronze medal in the Games' debut of the figure skating team event.

Of course, there were so many other lasting memories created for our Section's skaters, coaches, officials, and volunteers who had the thrill of being part of the Special Olympic Winter Games in Calgary, the Alberta Winter Games in Grande Prairie and the Arctic Winter Games held in Mat-Su Valley, Alaska.

As we continue to experience growth in the discipline of Synchronized Skating in the Section, we hosted an energetic Mountain Regional Synchronized Skating Championships in Leduc with a record number of podium placements from the Section. And Black Gold's Elite 12 Synchro team also made its debut this season with a solid silver medal finish at Skate Canada Cup.

The Section was very busy facilitating several programs to support the four strategic areas of focus. The fall workshops held in collaboration with Skate Canada, focused on the Long-Term Development Framework, Safesport, and CanSkate Delivery Standards laying a solid foundation for the season. Our "Skating for Everyone" initiatives, including CanSkate@School and the Inclusive and Adaptive Skating program, achieved record participation levels. Additionally, the Special Olympic Coach course in Calgary successfully trained several new coaches to support athletes with special needs. The Section also continued its investment in technology, expanding our digital reach with over 235,000 views of our livestream feed from across Canada and another 15,000 views from countries such as the US, India, and United Kingdom.

Finally, the Section's success is not possible without the effort of a village of people from volunteers to officials, to coaches, local organizing committees, club executives, parents, staff and many more. Your unwavering commitment to skating helps create great moments and make history for our Section and the athletes we serve and support. We truly couldn't do it without you.

A sincere thank you for a remarkable season!



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Chair



Lisa Hardy
Executive Director

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Director
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Director Regions
Jaci Zalesak



Director
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Director
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Director
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Dora Fitz
Karli Wilson
Bobbi-Jo Martin
Staff Resource—Kelly Stanislowski

OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

COACHING COMMITTEE

Lead – Lynne Koper

Calgary Region – Andrea St. Cyr

Central Region – Nicole Sabasch

Edmonton Region – Antoinette Hempel-Bakker

Northeast Region – Rebecca Zajic

Northwest Region – Patricia Forseille

NWT Region – Kami Harney

Peace Region – Brenda Lindquist

South Region – Charlotte Sugimoto

Staff Resource – Colleen Yavis

REGIONS COMMITTEE

Lead – Jennifer Boone

Calgary Region – Diana Peters

Central Region – Andrea Phagoo

Edmonton Region – Jasmin Gering

Northeast Region – Bonnie Smyl

Northwest Region – Karli Wilson

NWT Region – Jaime Harris

Peace Region – Wanda Langell

South Region – Terri Gedrasik

Director Regions —Jaci Zalesak - (Ex-Officio)

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Programs Lead – Lisa Bonderove - Staff

Katherine Co-Grant

Michelle Currie

Scott Davis

Lynne Dey

Jessica Gosse

Leslie Lawrence

Madison Moore

Jonathan Okrainetz

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Co-Lead – Kelly Stanislawski - Staff

Deirdre Coburn

Jonathan Okrainetz

Deb Lyon

Antoinette Hempel-Bakker

Anne Marie Behnke

Amanda Hillier

Karli Wilson

Staff – Holly Henderson

Staff Resource – Colleen Yavis

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Shawn Dyrkach

Dora Fitz

Cathy Sahaluk

Ajaydeep Singh

Monique Moore

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Co-Lead - Robin Forsyth

Dallas Daniel

Sharon Dingle

Krista Sellers

Amanda Jassman

Chelsey Schaffel

Tara Alldred-Gundesen

Kara Fernandes

Brenda Hart

Krystyna Banas

Advisor—Renee Tatro

Staff Resource – Lisa Bonderove

ATHLETE FUNDING GROUP

Krista Sellers, Kara Fernandes, Pam Chislett

2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN



Vision

Inspiring everyone to experience the joy of skating and pursuit of personal achievements.

Mission

Skate AB | NT | NU will support and promote excellence in the delivery of safe, inclusive, quality skating programs, events and developmental opportunities for all levels of skating.

Values

Collaboration, Excellence, Inclusion, and Integrity

Areas of Focus

Driving the focus of activities of Skate AB | NT | NU during the quadrennial, directly impacting the work of the organization and how progress is measured, the following four areas have been identified as the priority for the 2022-2026 planning cycle.

Building Organizational Excellence

Building capacity and organizational excellence in the Section is achieved through strong leadership, which is essential for a healthy organization and success in the other areas of focus.

Skating for Everyone

Focused on creating a safe and welcoming environment within the organization for any individual to be their authentic self, learn to skate, and achieve their personal goals.

Skating for Life

Provides a solid foundation that promotes, and helps extend lifelong participation in the sport, as well as helps individuals reap the benefits of a long and healthy active lifestyle.

Skating to Win

Focused on competitive success and personal growth, emphasizing integrity and the pursuit of personal goals for all levels of skaters and everyone involved in all aspects of the sport.



Strategic Plan Scorecard



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		2023/2024	
Metric		Target	Result
Building Organizational Excellence	Total Officials	98	108
	New Qualifications (Officials Promotions)	40	38
	Trained Event Technicians (Active)	27	27
	Total Coaches	832	817
	New Pathway Qualifications (Coaches)	241	321
	Satisfaction with Section (as a member)	≥ 3.6	3.6
	Budget to Actual year end financial position on target (or better than)	On Target or Better than	Yes
	Asset Management (Short & Long Term)	Prudence	Yes
	Risk Identification & Controls	In Place	Yes
	Succession Planning for Board & Management Sustainability	In Place	Yes
	Education, Training, & Tools	Delivered	Yes
Skating for Everyone	Formalized Strategic Partnerships	4	5
	*No. of Clubs with minimum Regional In Training Coach	N/A	N/A
	Participants in Inclusive and Adaptive Initiatives	1300	1221
	Concerns/Complaints received by Section escalated to Disputes (Decreased)	14	13
	Education & Training in Safe Sport & EDIA	Delivered	Yes
	Safe Sport & EDIA Policies, Procedures and reporting mechanisms updated	Updated	Yes
Skating for Life	Total Registrants	25,000	30,068
	*Conversion - CanSkate to Figure Skating (Star 1)	N/A	N/A
	CanSkate Element and STAR 1-3 Event Sanctions	45	74
	Skater Assessments	11,179	12,219
Skating to Win	Star Pathway Competition Registrants (unique registrants)	1822	806
	Podium Path Competition Registrants (Unique registrants)	350	335
	Entry Waitlist (Reduced)	<250	108
	Athletes Achieving National Technical Minimum Score	52	50
	National Top 10 Placements (includes Challenge)	30	34
	National and Next Gen Team Members (Dance/Pair Teams counted as 1 member)	6	6
	Growing Digital Audience (Livestream Views)	>180,600	250,700
	IT Evergreening - Technology, Equipment and software updated or upgraded	Updated	Yes
	Event Hosting Strategy in place	Completed	No
* Data was not available at the time of the report			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMITTEES

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** provides governance leadership and responsibilities annually including the appointment of the Nominating Sub-Committee Chair and Members, development and review of policies, review of the Section bylaws, semi-annual review of Complaints and Membership Support data, review of the Board Evaluation process and procedure, and Board Orientation. This Committee also advises the Executive Director in governance matters and provides support in human resource issues through the Executive Director Review and Advisory Sub-Committee.

