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Greetings from the Section Chairperson

As we approach the final days of summer we begin to reflect on summer accomplishments and make plans for the 2011/12 skating season. To the Skaters that competed at Prairie Skate in Virden, Manitoba, congratulations on your achievements and thank you for participating in this joint Manitoba Saskatchewan competition! Thank you also to Skate Canada - Manitoba for hosting this year's event. To the skaters attending upcoming out of province competitions I wish you every success!

We are again looking forward to a very exciting season of skating! We are delighted that Regina has been chosen as the host location for the 2012 Skate Canada Challenge Event, November 30 – December 4, 2011. Not only is this an opportunity to see top skaters from across Canada but it is also a chance to get involved by volunteering. Thank you to Debbie Rodger for taking on the task of Volunteer Recruitment Director. For further information on volunteering opportunities please check the Skate Canada - Saskatchewan website or call Danielle at the Section Office. This is an event you won't want to miss and such a great opportunity for our Province and our skaters!

I would also encourage everyone to attend the Sask Skate/Sask Open Competition which will be held in Saskatoon on October 7th -9th, 2011. This is a very popular competition in western Canada and we are pleased to be able to offer this first class competition again this year!

Please plan to attend your Regional Fall Meeting this year.

This is a great way for clubs to prepare for the season. A Section board member will attend each meeting and will be providing valuable information as well as answering questions. For information on the date and location of your meeting please check the Skate Canada - Saskatchewan website or contact Danielle at the Section office.

Skaters' Lottery tickets will soon be available. There is an exciting opportunity for participating clubs this year so please be sure to read all the information in this newsletter!

Thank you to all who continue to support skating in Saskatchewan. Be sure to visit the Skate Canada Saskatchewan website often for updates and information and we look forward to seeing you all this season.

Margaret



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Aboriginal Voluntary Self - Declaration

Participation in sport programs can provide great enjoyment and tremendous benefits for individuals and communities, regardless of age, ability and cultural background. Sask Sport Inc. and its member provincial sport organizations believe these benefits should be available to all Saskatchewan people.

Providing more quality sport participation opportunities and increasing the overall number of Aboriginal people participating in sport is a priority for Sask Sport Inc., and the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan. The ability to track program opportunities, measure numbers of participants and identify gaps or strengths in sport participation will be vital to determining if we, as a province, are successful in helping more Aboriginal people enjoy the full benefits of sport. As such, Sask Sport Inc. and Skate Canada - Saskatchewan are asking skating clubs to incorporate a 'Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Declaration' question within Member Registration forms used by clubs, and report this information to Skate Canada - Saskatchewan on an annual basis.

It is important to understand that asking a person to self-declare their Aboriginal ancestry does not violate any human rights codes, provided it is made clear that the choice to declare is completely voluntary. Sask Sport Inc. obtained clarification from the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission in this regard and was advised to ask Provincial Sport Organizations and their member clubs to make it clear on membership forms that this information is voluntary and that the information is collected solely for statistical purposes. The information will not be used for any other prohibited preference as per *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*.

Sample:

Please check one of the following that is most applicable to your Aboriginal ancestry**:

- Status/Treaty
- Non-Status
- Métis
- Inuit

** Providing this information is voluntary and will be used for statistical purposes, only. It will not be used by Skate Canada – Saskatchewan for any other prohibited preference as per *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*.

Swiegers wins USFSA 2011 Sportmanship Award

There are not many people in the figure skating community who will forget how Canadian pair skater Rudi Swiegers rushed down to the boards at the 2011 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei, when American skater Mark Ladwig's skate broke at the start of his short program.

It was an act of pure kindness from Swiegers who had once trained with Ladwig in Florida and knew they had the same sized feet. The United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) did not forget the sportsmanship that Swiegers showed and in April presented him with the 2011 Sportsmanship Award at the USFSA Governing Council meeting.



Mark Ladwig presented Rudi Swiegers with the USFSA 2011 Sportsmanship Award in Lombard, Illinois.

Photo by Peter Zapalo

Skate Canada wins International Awards for Communications and Logo Redesign

OTTAWA, ON: The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) recognized Skate Canada's handling of a difficult situation at last year's Olympic Winter Games with its prestigious [Gold Quill Award of Excellence](#). The award, presented last night at the annual conference in San Diego, California, was given for Skate Canada's submission, The Bravest of Faces: The Joannie Rochette Story, in the Issues Management and Crisis Communications.

Nearly 900 entries were received from 26 countries for the 2011 awards. Ninety-nine entries were recognized as award winners, 34 were selected to receive awards of Excellence and 65 to receive Merit. The peer-review panel, who judged the awards, cited this submission for its "attention to implementation details giving great consideration to the emotional impact." Barb MacDonald, Skate Canada's Director of Corporate Communications, prepared the case study on behalf of the entire Skate Canada and Canadian Olympic Committee support team from the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, and accepted the award in San Diego.

