

BC/YK JUDGE'S NEWSLETTER – September 2017

Hello everyone from the BC/YK Judges Committee! It has been a while but with the 2017-18 skating season almost upon us it is time to bring all of you up to speed with some of the things that have been going on in the skating officials world.

Some of this may be old news but hopefully there will be some information that will be of interest to you. Please take a few minutes to read through this. If you have any questions please let us know at one of the e-mails below and if you have any suggestions for information that you would like to see in future newsletters please also let us know.

Happy reading and see you at a rink soon....

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Are you registered with Skate Canada?

All officials must register with Skate Canada by September 1st each year. If you are not registered for the 2017/2018 season, you are not active, and thereby should not be officiating. Please don't assume that the club that normally registers you will automatically register you for the coming season. Skating Club Boards are made up of volunteers that turnover every few years and your registration may slip through the cracks.

If you do not have a designated home club, please contact Bev Viger at bev@skatinginbc.com and she will register you with Champs International Skating Centre. Please ensure you specify that you want to register as an official as your first designation, particularly if you hold other Skate Canada designations i.e. skater, coach, etc.

In mid-September, please login to *Members* on the Skate Canada website to ensure that you show as registered for the 2017-18 skating season. If you have not previously done so, you will need to request an invitation code through the Sign In Page of the membership site. This code will allow you to view and update your profile information, view your registration information, view your achievements (tests and officials qualifications) and access the Skate Canada **eLearning** site. On the **eLearning** site you will be able to access numerous presentations from highly qualified, knowledgeable and engaging presenters in many areas of interest. We are certain that you will find these a valuable tool.

Fall Technical Update

This year's Fall Technical Update will be held online on October 18, 2017. More information to follow.

Calendar of Events

Don't forget to check out this season's Calendar of Events to familiarize yourself with upcoming events in our Section and your Region. Click on the link below to go to the competition page where the Calendar of Events is posted and updated regularly.

<http://www.skatinginbc.com/competitions>

Regional Competition Availability 2017/2018

As we plan for the upcoming season, please click on the below link to enter your availability for this season's regional competitions.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KoHPKZUrWelmr4UhsXHkyX_hgHgoZc6UbRWa-CifAak/edit#gid=1915022687

Technical Resources

Skate Canada Info Centre - The Skate Canada Info Centre is an ongoing valuable resource and is constantly being updated. Be sure to check it out at <https://info.skatecanada.ca/hc/en-ca>. The info centre is currently undergoing some significant changes. The 'new and improved' version should be up and running in September.

The Inside Edge - You should all be receiving The Inside Edge. This is a publication emailed out by Skate Canada every second Friday. These e-mails contain valuable information regarding many aspects of the skating world. The Inside Edge is not archived so we suggest that officials create a folder to store these e-mails in for future reference.

In case you missed it, the following important communications were in a recent edition of *The Inside Edge*...

Unified Skate Canada Code of Ethics - Please review the unified [Skate Canada Code of Ethics](#) that replaces the existing codes of ethics for officials, coaches, and parents/guardians. The code of ethics now also applies to all skaters, board members, volunteers, alumni, hall of fame members and Skate Canada employees including at the club and section levels. [More Information](#)

Exploring the Interruption Rule: e-Learning Module Now Available - To help educate coaches, skaters, officials, and team leaders on the different applications and scenarios involving the Interruption Rule at domestic and international competitions, an on-line module on the Skate Canada e-Learning site is now available. Access this information under the recently released courses or standards for evaluating figure skating! [More Information](#)

Skatinginbc Website - Remember that all technical information for the upcoming season can also be found via www.skatinginbc.com. Be sure to visit both the Technical and Officials tabs to find the most up to date information. Be sure to check this prior to every event as information is regularly updated.

Preliminary & Junior Bronze Tests

STAR 1-5 has now officially launched. As of September 1st, Preliminary and Junior Bronze tests may not be taken. Just a reminder...you should no longer be evaluating these tests.

Evaluator Pathway – Star 6 to Gold

As above, Star 1 – 5 coach assessed tests are now mandatory as of September 1, 2017. What this means is that all Preliminary and Junior Bronze tests will no longer be available for skaters after that date and we as evaluators will not be required to evaluate tests lower than the Sr. Bronze level (soon to be renamed Star 6). We currently have evaluators in the system who can only evaluate up to the Preliminary or Junior Bronze level and also new Star 1 – 4 judges who have yet to venture into the evaluator realm. This means that going forward evaluator training will begin at the Senior Bronze level for new evaluators. Current Preliminary and Junior Bronze evaluators and STAR 1-4 judges who are interested in evaluator training for the Senior Bronze level and above should contact their Region Training Rep.