The **NOMINATING SUB-COMMITTEE** is responsible to the Governance Committee. The purpose of the committee is to ensure that each year the Section has access to a diverse and qualified group of individuals for the Board and Committees to ensure the continued success and stability of the Section. This committee is responsible for overseeing the election processes for Board Director elections while also providing a supporting role to the eight Region Committees in their elections, ensuring each Region has access to qualified volunteers. During the 2023-2024 season the committee focused its efforts on managing the intake process for discussion and recruitment of interested candidates, and ensuring Board or Committee Candidates receive thorough and timely communication.

The **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW AND ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE** is responsible to the Governance Committee. This Sub-Committee leads the process to determine annual objectives for the Executive Director and to conduct the mid-year and annual performance reviews of the Executive Director. This committee also provides oversight for the Section's Human Resources policies and processes and support to the Executive Director in human resource issues.

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The **FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** is responsible for guiding the Board as it delivers on its fiduciary responsibilities to its members. This includes monitoring the Section's long term investments to ensure that the investments are managed in alignment with the Section's goals and objectives, review and updating, and ensuring meaningful, timely financial reporting is presented to the Board.

BOARD STRATEGY COMMITTEE

A **BOARD STRATEGY COMMITTEE (Adhoc)** was created for the 2023-2024 season to oversee the completion and delivery of the Skate AB I NT I NU strategic plan. The committee provided support to the Executive Director in the development of the plan, and the addition and implementation of a dashboard to measure our progress and hold ourselves accountable.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The **MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS COMMITTEE** is a Board Standing Committee comprised of Section Board and non-Board Members. The purpose of the Committee is to ensure the members of the Skate AB | NT | NU Section receive value from the Section. The Membership Relations Committee's key area of focus is to support Building Organizational Excellence.

The Membership Relations Committee provides analytical support to the Section as the primary organizer of the Annual Membership Survey. The Committee's efforts ensure relevant questions are asked, and a broad range of stakeholders are reached. Survey results serve as key metrics for Stakeholder Satisfaction on the Section Strategic Scorecard, and aggregate results are analyzed annually and compared year over year with an eye on trends.

The Committee is responsible for the oversight of several policies and procedures, which include: General Dispute Reporting & Resolution, Volunteer and Employee Screening, New Club Application Process and the Skate AB | NT | NU Member Privacy Policy.

The Membership Relations Committee also oversees the recognition of volunteers, officials, coaches and athletes through the Skate Canada and Skate Skate AB | NT | NU Award Programs and the Section Hall of Fame. Each season the Section Awards program is reviewed to ensure funds are available to support the program, and that awards are accessible and recognize individuals regardless of skating level or geography.

The awards program provides an opportunity to recognize Stakeholders in all categories within the Region and Section encouraging excellence and ongoing participation in the sport. The Skate AB | NT | NU Award receives approximately 200 nominations annually with 94 Award Recipients recognized at the Region and Section AGMs. In 2024 Region and Section Award Recipients represented each of the five disciplines of skating (plus CanSkate), all eight Regions participated, and awards were presented to Athletes, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers and Clubs.

Section Registrations	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
Number of Registered Clubs & Skating Schools	155	155	156	152	161	159
Number of Coaches	817	757	674	673	727	735
Number of Officials	108	94	120	112	123	136
Number of Synchronized Skating Teams	32	28	24	8	30	33
Number of Total Registrants	30,068	29,526	24,467	12,501	24,025	25,278

Program Affiliations*	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
CanSkate	24,889	24,033	18,310	7,662
PowerSkate	1761	2,078	1,489	1,279
StarSkate	4,716	4,123	3,397	3,443
Podium Pathway	503	413	484	629
Program Assistants	258	211	173	127
Other (Board of Directors/ Officials)	917	965	841	877

AWARDS

2024 SECTION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Cynthia Ullmark
Professional Inductee



Michael Slipchuk
Athlete/Builder Inductee

2024 SECTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

AWARD

Kurt Browning Award
Brian Pockar Award
Jesse Smith Memorial Award
Winnie Silverthorne Award
Shantell Hale Award
Shantell Hale Award
Sue Cutmore Memorial Spirit Award
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Special Olympics Skater Achievement Awards
Adaptive Skater Award
Gateway Skating Club Post-Secondary Bursary
Coach Achievement Award
Barbara Graham Award
Pat Fischer Award
Spirit & Passion of Skating Award
Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award
Synchronized Skating Leadership Award
Sectional Legacy Scholarship
Toller Cranston Memorial Fund Athlete Award
John Vipond Official's Scholarship

RECIPIENT

Kassidy Sinclair
Maxwell Yu
Zhenxuan (Jason) Zhang
Kaiya Ruiter
Ellie Fairey
Kate Morden
Alice Leoni
Karmen Kong
JC Coutts, William Cave, JorDen Tyson, Moriah Van't Land
Pyrrha Ostropolski
Anjou Karino
Patricia Forseille
Dana Yun & Kody Ng
Umberto Daher
Carol Manson McLeod
Melissa Hill
Abby Johnston
Matthew Newnham
Nathalie Yonemori, Lia Cho, Parker Heiderich
Michelle Deng

2024 SKATE CANADA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

AWARD

Section Podium Pathway Athlete Award
Section Star Athlete Award
Section Program Assistant Award
Section CanSkate Athlete Award
Section Official Award
Section Volunteer Coach Award
Section Volunteer Award

RECIPIENT

Umberto Daher
Shanelle Mann
Makenna Bouman
Georgia Bowen
Nicole Rapati
Courtney Mielnichuk
Cindy Mueller

AWARDS

2024 MERIT AWARD WINNERS



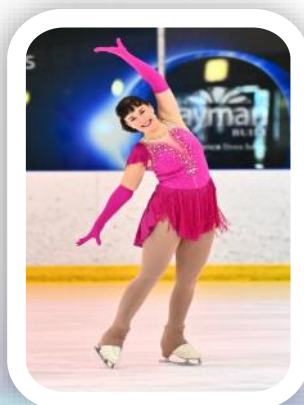
The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation proudly supports the Merit Awards at the Sectional Championships and the StarSkate and Adult Championships each season. The Merit Awards recognize a skater or team who exemplifies an outstanding and memorable performance as selected by the Officials at each Championship.

Sectional Championships Merit Award Recipient



Michelle Baher & Simon Knott—Derrick Skating Club
Pre-Novice Pairs

StarSkate and Adult Championships Merit Award Recipient



Valerie Laferriere—Canmore Skating Club
Adult Silver Free Program

COACHING

The **COACHING COMMITTEE** would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the coaching community for the many hours and continued dedication towards the development and well-being of their athletes this season.

We also want to recognize the many coaches that supported their athletes in attending national and international events this season. Congratulations to the following coaches whose skaters medaled at the Challenge and National levels, and at International events during the 2023-2024 season: Scott Davis, Cayley Plaustainer, Jamie Kosonic, Ravi Walia, Jessica Gosse, Terri Gallant, Ekaterina Gordeeva & Kim Slopak-Weeks. We also extend congratulations to the coaches of our Special Olympics athletes who medaled at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games: Barb Prystai, Nicole Grenon, Olea Taboulchanas & Lisa Do.

