

JUDGE'S COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – 2017/2018

Guided by the Technical Chair, the BC/YK Section Judge's Committee contributes expertise and perspectives to the recruitment and development of Judges and Evaluators and ensures competitions and test days in the Section are serviced by competent, professional Judges/Evaluators.

The key duties of the Committee are as follows...

1. Establish and annually review the long-term vision and mandate of the Judge/Evaluator Committee.
2. Develop the annual operational plans and budgets for judge/evaluator initiatives.
3. Recruit, train and develop judges and evaluators in order that they can competently assess skaters.
4. Communicate with and provide educational opportunities and support for the BC/YK Judge/Evaluator community.
5. Assist in the development of judge/evaluator related input for the Section's annual strategic planning process.
6. Have input to Skate Canada policy changes and amendments that are submitted by the BC/YK Section.

The current members of the BC/YK Section Judge's Committee are as follows...

- Chair - Dawn Williams
- Technical Chair - Janice Hunter
- Past Chair and Regional Competitions - Pat Mayne
- Secretary & Liaison to Region Judge Committees - Cheyenne Irvine
- Promotions (Juvenile & Evaluator) - Amie Garras
- Promotions (Pre-Novice to Senior) - Susan Morriss
- Surveys & Data - Joanne Nickel
- Training - Sherri McAndless
- Synchro Committee Rep - Lesley Morrison
- Staff Resource - Bev Viger

Summary of Activities this Past Season...

Committee Meetings...

The BC/YT Section Judge's Committee met on 2 occasions this past season...

- In Person - May 6, 2017
- Via Conference Call - February 27, 2018

In addition, members of this Committee or I attended the following Skate Canada National Judge/Evaluator Committee Meetings...

- June 2, 2017
- December 11, 2017
- March 1, 2018

2017/2018 Tech Reps...

We would like to sincerely thank the following Tech Reps and their Assistants who volunteered their time this past season...without these individuals we would not have been able to hold these competitions...

Event	Location	Tech Rep/Assistant
SUPER SERIES VANCOUVER ISLAND SKATE	Parksville	Judy Burwash/Cindy Smith
SUPER SERIES VICTORIA DAY	Fleetwood	Tiffany Edwardsen/Danielle Desjardins
SUPER SERIES SUMMERSKATE	Burnaby 8 Rinks	Angela Tremblay/Margaret Warwick
SUPER SERIES AUTUMN LEAVES	Chilliwack	Cheyenne Irvine/Danielle Williams

Event	Location	Tech Rep/Assistant
SUPER SERIES BC/YK SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS	Parksville	Pat Mayne/Courtney Baerg
Vancouver Island Interclub	Mill Bay	Judy Burwash
OK Interclub	Kamloops	Cheyenne Irvine
Jingle Blades	Fleetwood	Danielle Desjardins/Shannon Downing
WKI	Fruitvale	Lynne Henderson-Drake
Kla How Ya	Smithers	Syd Hughes
Gold Nugget	Whitehorse	Amie Garras
BC/YK Open Synchro & Adult	South Surrey	Courtney Baerg
EKI	Kimberley	Ethan Swinburnson
CNCR Regionals	NBCCS	Jacqueline Lenuik
Vancouver Island Region Championships	Port Alberni	Cindy Smith
BC Coast Regional Championships	Chilliwack	Sherri McAndless/Connie Chu
West Coast Challenge	Delta	Joanne Nickel/Courtney Baerg
Kootenay Region Championships	Creston	Debbie Mandryk
Totem Interclub	Fort St John	Tiffany Edwardsen
OK Regionals	Vernon	Nancy Mann-Chernis
BC Winter Games	Kamloops	Bev Viger/Danielle Williams
SUPER SERIES STARSKATE FINAL & ADULT	Kelowna	Angela Tremblay/Sarah Lefebvre

A Regional Tech Rep Manual was created this past season by Janice Hunter & Sherri McAndless and was posted on the Section website. Work continues on a Tech Rep Manual for Section run competitions.

Judge's Training...

Last July, Amie Garras and Sherri McAndless attended a three day seminar in Toronto to become Learning Facilitators for the new Section Senior Level Singles Training Program. This is part of the new pathway that will be rolled out by Skate Canada to have qualified Star 1 - 4 judges move through the system without the need for multiple clinics. This pathway will take effect September 1, 2017. Now that Sherri and Amie have been trained, they will be responsible for training any additional learning facilitators in our Section.