Respect in Sport - Activity Leader Training

As was communicated in the February 17th edition of Inside Edge, Skate Canada is recommending that all officials complete the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Training. Be sure to check this out at the link below:

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/hc/en-ca/articles/115000772566-Respect-in-Sport-Activity-Leader-Training-and-Resource-Line>

Monitoring Before Competitions and Test Days

We know, we know you have heard all of this before.... but the BC/YK Judges Committee recommends that you do not monitor any skater within two weeks of when you may be officiating them at a competition or test day. We ask that all officials remember this when being invited to monitor skaters. Please remind a coach of this should you receive a monitoring request that would be within the two week window.

We also ask that whenever you do monitoring of skaters that you contact Cheyenne Irvine at glenne@telus.net so we can record such. This way we can monitor the level of monitoring activity that is taking place in our Section.

Synchronized Skating Update

Planning is underway for a Synchro Officials Update on either October 14 or 15, 2017. Topics will include the new Beginner/Elementary assessed to standard format and any other technical updates new for this season. Finalized information to follow.

Judges Training

Over the last while, the following Judge's Training Clinics have taken place:

Star 1 – 4

- January 22, 2016 moderated by Judy Burwash in Parksville with 3 participants
- September 11, 2016 moderated by Judy Burwash in Duncan with 6 participants
- October 1 & 2, 2016 moderated by Amie Garras with 9 participants

- August 12 & 13, 2017 moderated by Cheyenne Irvine with 4 participants

Juvenile Singles

- May 14 and 21, 2016 – moderated by Judy Burwash in Parksville with 3 participants
- January 14 & 15, 2017 – Commencing November, 2016 Sherri Mcandless conducted an online course with 22 participants, 17 of which went on to do the in-person clinic which was moderated by Sherri McAndless and Amie Garras.
- March 4 & 5, 2017 – moderated by Sherri McAndless in Kelowna with 3 participants

Juvenile Pairs

- Sherri McAndless worked with two participants online via Skype to help them achieve their juvenile pairs promotion.

Referee Clinic

- March 2016 – moderated by Susan Heffernan & Janice Hunter, 19 in person Attendees. This clinic was videoed and archived. The link to view this clinic can be found in the “Officials” section of the www.skatinginbc.com website.

Senior Singles Clinic

- An on-line Senior Singles course was held from June to August 2016. Upon successful completion, the 8 participants were given credit for attending a Senior Singles training clinic.

Senior Pairs Clinic

- April 2016, Moderator - Sally Rehorick, 8 Attendees.

This Committee would like to sincerely thank Sherri McAndless for all the time she spent researching, organizing and conducting both the Juvenile and Senior *online Training Programs*. Her forward thinking proved online training is a successful, cost effective way to train people who are located in many geographical areas. Thank you so much Sherri!

This Committee would also like to thank the moderators of all of the Clinics and Updates that were held. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Section Senior Level Singles Learning Facilitators

Amie Garras and Sherri McAndless recently attended a three day seminar in Toronto to become Learning Facilitators for the Section Senior Level Singles training program. This is part of the new pathway being devised 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 additional learning facilitators in our Section. Stay tuned for more details regarding changes in the pathway to achieve Senior Singles judging status.

New Singles Judge Training Pilot

Skate Canada recently 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 just recently retired from competitive skating. She is now going to university and is very committed to the judging process. Tilly reported, “ *The Senior Invitational Pilot Training Program was an intense, enriching learning experience. We covered a great deal of material that required detailed laser focus. Having been a competitor at nationals, I had an edge in understanding and assimilating the in-depth material. The learning process was very engaging and interactive. Furthermore, the program was extremely well organized, thoughtful, and thorough. I am a strong advocate to have this program implemented for judges and possibly coaches and skaters to benefit the sport.*”

Tech Reps & Chief Referees

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

Event	Location	Tech Rep/Chief Referee
BC SummerSkate 2016	Burnaby Eight Rinks	Ethan Swinburnson
Autumn Leaves	Kamloops	Jacqueline Lenuik & assistant Rhonda Macdonald
BC Sectional Championships	Kelowna	Pat Mayne & assistant Debbie Mandryk
Vancouver Island Interclub	Chemainus	Tanya Wardle
OK Interclub	Armstrong	Cheyenne Irvine
Jingle Blades	Grandview	Sherri McAndless
Kla How Ya	Nechako	Lynne Henderson Drake
East Kootenay Interclub	Cranbrook	Nancy Chernis
Gold Nugget	Whitehorse	Judy Burwash
West Kootenay Interclub	Nelson	Ethan Swinburnson
CNCR Regionals	Williams Lake	Angela Kang
Vancouver Island Regionals	Nanaimo	Judy Burwash
BC Coast Regional Championships	Sungod	Denise Mullen & assistant Danielle Desjardins
Kootenay Region Championships	Creston	Debbie Mandryk
Totem Interclub	Mile Zero	Lynne Henderson Drake
OK Regionals	Penticton	Cheyenne Irvine
StarSkate Final	Kelowna	Cheyenne Irvine & assistant Sarah Lefebvre
VISI	Parksville	Judy Burwash & assistant Cindy Smith
VDI	Fleetwood	Tiffany Edwardsen & assistant Danielle Desjardins
BC SummerSkate 2017	Burnaby Eight Rinks	Angela Kang

Annual Judge's Survey

We would once again like to thank everyone who completed this year's Judge's Survey. The survey was sent to 126 judges and 75 completed such. Not only will the results of this survey give us an idea of the official's training we need to plan for the upcoming season, but it will also ensure that we have the most up to date contact information for you and whether you wish to remain on the BC/YK Active Judge's List.