Special congratulations to Jessica Gosse and Kim Slopak-Weeks who were selected by Skate Canada to participate in the 2024 International Coach Apprenticeship Program which took place during the 2024 ISU World Championships in March.

Additionally, congratulations to Scott Davis who was selected as a Team Coach for the 2024 Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon, China!

Coaching Initiatives:

Coach development and progression is a key initiative in **Building Organizational Excellence** and the following initiatives provide opportunities that support Coach Development progression in all disciplines through the National Coaching Pathway during the past year.

Star 6-Gold Coach Assessor in Skills – 60 Coaches in our Section can now assess Star 6-Gold Skills. 13 of those coaches have become Mentors to help other coaches who wish to receive the Star 6-Gold Coach Assessor in Skills designation.

National Coach Apprenticeship Program – 12 Section coaches were selected to attend the National Coach Apprenticeship Program at the Canadian Championships. Facilitated by some of Canada's best coaches and officials, the apprenticeship covered topics such as Program Components, GOE, Developing Skaters/Teams and included performance observations with special guests.

CanSkate Coach/Program Assistant Workshops – Facilitated by Leona Boyle and Tammy Greidanus
Ardrossan – 21 Participants Calgary – 17 Participants Slave Lake – 14 Participants



COACHING

Supporting the **Skating for Everyone** and **Skating for Life** areas of focus, several seminars were offered during the season in the Section delivered both in person and virtually. Representatives from Skate Canada provided coaches with updates on Program Delivery Standards, as well as provided education on the Skate Canada Long Term Development (LTD) framework and Safe Sport. These visits were designed to provide coaches with the knowledge and tools necessary for athlete success and safety from CanSkate to Star and Podium Pathway.

Supporting and encouraging mental wellness of all skaters and stakeholders involved in the delivery of our sport is a key initiative of our **Skating for Life** area of focus. This past season, Section coaches participated in 3 different workshops facilitated by Dr Lauren McCoy of the Canadian Centre for Mental Health on Mental Health Literacy.



COACHING



COACHING 2023-2024



Courses

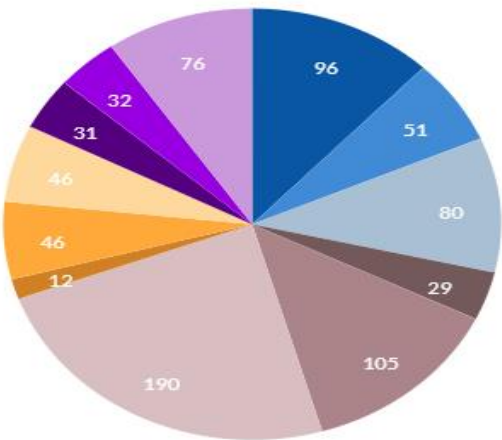
	CANSKATE	CANPOWER	REGIONAL	PROVINCIAL	ATTP
	8	2	4	5	0
NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS	163	19	79	60	0

Certified Coaching Status

	CANSKATE	CANPOWER	REGIONAL	PROVINCIAL	NATIONAL
	51	13	35	4	0

COACH CERTIFICATION

- In Training Club Coaches (12.09%)
- Trained Club Coaches (6.42%)
- Certified Club Coaches (10.08%)
- In Training Regional Coaches (3.65%)
- Trained Regional Coaches (13.22%)
- Certified Regional Coaches (23.93%)
- In Training Provincial Coaches (1.51%)
- Trained Provincial Coaches (5.79%)
- Certified Provincial Coaches (5.79%)
- In Training National Coaches (3.9%)
- Trained National Coaches (4.03%)
- Certified National Coaches (9.57%)



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REGISTERED
COACHES

OFFICIALS

In the 2023/2024 season the **OFFICIALS COMMITTEE (OC)** was centered around capacity building for officials. With the total number of officials on a declining trend over the past few seasons (26.1% drop for Skate AB | NT | NU through 2022-2023 and a 13.6% drop across Canada for the same time period) priority was placed on recruitment and retention this season. As a result of the efforts put in by the committee Skate AB | NT | NU saw a 14% increase in the total number of officials in the 2023-2024 season (2.4% increase Nationally).

Amongst the clinics conducted this season were two virtual Star 1-4 Event Assessor Clinics that were held in June and September. A new system of evaluation was developed for these candidates to incorporate our unique competition structure of Star 1-3 events held at the club level. This provided more opportunities for these new officials to put their skills into action and receive in-person mentorship in a low-stress environment. We are eager to share this evaluation system with other Sections who are struggling to conduct in-person assessments of candidates. We found it very successful.

A Juvenile to Senior Singles judge clinic was conducted in conjunction with the 2024 Sectional Championships, which led to all five candidates receiving a Senior Invitational Judge promotion. This interactive and live event clinic added to the value of the information and training received by the participants, increasing the knowledge level, abilities, and confidence of the participants.

A virtual Evaluators training session was also conducted in the fall of 2023. This is an area that many Sections struggle with recruitment as many officials opt to just pursue judging in the competitive arena due to the workload of evaluator training. We are continuing to work towards increasing the capacity of the Section to have a diverse group of evaluators available for clubs to host assessment days. The diversity includes gender, location, age, race, and physical obstacles.

The Data Specialist team had a challenging start to the season with the introduction of the new CSS system at the Wild Rose event that involved countless hours of training for all involved. Ultimately Skate Canada made the decision to pause the introduction of the new CSS. The Data Specialist team continued with development of the new DS officials from last season as well as recruitment of new DS candidates.

The Technical Panel team was focused on completing Phase II evaluations from the previous season, which saw many officials become fully qualified technical officials or increased their level of qualification. There were several virtual trainings held throughout the year for Data Input Operator and Video Replay Operators as a first step to gaining panel experience and increasing capacity on the technical panel for the future.

Synchronized skating saw many virtual training sessions conducted throughout the year and an increased capacity for officials with training sessions in Ontario in February of 2024.



OFFICIALS

A seminar on music for skating was conducted by ISU official Leslie Keen at the Skate AB | NT | NU AGM in June of 2023 for both officials and coaches. This program was offered by Skate Canada at the Junior World Championships in 2023 as well as the World Figure Skating Championships in Montreal in 2024. We are fortunate to have this level of knowledge and experience in our Section and the willingness of our high-level officials to share knowledge and information with many different stakeholders.

Our shining star project this season was the Canadians Education Program (CEP) held at the Canadian Championships in Calgary in January of 2024. This was a completely original training program developed by Brenda Hart, Leslie Lawrence, Lynne Dey and Robin Forsyth. It saw 14 officials participate in classroom and live-event learning sessions with high-level officials from across the country. Presenters included Skate Canada President Karen Butcher, Skate Canada Senior Director, Performance Excellence Shae Zukiwsky, Skate Canada Board Member and Canadian Official Gregor MacLean, internationally renowned coach Cynthia Ullmark, ISU Technical Specialist in Singles and Pairs Jamie McGrigor, Canadian Officials Leslie Lawrence and Robin Forsyth, and ISU Official Lynne Dey. This program partnered with the Coaches Education Program so that learning and growing together was an established value amongst both groups. The positive responses along with renewed energy and enthusiasm for officiating amongst the officials selected to attend have been felt at events following this program. Other Sections have been reaching out for guidance on how they can recreate this program when National level events are held in their Section.



PROMOTIONS

35 officials achieved 38 promotions this season between May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024. Congratulations to all who dedicated time and effort into promotion goals!