In conjunction with the Learning Facilitator Training last July in Toronto, Skate Canada also held a pilot of their new Senior Singles Training Program. They asked each Section to select a Star 1 - 4 judge to attend the pilot. This committee selected Tilyna Pauer. Tilly competed at Nationals several times and had just recently retired from competitive skating. She is now attending university and is very committed to the judging process. Tilly successfully completed the training and is already using what she learned by judging at competitions. Congratulations Tilly!

Three STAR Clinics were held in our Section this past season...

- Okanagan/Kootenay Regions: August 2017, 4 Participants, Moderator - Cheyenne Irvine
- Vancouver Island Region: September 2017, 4 Participants, Moderator - Judy Burwash
- BC Coast Region: December 2017, 7 Participants, Moderator - Amie Garras

In addition, an online Novice Singles Clinic started in April and will be concluding in mid-July. There are currently 7 participants and Sherri McAndless and Amie Garras are coordinating such.

Much of the other Section judge and evaluator training is currently on hold due to all the upcoming changes to both the competitive and test streams.

Judges Exchange Program...

The following judges participated in the Skate Canada Judges Exchange Program this past season:

- George Éthier Competition, Beauport QC - Tiffany Edwardsen & Ethan Swinburnson

Out of Section/Country Assignments...

The following judges represented our Section, and in some cases Canada and the ISU at the following events...

- Skate Detroit, Detroit USA - Laura Carr
- Minto Skate, Ottawa ON - Hilary Quick & Angela Tremblay
- Manitoba Summer Open, Winnipeg, MAN - Joanne Nickel
- Wild Rose, Edmonton AB - Judy Burwash, Susan Morriss, Hilary Quick & Ethan Swinburnson
- Competition in Mexico - Beth Crane, Susan Macdonald & Susan Morriss
- Sr. International, Salt Lake City USA - Sally Rehorick
- Autumn Classic, Pierrefonds QC - Beth Crane & Janice Hunter
- Jr. Grand Prix, Austria - Susan Morriss
- Jr. Grand Prix, Poland - Jean Senft
- Jr. Grand Prix, Italy - Laura Carr & Beth Crane
- Sask Skate, Regina SK - Amie Garras & Hilary Quick
- Sr. Grand Prix, Canada - Beth Crane, Janice Hunter & Sally Rehorick
- Sr. Grand Prix, China - Beth Crane & Janice Hunter
- Sr. Grand Prix, Japan - Sally Rehorick
- Sr. Grand Prix, France - Jean Senft
- Challenge, Pierrefonds, QC - Judy Burwash, Laura Carr, Beth Crane, Tiffany Edwardsen, Susan Heffernan, Hilary Quick, Sally Rehorick, Jean Senft & Ethan Swinburnson
- Nationals, Vancouver BC - Officials: Laura Carr, Beth Crane, Janice Hunter, Sally Rehorick & Jean Senft
- Assistant Tech Reps: Pat Mayne & Hilary Quick
- Four Continents, Taipei - Janice Hunter
- Olympics, South Korea - Janice Hunter
- National Synchro, Oshawa, ON - Syd Hughes, Diane Kamagianis & Susan Morriss
- World Championships, Italy - Sally Rehorick & Jean Senft

Promotions...

Following are the promotions that were awarded to our Section's judges/evaluators this past season...

Name	Promotion	Region
Shannon Downing	Gold Evaluator	BC Coast
Shannon Downing	Gold Dance Evaluator	BC Coast
Haley Adams	STAR	BC Coast
Michelle Balough	STAR	BC Coast
Alison Brown	STAR	BC Coast
Anastasia Chupik	STAR	Okanagan
Eliza Mikolajczyk	STAR	BC Coast
Kelly Moore	STAR	BC Coast
Kathy Sutherland	STAR	Kootenay
Patrick Wong	STAR	BC Coast
Stefanie Kent	Juvenile Singles	BC Coast
Stephanie Lam	Juvenile Singles	BC Coast
Alyssia Leong	Juvenile Singles	BC Coast
Sheila Polard	Juvenile Singles	BC Coast
Tara Baxter	Juvenile Pairs	Vancouver Island
Kaelynn Frankish	Juvenile Pairs	BC Coast
Angela Kang	Juvenile Pairs	CNCR
Stefanie Kent	Juvenile Pairs	BC Coast
Stephanie Lam	Juvenile Pairs	BC Coast

