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Dear Level 1 Certified coaches,

As of September 1, 2004 the old Level 2 coaching course were replaced by the new Intermediate STARSkate Provincial Coach program. There has been some confusion and misunderstanding as to the status of old Level 2 courses and how Level 1 certified coaches fit into the ISPC program. This letter is intended to bring you up to speed on the new program and should help you understand your present status and how to become certified at the ISPC Level. The Coaching Committee of Skate Canada Saskatchewan would like you to become involved in the new ISPC program so you can continue to upgrade and increase your certification. **We have included an Overview of the new ISPC program.**

What is the status of Level 2 courses taken prior to September 1, 2004?

Any Level 2 course completed prior to September 1, 2004 is still valid and is equivalent to the ISPC courses as follows:

Level 2 General Subjects is equivalent to the ISPC Home Study

Level 2 Singles is equivalent to ISPC Sport Science, ISPC Stroking & Skills and ISPC Singles

Level 2 Dance is equivalent to ISPC Sport Science, ISPC Stroking & Skills and ISPC Dance

Level 2 Pairs is equivalent to ISPC Sport Science, ISPC Stroking & Skills and ISPC Pairs

Level 2 Synchronized Skating is equivalent to ISPC Sport Science, ISPC Stroking & Skills and ISPC Synchronized Skating

Candidates that have completed their Level 2 general subjects 2-day course and technical 2-day course in a discipline of choice (pairs, singles, dance, synchro) had until **August 31, 2006** to achieve their certification. Those who have not completed their certification in the old system should contact the NCCP Course Administrator of Skate Canada Saskatchewan at the above numbers.

What is involved with the new ISPC program?

In the new ISPC system there is a **Home Study** and five one day courses offered. These courses are:

ISPC Sport Science

ISPC Stroking & Skating Skills

ISPC Singles

ISPC Dance

ISPC Pairs & Synchronized Skating

Before starting any of the ISPC Courses the ISPC Home Study must be completed. Information and the Home Study Kit can be ordered from the Coaching Department of Skate Canada. **Information regarding the Home Study is enclosed.**

Coaches wishing to take the discipline courses (Singles, Dance and Pairs & Synchronized Skating) must first take the ISPC Sport Science and ISPC Stroking & Skills. Once these have been **completed*** any or all discipline course can be taken. To receive credit for each course a coach must attend the one day course and complete a workbook following the course which is marked by the Learning Facilitator. The coach receives credit for the course once the workbook receives a satisfactory score.

*** A completed course means that a coach has attended the course. They do not need credit for the course. Therefore coaches can register for all five classes at once.**

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Once a discipline course has been completed the practical part of that discipline can then be started. A coach can complete either the practical requirements for the “Intermediate STARSkate Coach” (Path 1) or the requirements for the “Provincial Coach”(Path 2) in Singles and Dance or the “Provincial Coach” in Pairs & Synchronized Skating. For those wanting to receive there practical as an Intermediate STARSkate Coach but do not have the tests required there is a Mentorship program available.

Information on the Intermediate STARSkate Coach Mentorship Program is enclosed.

Once a practical is completed in a discipline and all other ISPC courses have been given a satisfactory mark (received credit) a coach will receive their certification in that discipline. To receive certification a coach also needs their Level 2 Theory or Introduction to Competition Part 2, a valid first aid certificate and must be a coaching member of Skate Canada. If a coach wishes they can become ISPC Certified in all disciplines (Singles, Dance, Pairs and Synchronized Skating.) For accreditation at a competition a coach is considered ISPC certified regardless of the discipline provided it is as a Provincial Coach.

If I have no previous Level 2 courses how do I start in the ISPC Program?

1. Order and complete the Home Study prior to any ISPC Course. Home Study can be sent in with registration for ISPC Courses.
2. Register for any or all ISPC Course starting with ISPC Sport Science and ISPC Stroking & Skills.
3. Complete the workbooks for the courses taken as well as complete the practical requirements in the discipline or disciplines of your chose.

If I have previous Level 2 courses what ISPC courses do I have to take?

- If you only have your Level 2 General Subjects you will have to first take the ISPC Sport Science and ISPC Stroking and Skating Skills and then any or all disciplines of your chose. You will need to receive credit for all five courses to receive certification in desired discipline.
- If you have your Level 2 General Subjects and any Level 2 discipline you can contact the Coaching Department of Saskatchewan to register and receive the practical requirements for the corresponding ISPC discipline. You can start your practical immediately either as a Provincial Coach in Singles, Dance, Pairs or Synchronized Skating or as an Intermediate STARSkate Coach in Singles and Dance.
- To receive your certification in the discipline of your choice you must have all the other Level 2 or ISPC Courses. For example: If you have Your Level 2 General Subjects and Singles and complete the practical requirements in Singles you must complete and receive credit for the ISPC Dance and ISPC Pairs and Synchronized Skating before you receive your ISPC certification in Singles. To receive certification a coach also needs their Level 2 Theory or Introduction to Competition Part 2, a valid first aid certificate and must be a coaching member of Skate Canada.

Additional Comments Information:

As you can tell the change over is a little complicated so if you have any further questions or if you have completed the old Level 2 General Subjects and a Level 2 disciplines and need to register for your practical please contact the Coaching Department at the above numbers. Email is preferred.

The first ISPC Courses were held in Saskatoon in September 2005. Nine coaches registered for all five courses. Several have completed the five courses and are working on their practicals. One has just recently received her ISPC certification in Synchronized Skating. Courses are planned to be held every two years unless there is a yearly demand.

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