Data Specialist

Introductory Data Specialist – *Nicole Slade-Burse*

Level 1 Data Specialist – *Christy Kidd, Natalie Lindsay, Karli Wilson*

Technical Panel

Base Level Technical Official – *Kelly Clements, Renee Tatro*

Section Level Technical Specialist Singles – *Christopher Mostert, Desiree Tytgat*

Challenge Singles Technical Specialist – *Robin Forsyth*

Canadian Pairs Technical Specialist – *Robin Forsyth*



OFFICIALS

Judge

Star 1 – 4 Event Assessor – *Beth Allison, Katie Elgie, Kim Markvoort, Taryn Petrovich, Katie Wiltshire, Shelley Gaudry, Asha Haywood, Jennifer Shigematsu, Michelle Deng, Danielle Fitz, Deborah Lyon, Brielle Pulfer, Kendra Stewart, Polina Redkina*

Senior Invitational Judge – *Nicole Hunt, Jinelle St. Cyr, Christopher Mostert, Tracey Doctor, Erin Ladouceur*

Senior Sectional Judge – *Julie Smith, Caralee Anderson*

Novice Pairs Judge – *Jennifer Keliher, Caralee Anderson, Samantha Miller, Christine Low*

International Referee Singles/Pairs – *Jeff Lukasik*

International Judge Synchro – *Chelsey Schaffel*

ISU Referee Synchro – *Jennifer Betts*

RECRUITMENT

We successfully recruited 14 new officials through the Star 1-4 Event Assessor clinics this season. These are brand new officials to our Section, and we look forward to guiding them through their journey.

OFFICIALS TRAINING AND SUPPORT

- DIO/VRO training and support, two sessions April 2023 and February of 2024
- BLTO training and online zoom support session for new Phase I BLTO officials July 2023
- Technical Panel training
 - * Three candidates attended virtual tech panel training in June of 2024. One for Technical Controller and two for Technical Specialist
 - * One candidate attended the Synchronized Skating Technical Panel training in Oakville ON, February 2024. This was co-facilitated by two Skate AB | NT | NU officials Jennifer Betts and Chelsey Schaffel
- Pairs Judge Clinic was conducted in June of 2023 with six participants from our Section and four from B.C./YK Section conducted by Leslie Keen as Learning Facilitator and Robin Forsyth as technical assistant. Resulted in 4 Novice Pairs promotions.
- Star 1-4 Event Assessor Clinics
 - * One virtual clinic conducted in June of 2023
 - * One virtual clinic conducted in September of 2023
- Evaluator Clinic conducted virtually in October of 2023
- Juvenile to Senior Judge clinic conducted in November of 2023
- Synchro held technical panel and judge updates for Section officials in late November and early December.
- Data Specialist virtual training for all Data Specialist but with a focus for Introductory Data Specialist in January of 2024



OFFICIALS

OTHER ACTIVITIES OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN

- Canadians Education Program held at the Canadian Championships in Calgary January 2024. 14 participants had full days of learning from Wednesday to Saturday at the live event including classroom sessions and a live headset program.
- Assessed mentorship for Star 1-4 event assessors at club Star 1-3 events.
- Two officials were selected to participate in the Jr/Sr Challenge Trial judge program in Winnipeg, MB in late November of 2023.

COMPETITIONS

The OC provided support to the 2024 Sectionals and StarSkate & Adult Championships planning teams, and the Mountain Regional and Alberta Winter Games planning teams. The OC Scheduling & Assignments Working Group provided support to all other Star-based events and podium pathway invitationals. We saw an increased in capacity for officials with the change to the competitions structure this season.

ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD

World Figure Skating Championships – Leslie Keen
World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships – Jennifer Betts
ISU Grand Prix France – Jodi Abbott
Autumn Classic International – Leslie Keen, Lynne Dey, Jeff Lukasik
World Team Trophy – Jodi Abbott
Junior Grand Prix Istanbul, Turkey – Lynne Dey, Jodi Abbott
Junior Grand Prix Gdansk, Poland – Leslie Keen
Junior Grand Prix Osaka, Japan – Ravi Walia
Egna Dance Trophy Egna, Italy – Leslie Keen
Steel City Trophy International, UK – Chelsey Schaffel

Canadian Figure Skating Championships – Pam Chislett, Lynne Dey, Krystyna Banas, Jeff Lukasik, Deirdre Coburn, Krista Sellers, Chelsey Schaffel, Jennifer Betts
Skate Canada Junior/Senior Challenge – Krystyna Banas, Leslie Lawrence
Skate Canada Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge – Marg Andriuk, Pam Chislett, Robin Forsyth, Jonathan Okrainetz, Dallas Daniel, Brenda Hart
Skate Canada Novice Nationals – Lynne Dey, Brenda Hart, Devan Nychka, Robin Forsyth
Skate Canada Cup – Chelsey Schaffel, Brenda Hart

Quebec Fall Invitational – Krystyna Banas
Sask Skate – Marg Andriuk, Dallas Daniel, Lynne Dey, Judy Burwash, Brenda Hart, Robin Forsyth, Jonathan Okrainetz, Christopher Mostert,
Saskatchewan Sectionals – Robin Forsyth, Christopher Mostert, Brenda Hart, Jonathan Okrainetz
East Kootenay Invitational – Desiree Tytgat, Robin Forsyth, Renee Tatro, Megan Ure
Manitoba Open Freeskate – Nicole Rapati, Karin Sutton
Manitoba StarSkate Championships – Nicole Rapati, Karin Sutton
Saskatchewan Invitational event – Jinelle St. Cyr, Christopher Mostert, Desiree Tytgat
BC Autumn Leaves event – Dallas Daniel, Megan Ure
Prairie Regional Synchro Championship – Chelsey Schaffel, Erin Ladouceur, Jamie Kosonic
West Coast Challenge Synchro Invitational – Chelsey Schaffel, Amanda Jassman
MB Provincial Synchro Championships – Amanda Jassman, Erin Ladouceur



OFFICIALS

SKATE CANADA NATIONAL COMMITTEE INVOLVMENT

Skate Canada Board of Directors – Brenda Hart, Ravi Walia

External Relations Committee – Ravi Walia

Governance Committee – Brenda Hart

Membership Policy Committee – Brenda Hart

Program Development Committee – Leslie Lawrence (Chair)

High Performance Development Committee – Jodi Abbott, Ravi Walia

Officials Assignment & Promotion Committee – Jodi Abbott, Jennifer Betts

Sections Coordinating Committee – Brenda Hart

Technical Coordinating Committee – Chelsey Schaffel

Officials: Judges, Evaluators, Technical Panel Committee – Lynne Dey, Robin Forsyth

Base Level Technical Officials Working Group – Brenda Hart, Devan Nychka

Ice Dance Judge Pathway Working Group – Leslie Lawrence

ASSESSMENT DAYS

22 Section Evaluators volunteered at Assessment Days this season. Big thanks to these hard-working officials who make time to attend club assessment days all throughout the week and weekends, and all throughout the busy season!

RETIREMENTS

Thank you to the following officials for their years of dedication and service to the Section. These individuals were strong contributors to the sport for many years, each of them in multiple roles, and they will be missed!