Thanks again!

Promotions (our apologies in advance for any we have missed).

Congratulations to the following judges on their recent promotion!

STAR	Tara Baxter	Vancouver Island
	Breanne Bergvinson	Okanagan
	Alex Clarke	BC Coast
	Laurie Elves	Vancouver Island
	Mikaela George	BC Coast
	Colleen Granton	Vancouver Island
	Kendra Johnston	BC Coast
	Sarah Kedves	Vancouver Island
	Phoebe Kemp	Okanagan
	Stephanie Lam	BC Coast
	Alyssia Leong	BC Coast
	Olivia Marleau	Okanagan
	Alison Morrison	Kootenay
	Haillee Murdoch	BC Coast
	Tilyna Pauer	BC Coast
	Sheila Polard	BC Coast
Sue Smith	Vancouver Island	
Stephanie van Veen	BC Coast	
Juvenile Singles	Rosalyn Carr	Okanagan
	Alex Clarke	BC Coast
	Shannon Downing	BC Coast
	Kendra Johnston	BC Coast
	Colleen Norton-Jones	Vancouver Island
	Lyne Rainville	BC Coast
Juvenile Pairs	Alex Clarke	BC Coast
	Kaelynn Frankish	BC Coast
	Angela Kang	CNCR
	Colleen Norton-Jones	Vancouver Island
Juvenile Dance	Alex Clarke	BC Coast
	Kendra Johnston	BC Coast
	Colleen Norton-Jones	Vancouver Island
Novice Singles	Shannon Downing	BC Coast
	Carrie McClelland	BC Coast
	Siobhan Phillips	BC Coast
Novice Synchro	Connie Chu	BC Coast

Senior Singles	Connie Chu	BC Coast
	Angela Kang	CNCR
	Jacqueline Leniuk	CNCR
	Debbie Mandryk	Kootenay
	Cindy Smith	Vancouver Island
Senior Pairs	Amie Garras	BC Coast
	Ethan Swinburnson	BC Coast
Challenge Singles	Hilary Quick	BC Coast

Event Referee	Shannon Downing	BC Coast
	Leanne Howard	BC Coast
	Siobhan Phillips	BC Coast
	Janis Sugimoto	BC Coast
Section Referee Singles	Amie Garras	BC Coast
	Cheyenne Irvine	Okanagan
	Denise Mullen	BC Coast
	Hilary Quick	BC Coast
	Ethan Swinburnson	BC Coast
Section Referee Synchro	Lesley Morrison	BC Coast
	Kortney Story	BC Coast
Jr Bronze/Sr Bronze Evaluator	Shannon Downing	BC Coast
	Sarah Lefebvre	Okanagan
	Colleen Norton-Jones	Vancouver Island
Gold Dance Evaluator	Angela Kang	CNCR
	Colleen Norton-Jones	Vancouver Island
Diamond Dance Evaluator	Lee Burns	Vancouver Island
Interpretive Evaluator	Connie Chu	BC Coast
	Angela Kang	CNCR

In addition, we would like to congratulate Laura Carr who passed her International Singles/Pairs exam in Frankfurt, Germany last month. Laura is the first judge in our Section to achieve this in over 20 years. Congratulations Laura!

Awards & Pins

Congratulations to the judges who were presented with awards at the 2017 BC/YK Section AG Banquet this past May:

- Judy Burwash - Coaches Choice Award
- Laura Carr - Susan Griffith Committee Chairman Award (Chair of Skater Development Committee)
- Diane Kamagianis - Skate Canada Officials Award of Excellence
- Debbie Mandryk - Skate Canada Section Officials Award
- Kortney Story - Elizabeth Swan Award (also winner of the Skate Canada National Award).

There were no 25 or 50 year pin recipients this year.

Around the Rink (our apologies in advance for any we have missed).

Danielle Desjardins...Engaged, April 17, 2017
Shannon Downing...a Baby Girl, Scarlett Sage Downing, January 3, 2017
Angela Kang...Got Married, June 24, 2017
Carrie McClelland...Got Married, July 11, 2017
Kortney Story...Baby Boy, Domenico William Story, December 20, 2016

Official's Recruitment

We are always in need of more officials. Do you know anyone who is 16 years or older with a skating background that you think would be interested in becoming an official? If so, please put them in touch with the applicable Regional Training Rep.

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