

JUDGE'S COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT - 2018/2019

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 (Star & Juvenile) - Amie Garras
- Promotions (Novice to Senior & Evaluator) - 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 5, 2018
- Via Conference Call - October 15, 2018
- Via Conference Call - March 7, 2019

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

- May 24, 2018
- September 25, 2018
- January 30, 2019

2018/2019 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	Cindy Smith
SUPER SERIES VICTORIA DAY	Fleetwood	Ethan Swinburnson
SUPER SERIES SUMMERSKATE	Burnaby 8 Rinks	Debbie Mandryk

Event	Location	Tech Rep/Assistant
SUPER SERIES AUTUMN LEAVES	Kamloops	Cheyenne Irvine
SUPER SERIES BC/YK SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS	Coquitlam	Bev Viger
Vancouver Island Interclub	Campbell River	Cindy Smith
Jingle Blades	Mission	Syd Hughes
OK Interclub	Mt Boucherie	Sarah Lefebvre
Kla How Ya	Terrace	Cheyenne Irvine
Gold Nugget	Whitehorse	Peter Gibbons
WKI	Castlegar	Nancy Mann-Chernis
BC/YK Open Synchro & Adult	Aldergrove	Joanne Nickel
EKI	Invermere	Shannon Downing
CNCR Regionals	Quesnel	Tiffany Edwardsen
Mountain Regional Synchro	Richmond Minoru Arena	Courtney Lott
BC Coast Region Championships	Connaught	Ethan Swinburnson
Vancouver Island Region Championships	Victoria	Judy Burwash
Kootenay Region Championships	Creston	Debbie Mandryk
Totem	Dawson Creek	Cindy Smith
WCC	Aldergrove	Courtney Lott
OK Regionals	Penticton	Cheyenne Irvine
SUPER SERIES STARSKATE FINAL & ADULT	Kelowna	Syd Hughes
STAR 1-4	Burnaby 8 Rinks	Bev Viger

Members of this committee once again updated the "BC/YK Section Tech Rep Manual for Regional Competitions" due to rule and process changes. This manual is posted on the skatinginbc website for the reference of all the Tech Reps of the regional competitions. Work continues on a Tech Rep Manual for Section run competitions.

Judge/Evaluator Training

Star 1 to 4...

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

- BC Coast Region October 2018 9 participants, Moderators - Amie Garras & Ethan Swinburnson
- CNCR February 2019 2 participants, Moderator - Angela Tremblay
- Okanagan/Kootenay Regions January 2019 4 participants, Moderator - Cheyenne Irvine
- Vancouver Island November 2018 1 participant, Moderator - Judy Burwash
- Vancouver Island January 2019 1 participant, Moderator - Amie Garras

Novice Singles Course...

An online Novice Singles Course started in April and concluded in August. The course was structured around three sectional competitions: VISI, VDI and BC Summer Skate and included multiple online assignments...both individual and group, assessment of judging and trial judging, and learning bursts. Eight judges initially signed up for the course and at the end five judges received the new Sr Invitational Singles promotion. This committee would like to thank both Sherri McAndless and Amie Garras for their innovation and for the tremendous amount of time and effort they put into coordinating this course.

+5/-5 GOE Clinic...

Last July, the ISU expanded the scale of the Grades of Execution (GOE). All competitive judges were required to complete the online training before they could judge at competitions this past season and this committee needed to ensure the

training was completed by all. An informative +5/-5 clinic was held on the Wednesday evening before Summerskate led by Beth Crane and Sally Rehorick. The clinic was attended by both judges and coaches and included interactive round table discussions. A big thank you to both Beth & Sally!

Junior Grand Prix Trial Judge Program...

With the withdrawal of China, who was to host the fourth Junior Grand Prix event of the 2018-19 season, the very able volunteers of the BC/YK Section stepped up to host the event. Having such an event in our backyard prompted us to work with Skate Canada to offer a trial judging opportunity for some of our Section judges. Susan Morriss facilitated the trial judging program and Sheri McAndless assisted (between her duties of timing the pairs and dance events!).