In addition, the redesign of the Skate Canada logo, also received an international award. The design firm, Zebra Studios, received the Gold [Summit Creative Award](#) in the category of Logo Re-Design. They competed against companies and individuals from more than twenty countries and the judging was done by a panel of 18 international industry leaders.

Skate Canada's CEO, William Thompson, values the assessment of these international organizations. "We're trying to make a difference, to take a fresh approach to national sports management, and to apply strong business principles in everything we do. Having our work recognized as excellent in the field provides tremendous feedback to our staff and external contractors that we are on the right track. I'm very proud of all of the accomplishments."

At the national level, Skate Canada recently won the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance Canadian Sport Event of the Year Award for the 2010 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

Locally, the IABC Ottawa chapter also recognized The Bravest of Faces: The Joannie Rochette Story with an award of excellence at its recent IABC Excel Awards gala.

Skate Canada Update

Continuous Education Program (CEP)

Please note that coaches have until July 1, 2012 to work on obtaining a CEP status for the 2012-2014 cycle. The deadline for submitting a Statement of Activity is July 1, 2012. This status will be shown on a coach's professional coach membership card for the 2012-2014 skating seasons. More information regarding the Continuous Education Program can be found in Members Only under Coaching/Registration documents and forms /Continuous Education Program.

Should you have any questions please contact the Coaching and Skating Programs Department at coaching&programs@skatecanada.ca.

New Professional Coach Membership Card

Prior to registering for the season, coaches should upload a personal headshot photo to their Personal Profile that complies with the requirements stated in Members Only. Coaches that do not upload a photo prior to registering will have a card printed without a photo. This card will be required to obtain accreditation at competitions where section photo ID cards have previously been required. Only cards with a photo will be accepted for accreditation at events. Section photo ID cards will no longer be considered valid.

Note: The image that appears on your Personal Profile in Members Only is the image that will be used for your professional coach membership card.

Should you have any questions please contact the Coaching and Skating Programs Department at coaching&programs@skatecanada.ca.

Annual Registration Information

The annual registration information for the 2011-2012 season has just been mailed, so be sure to check your club mailbox.

When your club submits your first member registration of the season, your club fee of \$45 along with the mandatory officers' and directors' insurance of \$95 (except Quebec clubs), club liability insurance of \$75 and SOCAN fee of \$64, plus all applicable taxes, will be included on the first invoice.

The membership fee has increased to \$32 per member and the member accident insurance is \$0.65 per member. These fees will also be automatically calculated at the time of registration.

Clubs are encouraged to pay their invoices once they arrive in the mail. Clubs owing a balance of over \$300 for more than 90 days will be deemed in arrears and access to Members Only as well as ordering on account will be denied.

Log into Members Only and be sure to update your Club Information and your listing of Board Members for the 2011-2012 season to ensure online access for your club.

Member Services is here to help. If you have any questions, please contact us by email at memberservices@skatecanada.ca.

BFL Canada

BFL Canada mailed insurance information to all clubs, skating schools, regions and section offices for the upcoming season.

This insurance is optional and is in addition to the mandatory directors' and officers' insurance (excluding Quebec and skating schools) and liability insurance that clubs, skating schools, regions and sections participate in through their annual registration.

Complete Juvenile Judging & Evaluating Clinic

The Juvenile Judging and Evaluating Clinic is divided into Three (3) Phases:

Phase 1: Primary Judge singles training - up to Preliminary free skate

Phase 2: Juvenile Evaluating training - Preliminary to Sr. Bronze free skate, dance, and skills

Phase 3: Juvenile Judge singles training - up to and including Sr. Bronze free skate, Juvenile competitive

Whether you are a new candidate or are already a Primary or Jr. Bronze evaluator/judge, this clinic is for you. If you have previously attended the Phase 1 portion, this clinic will complete your juvenile training for evaluating and judging. This clinic may not be offered again in its entirety for a very long time, so all interested people are urged to attend.

New & Out-of-Province Candidates \$50.00

SK Evaluators / Judges Continuing Education - No Charge

Registration Deadline: September 15th, 2011

Applications available online at www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com under Events

Evaluators / Judging Eligibility

- Any two of Junior Bronze Free Skating, Skills, Dance; or
- Any one of Senior Bronze Free Skating, Skills, Dance or a Juvenile Competitive test; or
- Any one higher level test.

For further information please contact Allyson Senecal at (306) 882-4180 or email allysenecal@sasktel.net.

