

## BC/YK JUDGE'S NEWSLETTER – June 2018

Hello to all new and current judges from the BC/YK Judges Committee! As a committee we are striving to put out a newsletter more than once in a blue moon. Our last newsletter was in September so two newsletters in nine months is a step in the right direction!

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

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

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### **BC/YK Section Judge's Committee 2017/2018 Annual Report & Skate Canada OAP Newsletter**

[Click here](#) to access the BC/YK Section Judge's Committee 2017/2018 Annual Report report which summarizes the activities of our judges and this committee for the past season. It also outlines our plans and priorities for the upcoming season. On the same page you will find the Skate Canada Officials Assignment and Promotions Committee Spring Newsletter.

### **Region Competition Schedules**

A huge thank you to Ethan Swinburnson who took on the monumental task of creating the skating schedules for all of the regional competitions this past season and in some cases the official's schedules for those same competitions. Having one person take on this task allowed Ethan and this committee to see the big picture and the differences in how each region manages their competitions. Moving forward, there will be some small changes to standardize some of the current competition practices.

### **Online Novice Singles Clinic**

Sherri McAndless and Amie Garras are currently facilitating an online Novice Singles clinic with 8 candidates participating throughout the Section. The clinic is being done individually over the course of 4 months. The course materials include becoming familiar with the requirements for the Pre-Novice/Novice Short and Free programs for Men and Women, assigning GOE's, analyzing the 5 Program Components while watching videos and viewing the Reflections of Mindfulness Development for Officials presentation by Skate Canada.

Five of the candidates attended the Victoria Day competition, which gave them the opportunity to participate in Learning Bursts by a variety of Senior level judges throughout the weekend, and also included a chance to receive reports at the Juvenile level, including trial reports at the Pre-Novice/Novice level to submit for their promotion. After July, Sherri and Amie will discuss the new implementation of -5/+5 GOE's, as well as have each candidate participate in the Senior level Singles 8-hour pre-course training by Skate Canada. We hope that by the end of summer all of the candidates will be successful in their Novice promotion.

The BC/YK Section has always been a pioneer when it comes to progressive thinking and this Novice clinic is just one example of that. This Committee would like to sincerely thank all of the moderators for the time they have spent researching, organizing and conducting clinics in our Section and in particular Sherri and Amie for their work on the Novice Singles Clinic.

### ***Respect in Sport - Activity Leader Training***

As was communicated in our newsletter last September, Skate Canada is highly recommending that all officials complete the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Training. In fact, this training may soon become mandatory for all officials to complete, so check it out when you have a chance. Below is the link to the training. Please note: the training takes approximately 3 hours to complete and can be completed at your own pace and convenience. You may stop part way through the training, but the system will remember what you have completed when you return.

**To start the training today click the following link: <https://skatecanada.respectgroupinc.com>**

#### ***Program Access Instructions:***

- If you have an existing Activity Leader certificate, select "Import a Certificate" and follow the prompts.
- If you have an existing profile in any other Respect Group program, select "Register your Profile" and then "Look-Up".
- If this is your first time registering for a Respect Group Program, select "Register your Profile" followed by "Register".
- Complete registration and select "Submit" at the bottom of the page. With successful registration, you will be directed to the Home Page of the program.
- To re-access the program, return to the same URL indicated above and enter the username and password created during registration.

#### ***General Information:***

- Respect Group programs run most effectively on traditional PC and MAC computers using any common browser.
- iOS and Android mobile devices may be used with third-party browsers such as the Puffin Browser available via the App Store or the Google Play store. If using mobile devices, it is recommended you connect via wifi and not a cellular connection as the programs are multimedia in nature.
- Numerous Customer Support tools are available for any questions you may have before login as well as within the program. Prior to logging in you will see buttons to retrieve usernames and passwords, and to look up your certificate number. Inside the program, the Help button is available to connect you with a Customer Support Representative.

If you previously completed the training, please forward a copy of your certificate to Joanne Nickel at [jr\\_nickel@hotmail.com](mailto:jr_nickel@hotmail.com).

#### ***Technical – Janice Hunter***

The change to the GOE scale of marking is the major change coming into effect beginning July 1, 2018. All judges officiating at competitions after July will need to complete an initial online training which will be provided

by Skate Canada. Beth Crane and Sally Rehorick have been major contributors to the ISU and Skate Canada in preparing the educational materials for judges. Please find some time to take a look at the new guidelines for marking GOEs that are posted on our website under Technical>Officials> Singles/Pairs Info to get a bit of a head start on this. The dance charts are also posted and follow a different way of assessing compared to singles and pairs. Synchro GOE info is not yet available.

Check out the new Notice Board on the [Skate Canada Membership Site](#). This is a great resource and it would be good idea to bookmark this in your links for ease of finding it in the future.

In mid-June Janice will prepare a Technical Communication with information for coaches, judges and technical officials. This will be distributed from the Section office and posted on the website. Stay tuned☺ The date of the annual fall update (hopefully via live stream) will be sent to officials once details have been determined.

### ***Synchronized Skating Update***

A Synchro officials/coaches update is tentatively set for September 28 or 29<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined.

### ***Monitoring Before Competitions and Test Day Availability Procedure***

We know, we know, you have all heard this before.... 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 coaches of this should you receive a monitoring request that would be within the two-week window. We also ask that whenever you do monitor skaters that you contact Cheyenne Irvine at glenne@telus.net so that we can record such. This way we can monitor the level of monitoring activity that is taking place in our Section.

On the note of **test days**, evaluators for test days should be obtained by the appropriate test chairs for the clubs or regions, not by club coaches. Should you be contacted directly by a coach, please ask them to go through the appropriate channels in obtaining their evaluator.

### ***Annual BC/YK Section Judge/Evaluator Survey***

Once again, this season the BC/YK Section Judge/Evaluator Committee will be asking all judges & evaluators in our Section to complete a survey. Not only do the results of this survey give us an idea of the training we need to plan for next season, but it also ensures that we have the most up to date contact information for all our judges.

Watch for the survey in the next couple of weeks.

### ***Awards & Pins***

Congratulations to the judges who were presented with awards at the 2018 BC/YK Section AGM Banquet this past May:

- Judy Burwash - Skate Canada Officials Award of Excellence (also the national winner of this Skate Canada Award).
- Amie Garras - Skate Canada Section Officials Award
- Alex Clarke - Coaches Choice Award

In addition, the following judges achieved their service pins this past season:

- 25 year pins – Pam Abra, Tiffany Edwardsen & Tanya Wardle

- 50 year pins – Susan Morriss & Beth Crane

Congratulations to all of our winners and pin achievements/recipients.

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

Danielle Desjardins...Married – March 24, 2018

Angela Tremblay...Baby boy, Lucas Alain Tremblay born May 31, 2018 – 6 lbs. 14 ozs.

Rhonda Macdonald...grandson, Evan William Macdonald born June 8, 2018 – 7 lbs. 4 ozs.

Amanda Ribeiro...completed Medical School. Dr. Amanda is a valued member of the technical official's team.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

### ***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 Judge's Rep.

Coast – Shannon Downing [downing604@me.com](mailto:downing604@me.com)

Island – Judy Burwash [jaburwash@shaw.ca](mailto:jaburwash@shaw.ca)

Kootenay – Debbie Mandryk [debbiemandryk@msn.com](mailto:debbiemandryk@msn.com)

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