The participants in the program were Joanne Brandon, Connie Chu, Shannon Downing, Tiffany Edwardsen, Amie Garras, Hilary Quick, Ethan Swinburnson, and Angela Tremblay. They were treated to events involving all disciplines. It was a terrific opportunity to assess skaters from all corners of the world, from leading nations in the Junior circuit to those countries who are just developing figure skating. The trialing opportunity gave everyone a good dose of using the new +5 -5 GOE criteria, applying a large range of Program Component marks and provided a great venue for discussion, collaboration and learning. All in all, the event was a great benefit to all participants.

This Committee wants to sincerely thank Susan and Sherri for helping to provide an invaluable experience for the eight trial judges...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

New Juvenile to Senior Competitive Singles Training...

Skate Canada has developed a new training and promotion pathway for judges aspiring to become senior level singles judges. The goal of the new pathway is to simplify the process and remove obstacles, while maintaining quality training. The new pathway uses a blended learning approach, combining online and in-person training.

We will be holding our initial Senior Invitational Seminar on June 1st and 2nd at Burnaby Eight Rinks. This seminar will be open to all current STAR to Junior Singles Judges that are interested in becoming a Senior Invitational Singles Judge. Candidates will have pre-work to complete prior to the seminar. Following the seminar, all successful candidates will be assigned a mentor to help them move to the Senior Section level.

Code of Ethics & Respect in Sport Training...

Both Code of Ethics and Respect in Sport Training will be mandatory for all officials for the 2019-2020 season. Going forward, the Code of Ethics training must be completed each season. The Respect in Sport training will need to be completed once every three years. As officials cannot officiate until the training is completed, this committee will be required to track in our BC Section Official's Information Database whether the training is complete or not.

Star 6 to Gold Assessment Structure Training...

Skate Canada will complete their mandate of aligning the LTAD model to the assessment of skaters by replacing the current Senior Bronze to Gold Tests with the Star 6-Gold Assessment Structure. Skate Canada is now in the final stages of launching this new and much anticipated structure which will take effect September 1st, 2019.

On behalf of the BC Section, Joanne Nickel and Shannon Downing attended the recent Skate Canada Star 6-Gold Training in Toronto. They will now be responsible for disseminating the information about the new Assessment Structure to all stakeholders in our Section. Over the next 5 months, training modules will be made available on Skate Canada's e-learning website to train all current gold level evaluators. This training is mandatory prior to evaluators being able to assess skaters. Again, this committee will be required to track completion of the training. Additional training will be coordinated next spring for those evaluators who are not currently gold level and for any others who would like to be trained to be an evaluator.

Additional Upcoming Official's Training...

- Competitive Dance Seminar, June 22 & 23 at Burnaby Eight Rinks
- Program Component Seminar, September 7 & 8 at Delta Burnaby Conference Centre

Judge's Exchange Program...

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

- Hilary Quick & Ethan Swinburnson

Promotions...

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

Name		Promotion	Region
JoJo	Baliski	STAR	OK
Kara	Charlton	STAR	Vancouver Island
Alice	Fischer-Albert	STAR	Kootenay
Nina	Greschner	STAR	OK
Morgan	Hoot	STAR	BCCR
Janine	Horton	STAR	BCCR
Misato	Law	STAR	BCCR
Melissa	McNeil	STAR	Vancouver Island
Kyle	Postmus	STAR	BCCR
Helene	Rodriguez	STAR	BCCR
Yulia	Smirnova	STAR	BCCR
Julie	Smith	STAR	BCCR
Leona	Tompkins	STAR	OK
Francesca	Tse	STAR	BCCR
Pam	Wattanathum	STAR	BCCR
Alex	Clarke	Novice Singles	BC Coast
Leanne	Howard	Novice Singles	BC Coast
Stefanie	Kent	Novice Singles	BC Coast
Sarah	Lefebvre	Novice Singles	Okanagan
Alyssia	Leong	Novice Singles	BC Coast
Colleen	Norton-Jones	Novice Singles	Vancouver Island
Heather	Robertson	Novice Singles	BC Coast
Lesley	Runzer	Novice Singles	Kootenay
Janis	Sugimoto	Novice Singles	BC Coast
Alex	Clarke	Senior Invitational Singles	BC Coast
Stefanie	Kent	Senior Invitational Singles	BC Coast
Alyssia	Leong	Senior Invitational Singles	BC Coast
Colleen	Norton-Jones	Senior Invitational Singles	Vancouver Island
Heather	Robertson	Senior Invitational Singles	BC Coast
Lesley	Runzer	Senior Invitational Singles	Kootenay
Janis	Sugimoto	Senior Invitational Singles	BC Coast
Danielle	Desjardin Mitchell	Senior Sectional Singles	BC Coast
Amie	Garras	Challenge Singles	Vancouver Island
Hilary	Quick	Senior Pairs	BC Coast
Ethan	Swinburnson	Challenge Pairs	BC Coast
Sarah	Lefebvre	Gold Free, Interpretive & Skills	Okanagan
Carrie	McClelland	Gold Free, Interpretive & Skills	BC Coast