Data Specialists – Cathy Pettapiece (5 years)

Technical Official Singles/Pairs – Don Zeman (12 years)

Technical Official Synchro – Mindy Gerlat (17 years)



REGIONS

The **REGIONS COMMITTEE** is comprised of eight (8) elected Region Representatives representing each of the Section's Regions with a purpose to work with the Section to further the development of clubs and schools, provide guidance on strategic initiatives and identify opportunities for training and resources to support Clubs and Skating School operations in the Section.

The Regions Committee works to ensure that Clubs and Skating Schools in the Section are a safe and welcoming environment for all by supporting data gathering, providing Club updates twice per season, reviewing and providing input into policies, procedures, governance tools and templates.

At the beginning of each season the Regions Committee develops and supports the Club and Skating School Health and Wellness Survey that is a front line tool used to gather relevant and timely information which directly informs Region priorities in alignment with the strategic plan.

This season the Regions Committee supported two Skate Canada-led Workshops offered in the Fall and again in the Winter at no cost to Section Club and School Leadership and Coaches. The workshops focused on 1) Long Term Development and Safe Sport and 2) Program Delivery Standards. Most workshops were well attended with over 50 Clubs and Coaches participating in a virtual Program Delivery seminar held in early January on a Sunday evening.

The Regions Committee and Support team have worked throughout the Season to develop a revised Club Bylaw Template, incorporating the feedback of Corporate Registries and AGLC. This season the Committee Communicated the importance of updated Bylaws at Local Region Committee Meetings, in In the Loop and with Direct Emails to Clubs to create awareness and hopefully open discussion with Club Boards.

In 2023-2024 the Committee continued to support The Respect Group's Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders initiative. At each Region AGM, attending Clubs received an in-depth overview of Skate Canada's General Dispute Reporting & Resolution framework including the role of the Club, the Section and Skate Canada. Skate Canada's Misconduct Reporting framework was also reviewed and discussed.

Many Clubs continued to take advantage of the increased support provided for Star 1-3 Competitions and CanSkate Element events with Section Clubs hosting over 70 events throughout the Season. Many Regions saw Clubs collaborating to offer these events great reviews from the Clubs, Coaches, parents and skaters.

Lastly, the majority of Clubs in attendance at Region AGMs provided overviews of the successful year end Carnivals and Ice Shows held in the Spring. Clubs are collaborating with other Clubs, hosting joint events, or even sharing past theme ideas, music and even old costumes. It is inspiring to see the skating community working together!

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 and physical challenges. The project was extended to all grades this season. 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 1221 from 20 different schools! Eleven enthusiastic Skate Canada coaches taught the students with Leona Boyle coordinating the program.



COMPETITIONS

The **COMPETITION COMMITTEE** in coordination with the other Operational Committees implemented a new Competition Calendar for 2023-2024 as a result of a competition restructure review. The calendar is in alignment with Skate Canada Long Term Development (LTD) framework & updated Skate Canada competition calendar. The main objectives of the competition restructure were to determine the best geographical placement of events, ensure our volunteer /officials capacity can support the competition calendar, and ensure the restructured competition calendar supports the development needs of Skate AB | NT | NU registrants in both the Star & Podium Pathways. The focus of the season was implementing the new structure and providing clarifications and support to coaches and skaters.

A main highlight from the season with the restructure was seeing the qualification process for Star skaters leading up to their StarSkate Championships and to award medals to the StarSkate Champions. Throughout the season we saw 773 entries within 16 categories for Star men and women singles and artistic categories compete at Star Series 1-4 and the Combined Winter Invitational.

We saw clubs and skating schools embrace the CanSkate Element Events and the Star 1-3 Competitions. These events are hosted locally and there were 26 CanSkate Element Events hosted this season, compared to 15 in the prior year, and 42 Star 1-3 Competitions were offered around the Section, which is an increase from 11 last season. These events and competitions provide an opportunity for skaters to experience performing within their local club environment.

Highlights of Competition Restructure

- Star Series #1-4 was created to replace the StarSkate Invitationals
- Competition Zones were developed to support the Star Series Competitions
- Star 2-3 categories were transferred to be hosted within the Star 1-3 Local Club Competitions
- Star 4 category offered at Star Series #1-4, and Combined Summer Invitational
- Qualification requirement for StarSkate & Adult Championships was developed to provide a qualifying structure for Star 5-Gold Artistic and Singles skaters.
- Pre-Juvenile Singles was removed as a category and Juvenile U10 was introduced

The Committee continues to prioritize our athletes and focus on competitions that can best deliver meaningful experience and competition to those athletes. All events were successful thanks to the hard work of the dedicated Local Organizing Committees and support of the volunteers and officials.

The Section was also extremely proud to have been selected to host the 2024 Canadian National Skating Championships, January 8-14, 2024, in Calgary.



EVENT TECHNICIANS

The **EVENT TECHNICIAN AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE (ETEC)** brings together dedicated volunteers in the positions of Music Technicians, Announcers, Camera Operators, and V-mix Live Stream Operators to assist in the recruitment and training of event technicians and provide input on music and livestream equipment maintenance and upgrades.

As a key initiative of **Building Organizational Excellence** ETEC had a continued emphasis on investing in the recruitment, development and training of Event Technicians. The committee was also focused on reviewing the best practices which are implemented for each position, to ensure that communication is strong amongst the ETEC team to support one another during competitions.

Supporting the **Skating for Life** area of focus, opportunities to continue to experience the joy of skating through becoming involved in new roles such as an event technician. This season, the ETEC recruited three Announcers and three Vmix Operators retaining individuals in our organization and sport.

ETEC officials also supported the following National and ISU International events:

Al Carver, Camera Operator: Canadian National Championships, Alberta Winter Games

Shawn Dyrkach, Music Technician: Canadian National Championships, Special Olympics Canada Winter Games

Kris Ruiter, Announcer: Junior/Senior Challenge, Canadian National Championships, Special Olympics Canada Winter Games

Sabrina Thievin, Announcer: Junior/Senior Challenge, Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge, Canadian National Championships

Jeanne Welch, Announcer: Canadian National Championships, ISU World Figure Skating Championships (practice ice announcer)

In the **Skating to Win** focus area, a key goal is to leverage technology for marketing, recruitment, and athlete development opportunities. Viewer numbers have consistently risen each season, with this season surpassing 250,000 views across the following live-streamed competitions, reaching audiences in over 20 countries.

Wild Rose Invitational

Fall Invitational

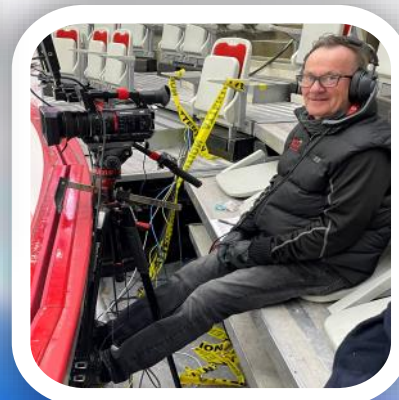
Sectional Championships

Mountain Regional Synchronized Skating Championships

Combined Winter Invitational

StarSkate & Adult Championships

Sunsational Invitational



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

The 2023-2024 season was a very busy season for **ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT** as the sport embraced the Skate Canada competition calendar. The revised calendar requires additional planning and preparation as we continue to adjust to two Challenges, synchronized skating having two National events, and the continuation of Novices at their own Championship. In addition, the 2024 Alberta Winter Games were held in Grande Prairie and the 2024 Matsu Arctic Winter Games were held in Alaska.

