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Greetings from the Chairperson:

On behalf of Skate Canada Saskatchewan I would like to extend congratulations to the following skaters for their performance at the 2011 BMO Skate Canada Junior Nationals and 2011 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships, respectively: Elise von Holwede (Spiritwood) and her partner Rhys Jones (Minto SC) in Novice Dance; Garrett Gosselin (Skate Regina) in Junior Men; Tara Hancherow (Skate Tisdale) and her partner Sebastian Wolfe in Junior Pairs; Paige Lawrence and Rudi Swiegers (Wawota SC) in Senior Pairs.

We are well into the season of competitions and it is a busy one for our skaters, coaches, officials and volunteers. Thank you to all of you who work so hard to ensure the success of our competitions. To all of the sponsors a huge thank you for your commitment to skating in Saskatchewan. I wish the very best to all skaters competing in upcoming competitions.

Thank you to Meadow Lake for hosting the 2011 Saskatchewan STARSkate Championships and to Moosomin for hosting the 2011 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships this year. In spite of less than ideal weather conditions both competitions were a huge success. Well done Meadow Lake and Moosomin and congratulations to all the competitors!

On February 19th fifteen Saskatchewan skaters, Pre-Novice, Novice and Special Olympics, leave for the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax. This will be such an exciting experience for all of you and we wish you the very best as you compete, make new friends and see new places!

Our last Provincial Competition of the season, Jean Norman presented by SaskTel, will be held in Moose Jaw, March 5 – 7, 2011. In conjunction with this competition PharmaChoice presents “Saskatchewan Stars on Ice on Saturday, March 5th. The show will feature our Provincial champions and following “Saskatchewan Stars on Ice”, the PharmaChoice Road Show will be held in Paradise Hill (March 6th), Maple Creek (March 7th) and Gravelbourg (March 8th).

Our Saskatchewan Pairs Team, Rudi & Paige, are currently in Taipei, China competing at the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championship 2011. We are very proud of you Paige and Rudi and look forward to seeing you perform at “Saskatchewan Stars on Ice” in Moose Jaw as well as at the PharmaChoice Road Show locations.

Continue to enjoy the skating season and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM in Saskatoon on May 7th, 2011.

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Holding a Test Day?

Is your club holding a test Day? If so, please ensure you have the current test sheets. The current copies can be identified by the NEW Skate Canada logo.

To download test sheets, go to Members Only (Technical & Programs) on the Skate Canada web site (www.skatecanada.ca).

Skate Canada Update

Camera Policy – Skate Canada Events

The updated Skate Canada spectator camera policy sent to members on Wednesday, January 12th, 2011 applies to national and international Skate Canada events only. This includes the upcoming 2011 BMO Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships.

At Skate Canada events, spectators are permitted to use small still point and shoot cameras at the event for personal use only. The following are not permitted at a Skate Canada event:

- No flash photography
- No camera bags in venue
- No type of transmitter mechanism for the purpose of using a flash or strobes
- No use of professional cameras/detachable lenses
- Camera cannot interfere with other fans' enjoyment
- Any resale of photography or posting photos on websites is strictly prohibited.
- Absolutely no video recording is allowed. Only accredited coaches and team managers may be permitted to videotape their own skater/team from rink side during that skater's/team's

practice or performance. If athletes wish to obtain a video of their programs, they may purchase a copy from the licensed video distributor on site if applicable.

Spectators not abiding by these restrictions risk having their camera confiscated by venue security staff. Additionally, Skate Canada staff reserves the right to restrict use of other types of cameras should they feel the quality and/or type of camera fail to protect the athletes' and/or event's interests.

For competitions at the club, invitational, sectional and regional levels please refer to the competition's official event announcement for camera / video use regulations.

New Coaching Membership Card for 2011/2012

Skate Canada has been investigating the idea of creating a standardized national membership card for coaches that combines the current coaching membership card with the coach photo identification card issued by the section offices. Beginning in the 2011-2012 membership year the professional coach membership card will now include a variety of information including a picture, first aid expiry date and CEP status. This new card would take the place of the section photo identification card and would standardize the look and informational content contained on this card.

To upload your picture, please go to Members Only, and click on personal profile, then general information and upload new picture. Once the photo is uploaded you must click save changes. All coaches will be required to upload or provide a photo for the 2011-2012 season. The requirements for the photo are explained on this page. If you are unable to upload a picture you are still able to send a hard copy to the Skate Canada National Office.

For any questions please contact Coaching and Skating Programs at coaching&programs@skatecanada.ca.

CanPowerSkate

Skill Award Program - Revision

The time requirements for the CanPowerSkate Level 2 assessment have been modified. Based on feedback received, an additional five seconds has been added to the gold, silver and bronze times. On

pages 4-5 and 7-14 of the CanPowerSkate Manual the time requirements for Level 2 are now:

Gold – 55 seconds or less

Silver – 50 seconds or less

Bronze – 45 seconds or less

Please modify your existing manuals accordingly. Revised manuals are available for sections to order through the Skate Canada Order Department. No other changes have been made to the Skill Award Program criteria.