Name		Promotion	Region
Cindy	Smith	Gold Free, Interpretive & Skills	Vancouver Island
Sarah	Lefebvre	Gold Dance	Okanagan
Carrie	McClelland	Gold Dance	BC Coast
Colleen	Norton-Jones	Gold Dance	Vancouver Island
Cindy	Smith	Gold Dance	Vancouver Island

Congratulations to all the above judges and evaluators!

Budget and Priorities for the Upcoming Season...

This Committee was once again under budget for 2018/2019. Below is the proposed budget for the Judge/Evaluator Committee for 2019/2020...

<i>Judges Committee Budget Summary</i>	<i>2019/2020</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Admin	\$1,000	
Competitive Dance Seminar	\$1,000	June
Judge/Coach Update	\$400	Production Costs and Facilitator Fees
Judges Exchange Program	\$6,500	Six people on Exchange: Dance & Pairs
Mentorship Program	\$1,000	\$100 Honoraria x 10 judges
Program Component Seminar	\$3,800	September
Senior Invitational Seminar	\$2,200	June
Judges Committee Total	\$15,900	

Awards & Accolades

BC/YK Section Awards & Pins...

Congratulations to the judges that won BC/YK Section Awards in 2018...

- Officials Award of Excellence - Judy Burwash
- Section Officials Award - Amie Garras
- Coaches Choice Award - Alex Clarke

25 Year Pins

- Pam Abra (Vancouver Island)
- Tanya Wardle (Vancouver Island)

50 Year Pins

- Beth Crane (BC Coast)
- Susan Morriss (Vancouver Island)

The 2019 judge award winners and pin recipients will be announced at this year`s Annual Awards Banquet.

Sport BC President's Award...

The annual Sport BC Presidents' Awards, now in its 25th year, are presented to volunteers from Sport BC member and partner organizations who represent the spirit of volunteerism, and whose dedication, energy and commitment contribute to the development of their sport or organization in the province of British Columbia. This year's figure skating recipient was Sally Rehorick. Congratulations Sally!

ISU Gold Award of Merit...

We are thrilled to announce that Susan Heffernan, one of our long time British Columbia and Canadian officials, has been awarded the ISU Gold Award of Merit for her valuable contribution to the ISU. The ISU Gold Award of Merit may be awarded at the discretion of the ISU Council to recognize valuable contributions to the ISU sports at the international level. This award may only be made to Office Holders and other individuals who have served the ISU sport disciplines. Susan has made valuable contributions to the ISU over her career particularly in the area of official's education. Although she is officially retired as an ISU Technical Controller and Referee for Singles and Pairs, she continues to judge provincially and nationally. In addition, Susan continues to contribute to skater, coach, and official's development at the section and national level. Her lifetime of officiating here in BC has been immensely important to the success of our sport in the province of British Columbia. We congratulate Susan and thank her for extraordinary contributions and exceptional service to our sport. Congratulations Susan!

Miscellaneous Items...

Our Annual Judge's Survey was emailed out to all BC Section Judges last June. Sixty-one 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 2019 survey again this June.

As we decided last season, this Committee now sends out two newsletters each year to judges. This past season we sent out one newsletter in June and another in October. Our next newsletter will be sent out this June.

We continued to expand our use of Google Sheets to share documents with others. Ethan Swinburnson set up folders for all Tech Reps of Reginal Competitions so that the most current versions of all pertinent documents were quickly available for all stakeholders. This has approved the accuracy of the information that is being circulated and has eliminated re-work. In addition, we now also track all mandatory training and competition activity in our Official's Information Database.

This past season, Janice Hunter and Sally Rehorick were members of the Skate Canada National Board of Directors. In addition, Laura Carr, Janice Hunter, Joanne Nickel, Hilary Quick and Sally Rehorick 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 2019/2020 season.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn

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