Athletes were monitored, assessed, and selected for a variety of opportunities. We enjoyed the successes of all our athletes and celebrated the culmination of Kaiya Ruiter's career, winning her first Canadian title! The Skate AB I NT I NU Section is proud of the efforts put in by all our athletes.

Star Pathway

A Star 4 – Gold Seminar was held in Red Deer in October 2023. Two one-day seminars were offered with the option to do both days. Kaetlyn Osmond was the lead presenter on ice, and off-ice hip-hop dance and classroom sessions were offered. Approx. 60 skaters and 20 coaches participated.

Synchronized Skating and AdultSkate

An Edge Seminar was hosted in May 2023 specifically for Synchro and Adult skaters. Approx. 60 skaters and several coaches attended. The seminar was presented by master edge specialist, Tracy Wilson with a full day of on-ice sessions, as well as off-ice dance and classroom sessions.

The Synchro Video Monitoring program was once again offered to all teams free of charge for a 2-month period from October to December 2023 and saw 19 teams participate. In-person monitoring was provided to the Junior and Senior Elite 12 teams at the Sectional Championships in November 2023. Both teams had the opportunity to perform one program at the event, followed by 30 minutes each of interactive feedback from a panel of officials.

Qualifying Synchro teams were monitored by the Technical Director at the Rose Bowl invitational competition in December 2023, and support was provided to Solstice Junior at the Canadian National Skating Championships in January 2024, and to the 4 Section teams who participated in the Skate Canada Cup in February 2024.

Black Gold Senior Elite 12 was invited to perform at the Canadian National Skating Championships opening ceremonies and gala in Calgary.



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Special Olympics

Four Section athletes competed at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in February 2024 in Calgary and three athletes won medals at the event.

Special Olympics Coach Training was offered for existing certified Skate Canada coaches in partnership with Special Olympics Alberta, and took place in Calgary, September 2023. 19 coaches participated and received their NCCP Community Level certification for Special Olympics.

All Edmonton Region clubs were invited to a zoom session hosted by Section and Special Olympics Alberta on the inclusion of Special Olympics skaters into club programming, and other possibilities. Two clubs attended the session in October 2023. A separate session on the same topic was held to support a club in the Peace Region.



Inclusive and Adaptive Skating

Programming continued through the 2023-2024 season and \$15,000 in total support was provided to the following 12 clubs. We would like to congratulate them all for their inclusive and adaptive programming:

Airdrie SC
Canmore SC
Cochrane SC
Cold Lake FSC
Derrick SC
Ice Palace FSC

Nanton SC
Southern AB Skating Academy
St. Paul SC
St. Albert SC
Wild Rose FSC

Athlete Monitoring

Monitoring continued through the 2023-2024 season at events, through club visitations and via zoom. The Technical Director provided monitoring and support at the Fall competition event hosted in Regina, SK. Ongoing support is also provided from our Section Officials who make themselves available whenever possible to provide feedback to our Section skaters as they work towards their personal goals. Assistance from these Officials appreciated by the Section and all the stakeholders involved. Monitoring sessions for Arctic Winter Games occurred in Edmonton and Grande Prairie at the run-off events.

2023 Spring Development Camp

The Camp was held June 16-17, 2023, at the Castledowns Recreation Center in Edmonton with Lead on Ice facilitators were Lee Barkell, Darlene Joseph, and Mitchell Islam. 140 coaches and skaters from the Section Select and Junior Development teams were in attendance. It was a busy weekend with many activities and a great learning opportunity for all participants.

Off-ice activities included the following:

- Parent and athlete sessions with Dr. Judy Goss who addressed Mental Training for Athletes and Parenting an Athlete
- Musical Phrasing and its relationship to programs with ISU Official Leslie Keen
- Ballroom Dance with Martin Lefebvre
- Off-Ice Jumps with Olympian Vaughn Chipeur



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

2024 Pair Initiative

Olympians Kirsten Moore-Towers and Michael Marinaro spent two days with Section pair teams selected for Challenge, Nationals and Youth Olympics.

Athlete Funding

The Athlete Funding Program continues to support Section athletes who have competed in all disciplines (Singles, Pair, Dance and Synchronized Skating) at the Challenge, National and International Levels. 129 Athlete Funding Program awards were distributed during the 2023-2024 season. Athlete Funding Program details is reviewed annually and posted on the Section website.

Jump Scholarship Program

The Jump Scholarship Program awarded \$5,200 for jumps accomplished as per the guidelines for the 2023-2024 season and saw 15 skaters benefiting this season from the scholarship program.

Endowment Fund Program Recipients

Barbara Graham International Award – Kaiya Ruiter

Sectional Legacy Scholarship – Matthew Newnham

John Vipond Official's Scholarship – Michelle Deng

Multi Sport Games

126 skaters competing in qualifying rounds for the opportunity to compete at the **2024 Alberta Winter Games** which took place in Grande Prairie. 80 skaters competed in the Star 6, 8, Juvenile, and Pre-Novice singles categories representing eight zones. 18 Section Officials and Event Techs supported this important event.

Coaches

Amanda Hillier
Marta Pietrasik
Sara Knowles
Jennifer Shigematsu
Deanne Sauve
Renata Wong
Rachelle Rupp
Cheryl Jobson

Chaperones

Andrea Burbank
Dominique Schmaltz
Bonnie Pettit
Michelle Ovie
Nicole Pepin
Rebecca Wong
Samantha Casey
Mary Lu-Tovell



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Pre-Novice

Sahara Patharam
Adeline Fairey
Kristen Nyrose
Chelsea Kuharski
Calleigh Morden
Victoria Yonemori
Corey Ovie
Lauren DeBernardo
Tiffany Diep
Lys O'Brimchak
Sari Ogden
Eden Feng
Isabella Scheers
Yitun Feng
Leah Hampton
Esther Ting

Juvenile

Norah Hillier
Rylee Saruwatari
Samantha Clamp
Alexis Dziendzielowski
Hazel Schmaltz
Marcella Maron
Ellie Conduct
Nutsa Tchiboshvili
Chloe Feng-Logan
Amara Gouw
Mila Guim
Mackenzie Elgie
Anna Sayenko
Lexi Brehmer
Alexa Cuzentov
Jasmine Hinks

Juvenile

Savannah Long
Sophie Rath
Selena Poulin
Liel Isakov
Ellie Fairey
Jaslyn Wong
Rachel Modry-Dumesnil
Luna Lu
Ava Casey
Harlow Bonderove
Livia Goudreau
Sophie Taki
Carly Elliott Otto
Brook-Lan Lu-Tovell
Olivia Arndt
Mia Luo

Star 6

Piper Burbank
Paige Saruwatari
Katlynn Murray
Atera Kirkpatrick
Amelia Meisner
Norah Sutherland
Shiloh Yoon
Ariella Phagoo
Kamryn McElroy
McKenna Danyluk
Bernice Tang
Zoriana Potapova
Haylee Webster
Naveigh Forster
Iyla Wagner
Elyssa McLellan

Star 8

Shanelle Mann
Fiona Lyle
Liel Oren
Mischa Wilde
McKenzie Burns
Nya Pettit
Hailey Heil
Willow Sera
Hailey De Lorenzi
Maria Verkalets
Eordea Lushka
Naomi Ammann
Isabella Wood
Cambie Stollery
Makena Balice
Janat Salim

The 2024 Matsu Arctic Winter Games were held January 29 - February 4, 2024, in Matsu Alaska. This a unique sporting event designed for Northern athletes with traditional sports and Aboriginal sports combined. Team AB North and Team NWT each had 8 skaters compete and Team NUN had 2 skaters competing at the Games. In preparation for the games a virtual session for Games Mental Training was available for all of the skaters. Skaters from Team NWT were also monitored by two ISU Officials.