2011 Possibility Awards

BMO Possibilities Award are given annually at the conclusion of the BMO Junior Nationals and BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

Selection for the BMO Possibilities Awards takes into account some of these criteria as seen during individual performances in any part of the 2011 BMO Skate Canada Junior Nationals and 2011 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

- personal best performance
- performance given in the face of adversity
- performance that made an impression in the minds of the spectators
- performance that displayed new and creative skating talent and set new standards or established a new horizon

And the winners are... JUNIOR NATIONALS Photo: from left to right.



Madeline Edwards, Zhao Kai Pang, Shalena Rau, Phelan Simpson, Veronik Mallet and Garrett Gosselin.

Madeline Edwards & Zhao Kai Pang – novice ice dance – 1st place

This was an exceptional win capturing top marks in both of the pattern dances and in the free dance. In the process they established a new Canadian record of 96.75 points.

Shalena Rau & Phelan Simpson – novice pair – 1st place

She's only 12 years old and he is 14. They performed two wonderful programs including a triple Lutz twist and a triple toe throw. This is amazing for such young skaters.

Veronik Mallet – novice women's – 3rd place

She established a new Canadian record for novice women at the 2011 BMO Skate Canada Western and Eastern Challenge so she came to Victoria with great expectations. Unfortunately, she did not perform her best short program and finished in dead last. She fought back from 18th place to claim the bronze medal.

Garrett Gosselin – junior men's – 4th place

Garrett Gosselin had an exceptional short program beautifully choreographed, filled with nuances and creativity and very well skated.

New Women in Coaching Funding Opportunity!

Funding has just become available as part of the Coaching Association of Canada's "We are coaches" initiative for ALL sports that have CAC-approved NCCP programs in the following contexts:

- Community Sport – Initiation
- Instruction – Beginners
- Competition – Introduction

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The funding is for:

- Sport-specific, women-only, CAC-approved workshops in the above contexts; and/or
- The hosting and/or support by National Sport Organizations, Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations or clubs to women who wish to become Learning Facilitators and/or Evaluators.

“Women-only” training sessions enable the Learning Facilitator to tackle the specific realities that women face in coaching, and to create a climate of confidence and openness for the women that attend. This initiative is not only about training – it is also about increasing the number of coaching and leadership opportunities for women at ALL levels of sport.

For more information about this great opportunity, please go to www.coach.ca under programs

Please note that all workshops must be completed by March 31, 2011.

Bid to Hosts

Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Competition Committee is now accepting Bid to Hosts for the following:

- 2012 & 2013 Saskatchewan STARSkate Championships
- 2012 & 2013 Jean Norman Competition presented by Sask Tel

If you club is interested in hosting one (1) of these events, please complete and return a Bid to Host on or before March 1st.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!

Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the 2011/2013 Board of Directors.

The following positions are available for election:

- Chairperson
- First Vice-Chairperson
- Second Vice-Chairperson
- Three (3) Directors

All positions are for a two (2) year term.

Nomination information may be found on-line at www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com under Forms / Applications.

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Office Closure

Please note the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Office in Regina will be closed the following dates (subject to change):



- February 21st, 2011 (Family Day)
- February 22nd – 25th (Holidays)
- April 22nd, 2011 (Good Friday)
- April 25th, 2011 (Easter Monday)
- May 23rd, 2011 (Victoria Day)

Reminders

- Carnivals, Achievement Days, Invitational Competitions, Exhibition skates are Hockey games, etc must be sanctioned. Sanctions are available on-line at www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com.
- Be sure to check the Skate Canada Members Only Login for information for the upcoming season.
- Be sure to check the web site www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com for upcoming NCCP Course information, seminars and more.

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Upcoming Deadlines!!

- MAP Grant Follow-Ups due March 1st, 2011
- Bid to Hosts due March 1st, 2011
- Nominations for the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Board of Directors due April 8th, 2011.

Coming Soon!!!

- Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting Package
- 2011/2012 MAP Grant Criteria & Guidelines
- MAP Grant Spending Plan



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Calendar of Events

Subject to Changes

Feb 26	Region 13 Invitational Competition	Macklin
Mar 4 – 6	Jean Norman Competition presented by SaskTel	Moose Jaw
Mar 5	Saskatchewan Stars on Ice presented by PharmaChoice	Moose Jaw
Mar 6	PharmaChoice Road Show	Paradise Hill
Mar 7	PharmaChoice Road Show	Maple Creek
Mar 8	PharmaChoice Road Show	Gravelbourg
Mar 11	Skater Development Committee	Saskatoon
Mar 11 – 12	Living Skies Synchro Skate Invitational	Regina
Mar 12	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
Apr 9 – 10	Mariposa Seminar	Regina
Apr 9	Coaches Annual General Meeting	Regina
May 6	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
May 7	Section Annual General Meeting	Saskatoon
May 7	Section Awards Dinner	Saskatoon
May 8	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
May 24 – 25	National Coached Conference	Charlottetown
May 26 – 28	Skate Canada Annual Conference & General Meeting	Charlottetown
June 3 – 5	Kick-Off Camp	Saskatoon



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