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Alyssia Leong	Juvenile Pairs	BC Coast
Sheila Polard	Juvenile Pairs	BC Coast
Tara Baxter	Juvenile Dance	Van Island
Kaelynn Frankish	Juvenile Dance	BC Coast
Stefanie Kent	Juvenile Dance	BC Coast
Stephanie Lam	Juvenile Dance	BC Coast
Alyssia Leong	Juvenile Dance	BC Coast
Sheila Polard	Juvenile Dance	BC Coast
Shannon Downing	Novice Singles	BC Coast
Siobhan Philips	Novice Singles	BC Coast
Tilyna Pauer	Senior Invitational Singles	BC Coast
Shannon Downing	Senior Singles	BC Coast
Amie Garras	Section Referee - Singles	BC Coast
Ethan Swinburnson	Section Referee - Dance	BC Coast
Tiffany Edwardsen	Challenge Singles	BC Coast
Hilary Quick	Challenge Dance	BC Coast
Ethan Swinburnson	Challenge Dance	BC Coast
Laura Carr	International Singles/Pairs	Okanagan

Congratulations to all of the above judges and evaluators!

Budget and Priorities for the Upcoming Season...

This Committee was once again under budget for 2017/2018. Below is the proposed budget for the Judge/Evaluator Committee 2018/2019...

Judges Committee Budget Summary	2018/2019	Comments
Admin	\$750	
GOE/PC Clinic	\$3,250	GOE piece may be a requirement by Skate Canada...hope to do online training which will reduce cost
Judge Coach Update	\$400	Production Costs
Judge Exchange Program	\$6,500	Eight Participants
Senior Invitational Training	\$1,600	Competitive Training
Judges Committee Total	\$12,500	

After being cancelled for a couple of years, the Skate Canada Challenge Trial Judge Program has now been discontinued.

With the potential for the Competitive GOE Scale to change from +3/-3 to +5/-5, the focus for this Committee for the coming season may be re-training all competitive judges.

Awards/Pins...

Congratulations to the judges that won awards in 2017:

- Officials Award of Excellence - Diane Kamagianis
- Section Officials Award - Debbie Mandryk
- Coaches Choice Award - Judy Burwash
- Elizabeth Swan Award - Kortney Story...Kortney was also the national winner for this award.
- Susan Griffith Committee Chairman Award - Laura Carr

There were no 25 or 50 year pins presented to our Section's judges at the 2017 Section Awards Banquet.

The 2018 judge award winners and pin recipients will be announced at this year`s Annual Awards Banquet.

Miscellaneous Items...

Our Annual Judge's Survey was emailed out to all BC Section Judges last July. Sixty percent of recipients completed the survey. A big thank you to those that completed the survey....not only did the information collected give us an idea of the official's training we needed to plan for, but it also ensured that we had current contact information for judges, and whether they wished to remain on our Section's Active Judge's List. We will be emailing out the 2018 Survey in June.

In September our annual Judge's Committee Newsletter was also emailed out to all Section Judges. Our system indicated that 83% of the recipients opened the email that contained the newsletter. It was decided at our last meeting that going forward we will do two newsletters each year ...one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

On October 18th, our Annual Fall Update was live streamed. The session was conducted by Janice Hunter & Sally Rehorick and Ted Barton & Steve Muff provided technical support. The video of such was later posted on the Section Website and to date there have been 314 views. We understand people from around the country have watched the presentation. A big thank you to Janice, Sally, Ted & Steve for making this happen.

This past season we changed our process for collecting official's availability for Super Series events. We now email out a link to officials and the officials then complete a Wufoo Survey. Once the deadline for such has passed, a report is downloaded with all the information we require to schedule officials at events. This has really streamlined this process.

We also expanded our use of Google Sheets to continue to share documents with others. In addition to approved users being able to access our Judge's List/Qualifications, Committee Documents and judges being able to sign up for Regional Competitions, we now also post Competition Event Schedules and Official's Event Assignments so that stakeholders can easily access the most current version of any posted document. This has approved the accuracy of the information that is being circulated and has eliminated re-work.

This past season, Janice Hunter and Sally Rehorick were members of the Skate Canada National Board of Directors. In addition, Amie Garras, Janice Hunter, Hilary Quick, Sally Rehorick & Jean Senft were members of one or more of the other Skate Canada Committees.

Closing...

In closing, I would like to thank my Committee for all their hard work and dedication to the Judge/Evaluator initiatives in our Section. I look forward to continuing to work with them and all of you in the 2018/2019 season.

Respectfully submitted,

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