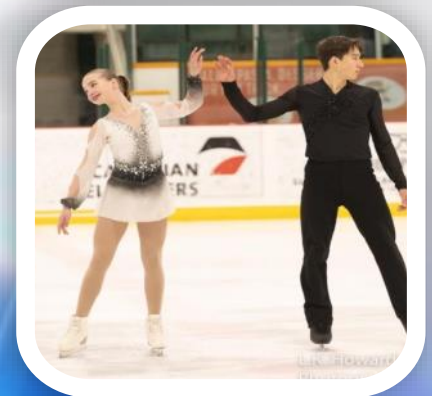


Skate Canada NextGen

Pair Team Annika Behnke & Kole Sauve and Dance Team Savanna Martel & William Oddson were selected as NextGen Team members with additional NextGen possibilities monitored by Andre Bourgeois and Marie Bowness in May/June.

NextGen International assignments:

Junior Grand Prix Cup of Austria – Savanna Martel & William Oddson – 9th
Trophee Metropole Nice Cote D'Azur – Annika Behnke & Kole Sauve – 7th



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

2023-2024 Junior Development Team

JDT members were selected following the 2024 Sectional Championships. The Team consists of 55 members representing Singles, Pairs and Dance.

Pre-Juvenile Dance

Gemma Soska & Daniil Armstrong
Athena Sun

Juvenile

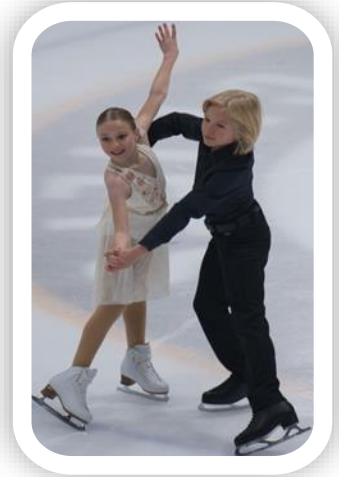
Alexandra Friedenberger & Tyler Friedenberger
Londyn Kachur & Vladislav Kryzhanivskyi
Ella Robinson & Lawrence Li
Avalina Williams & Crewe Sharuga
Ella Robinson & Kash Hill
Anastasia Shubina & Lawrence Li
McKenzie Elgie & Ryan Aruin
Cherie Yu & Sergei Usenka
Aaron Zhao
Kash Hill
Vera Burtova
Zalia Forestal
Michelle Han
Nadia Liu
Claire Loraas

Juvenile

Zoe Stocks
Logan Mierau
Tyson Poon
Crewe Sharuga
Gracin Zimmerman
Lida Burtova
Mckenna Ferguson
Ivy Matieshen
Kate Morden
Anna Sayenko
Jaslyn Wong
Ivan Ng
Javinu Rodrigo
Sergei Usenka
Maxwell Yu
Ellie Fairey
Chloe Feng-Logan
Luna Lu
Rachel Modry-Dumesnil

Pre-Novice

Ethan Pagano
Kody Ng
Cameron Muir
Tiffany Diep
Eden Feng
Leah Hampton
Keren Isakov
Elleah Maurer
Calleigh Morden
Sari Ogden
Victoria Yonemori



2023-2024 Select and Challenge Team

48 skaters in 15 categories qualified for the Select Team based on their results from the 2023-2024 Sectional Championships in the Pre-Novice to Senior categories, in Singles, Pairs, and Dance.

Pre-Novice

Kurtis Che
Justin Cheung
Umberto Daher
Simon Knott

Vienna Abelar
Uxia Gonzalez-Albraldes
Ashley Truong
Rena Wang

Keana Lough & Sean Lough
Dana Yun & Kody Ng
Michelle Baher & Simon Knott
Anna Van Teeling & Cameron Muir

Novice

Parker Heiderich
Kento Nakashima
Kole Sauve
Travis Trang

Annika Behnke
Lia Cho
Kaydee Kallay
Nathalie Yonemori

Stephanie Saccomanno & Parker Vaudrin
Madison Donaghy & Caleb Hoveland
Anjou Karino & Andrew Song
Stella Mitchell & Kurtis Che

Junior

Colton Foreman

Kayla Halliday
Sadie Henderson
Kassidy Sinclair

Annika Behnke & Kole Sauve
Natalia Custodio & Christopher Hammer
Savanna Martel & William Oddson
Addison Pehl & Daniel Yu

Senior

Matthew Newnham
Ethan Scott

Grace Johnson
Kaiya Ruiter
Alexandra Sarmiento-Diaz

Alyssa Robinson & Jacob Portz

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

2024 Skate Canada Junior/Senior Challenge

Junior/Senior categories competed at the 2024 Challenge in Winnipeg, November 29 - December 3, 2023. Due to injuries etc. several athletes did not compete and were moved through to the National Championship. Nine entries qualified for the 2024 Canadian National Skating Championships.

Medalists:

Kaiya Ruiter – Senior Women – Silver
Matthew Newnham – Senior Men – Bronze
Annik Behnke & Kole Sauve – Junior Pair - Bronze

2024 Canadian National Skating Championships

14 Junior/Senior Select Team members, and one synchro team attended Canadians in Calgary, January 8-14, 2024.

Kaiya Ruiter won her first Senior Canadian National Skating Championships.

Junior Synchro

Solstice

Junior Women

Kassidy Sinclair

Junior Dance

Savanna Martel & William Oddson
Addison Pehl & Daniel Yu

Junior Pair

Annika Behnke & Kole Sauve
Natalia Custodio & Christopher Hammer

Senior Men

Matthew Newnham
Ethan Scott

Senior Women

Kaiya Ruiter

Senior Dance

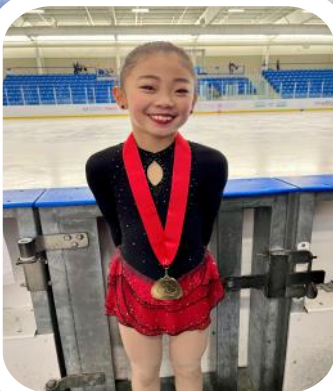
Alyssa Robinson & Jake Portz

2024 Skate Canada Pre Novice /Novice Challenge

19 Section skaters in the Pre-Novice/Novice categories competed at the Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge – Oakville ON from February 1-4, 2024.