Volunteers are like Ford, they have better ideas.

Volunteers are like Coke, they're the real thing.

Volunteers are like VO%, their goodness holds in all weather.

Volunteers are like Hallmark Cards they care enough to give the best.

But most of all: Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes, THEY'RE GREAT!!!

2012 Skate Canada Challenge Event

Skate Canada – Saskatchewan is now recruiting volunteers for the 2012 Skate Canada Challenge Event November 30th – December 4th in Regina.

Volunteer Now! Volunteer registration is now online at www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com under Events.

Badges

Skate Regina has a large selection of old badges for sale at \$0.90 each. Please contact Susan at skateregina@accesscomm.ca for more information.

Office Closure

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

- August 26th (Meeting)
- August 29th (Holiday)
- Sept 5th (Labour Day)



Regional Fall Meetings

Region 1	Oct 1 st	Carlyle	
	Location TBA		10:00 AM
	Contact Tanya –	thejohnstons@sasktel.net	
Region 3	Sept 18 th	Gull Lake	
	Location TBA		11:00 AM
	Contact Denise –	limezero4@gmail.com	
Region 6	Oct 1 st	Yorkton	
	Gallagher Centre		1:00 PM
	Contact Judy –	ivanh@sasktel.net	
Region 7	Sept 25 th	Naicam	
	Location TBA		2:00 PM
	Contact Donna –	hdtfriesen@sasktel.net	
Region 8	Sept 18 th	Delisle	
	Composite High School Library		2:00 PM
	Contact Robyn –	rlarson@sasktel.net	
Region 9	Oct 6 th	Saskatoon	
	Location TBA		7:00 PM
	Contact Cheryl –	cfredekopp@sasktel.net	

Region 10 Sept 11th Kindersley
 Kindersley Hospital Boardroom 2:00 PM
 Contact Dale – daleternes@sasktel.net

Region 11 Oct 1st Tisdale
 Location TBA 1:00 PM
 Contact Lynda – theilbraaten@sasktel.net

Region 13 Oct 1st North Battleford
 Location TBA TBA
 Contact Audrey – ag.greves@sasktel.net

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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Calendar of Events

Subject to Changes

More information online at www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com

Aug 26 – 28	Section Board of Directors Meeting	Candle Lake
Aug 26 – 28	Instruction Beginner CanSkate Course	Saskatoon
Aug 27	Tisdale Summer Skate Experience	Tisdale
Aug 31 – Sept 1	HP / SaskFirst Summer Camp	Regina
Sept 1	Regional Coaching Reps Meeting	Regina
Sept 1	ISPC Sport Science Course	Saskatoon
Sept 2	ISPC Stroking & Skating Skills Course	Saskatoon
Sept 2	Competitive Development Team Summer Camp	Regina
Sept 3	ISPC Singles Course	Saskatoon
Sept 4	ISPC Ice Dance Course	Saskatoon
Sept 5	ISPC Pairs / Synchronized Skating Course	Saskatoon
Sept 11	Region 10 Fall Meeting	Kindersley
Sept 16 – 18	NCCP Primary STARSkate Course	Regina
Sept 16 – 18	Autumn Skate	Ottawa
Sept 18	Region 3 Fall Meeting	Gull Lake
Sept 18	Region 8 Fall Meeting	Delisle
Sept 23 – 25	Isabelle Henderson Competition	Paris
Sept 25	Region 7 Fall Meeting	Naicam
Sept 30 – Oct 1	Juvenile Judging & Evaluating Clinic	Saskatoon
Oct 1	Region 1 Fall Meeting	Carlyle
Oct 1	Region 6 Fall Meeting	Yorkton
Oct 1	Region 11 Fall Meeting	Tisdale
Oct 1	Region 13 Fall Meeting	North Battleford
Oct 6	Region 9 Fall Meeting	Saskatoon
Oct 7 – 9	Sask Skate / Sask Open	Saskatoon
Oct 13 – 16	Octoberfest	Barrie
Oct 21	Skater Development Committee Meeting	Saskatoon
Oct 22	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
Nov 11 – 13	Skate Canada Sectionals – Saskatchewan	Aberdeen
Nov 30 – Dec 4	Skate Canada Challenge Event	Regina
Jan 6	Finance Committee Meeting	Saskatoon
Jan 7	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
Jan 27 – 29	Saskatchewan STARSkate Championships	North Battleford
Feb 20	Great Family Skate	
Feb 24 – 26	Jean Norman Competition	Swift Current
Mar 9	Skater Development Committee Meeting	Saskatoon
Mar 10	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
April 27	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Regina
April 28	Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting	Regina
April 28	Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Skaters' Lottery Draw	Regina

July / August 2011