Medalists:

Lia Cho Gold - Novice Women
Parker Heidrich – Silver - Novice Men
Travis Trang - Bronze - Novice Men
Umberto Daher – Bronze – Pre-Novice Men
Dana Yu and Kody Ng – Bronze – Pre-Novice Pair



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

2024 Novice Canadian Championship and Canada Cup

11 Novice Select Team members competed at the Novice Canadian Championship in Waterloo February 21-25, 2024.

Medalists

Kento Nakashima – Gold - Novice Men

Travis Trang – Silver – Novice Men

Lia Cho – Gold – Novice Women

Novice Men

Kento Nakashima

Travis Trang

Parker Heidrich

Kole Sauve

Novice Women

Lia Cho

Nathalie Yonemori

Annika Behnke

Kaydee Kallay

Novice Dance

Anjou Karino & Andrew Song

Stella Mitchell & Kurtis Che

Madison Donaghy & Caleb Hoveland

Skate Canada Cup

One Senior Elite 12, two Novice teams, and one Open team competed at the 2024 Canada Cup in Waterloo ON from February 21-25, 2024.

Black Gold Senior Elite 12 was the Silver Medalist

Novice

Solstice

Black Gold

Open

Black Gold

Senior Elite 12

Black Gold

2023-2024 Senior Grand Prix and International assignments

Kaiya Ruiter – Autumn Classic International - Silver

Kaiya Ruiter – Skate Canada International – 10th

Matthew Newnham – Challenge Cup Netherlands – 7th

Alyssa Robinson and Jake Portz - Autumn Classic International – 9th

2024 ISU Jr World Figure Skating Championship

Kaiya Ruiter represented Canada at the 2024 ISU Junior World Championship in Taipei City, where she placed 21st.

2024 Gangwon Youth Olympics

Three Section athletes and one coach were selected to represent Canada at the 2024 Youth Olympics in Gangwon Korea.

Annika and Kole made history with Canada's first ever Gold medal, and first individual event medal, at a Youth Olympic Games.

Kaiya Ruiter – Junior Women – 11th

Annika Behnke and Kole Sauve - Junior Pair – Gold

Team Event – Bronze

Coach Scott Davis



MEDALISTS

2024 SKATE AB | NT | NU SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT	GOLD 	SILVER 	BRONZE 
Senior Men	Matthew Newnham	Ethan Scott	Christopher Hammer
Senior Women	Alexandra Sarmiento Diaz	Isabelle Law	
Junior Men	Colton Foreman	Cooper Feser	
Junior Women	Kassidy Sinclair	Kayla Halliday	Sadie Henderson
Junior Dance	Savanna Martel/William Oddson	Addison Pehl/Daniel Yu	
Junior Pair	Annika Behnke/Kole Sauve	Natalia Custodio/Chris Hammer	
Novice Men	Parker Heiderich	Kole Sauve	Kento Nakashima
Novice Women	Lia Cho	Kaydee Kallay	Nathalie Yonemori
Novice Dance	Stella Mitchell/Kurtis Che	Anjou Karino/Andrew Song	Madison Donaghy/Caleb Hoveland
Novice Pair	Stephanie Saccomanno/Parker Vaudrin		
Pre-Novice Men	Umberto Dory Daher	Justin Cheung	Kurtis Che
Pre-Novice Women	Vienna Abelar	Rena Wang	Uxia Gonzalez-Albraldes
Pre-Novice Pair	Michelle Baher/Simon Knott	Keana Lough/Sean Lough	Dana Yun/Kody Ng
Juvenile Men U10	Jason Zhang		
Juvenile Men U12	Logan Mierau	Gracin Zimmerman	Crewe Sharuga
Juvenile Men U14	Maxwell Yu	Sergei Usenka	Ivan Ng
Juvenile Women U10	Nadia Liu	Zallia Forestal	Vera Burtova
Juvenile Women U12	Kate Morden	Ivy Matieshen	Jaslyn Wong
Juvenile Women U14	Ellie Fairey	Rachel Modry-Dumesnil	Chloe Feng-Logan
Juvenile Dance	Cherie Yu/Sergei Usenka	Renee Lee/Aaron Zhao	McKenzie Elgie/Ryan Aruin
Juvenile Pair	Alexandra Friedenberger/Tyler Friedenberger	Londyn Kachur/Vladislav Kryzhanivskyi	Avalina Williams/Crewe Sharuga
Pre-Juvenile Dance	Athena Sun/Ivan Ng	Gemma Soska/Daniil Armstrong	

2024 MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT	TEAM	RANK
Adult I	Black Gold	Gold
Adult I	Solstice	Bronze
Adult II	Ice Edition	Silver
Adult III	Border Edges	Bronze
Junior	Solstice Junior	Silver
Star 4	Black Gold	Gold
Star 4	Border Edges	Silver
Star 6	Black Gold	Gold
Star 6	Solstice Juvenile	Silver
Star 8	Ice Angels	Silver
Star 8	Northern Eclipse	Bronze
Novice	Black Gold	Silver
Novice	Solstice Novice	Bronze
Senior Elite 12	Black Gold	Gold

MEDALISTS

2024 SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE

EVENT	ATHLETE/S	RANK
Novice Men	Parker Heiderich	Silver
Novice Men	Travis Trang	Bronze
Novice Women	Lia Cho	Gold
Pre-Novice Men	Umberto Daher	Bronze
Pre-Novice Pair	Dana Yun & Kody Ng	Bronze
Junior Pair	Annika Behnke & Kole Sauve	Bronze
Senior Men	Matthew Newnham	Bronze
Senior Women	Kaiya Ruiter	Silver

2024 NATIONAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT	ATHLETE/S	RANK
Senior Women	Kaiya Ruiter	Gold

2024 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

EVENT	ATHLETE/S	RANK
Junior Pair	Annika Behnke/Kole Sauve	Gold
Team Event	Team Canada	Bronze

2024 ALBERTA WINTER GAMES

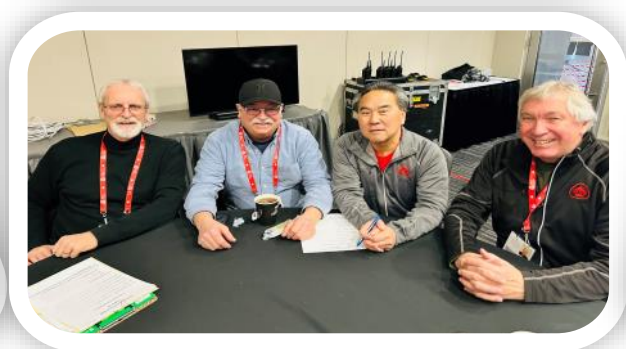
EVENT	GOLD 	SILVER 	BRONZE 
Star 6 Freeski	Amelia Meisner	Kamryn McElroy	Elyssa McLellan
Star 8 Freeski	Willow Sera	Hailey De Lorenzi	McKenzie Burns
Pre-Novice	Calleigh Morden	Tiffany Diep	Sari Ogden
Juvenile	Jaslyn Wong	Nutsa Tchiboshvili	Rachel Modry-Dumesnil

2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

EVENT	GOLD 	SILVER 	BRONZE 
Level 1 SP Female	Alexis Robinson	Kiara Stannard	
Level 2 SP Female	Elyssa McLellan	Iyla Wagner	
Level 3 SP Female	Kaley Boucher	Julianne Howse	Miah Reid Harris
Level 4 SP Female	Lily Brennan		
Level 1 FP Female	Alexis Robinson	Mya Hussey	
Level 2 FP Female	Elyssa McLellan	Juliana Kim	
Level 3 FP Female	Kaley Boucher	Miah Reid Harris	Julianne Howse
Level 4 FP Female	Lily Brennan		
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Team Event	Team Alberta North	Team Northwest Territories	

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