

This will be Your **ONLY** mailing this year!

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SKATE CANADA - CENTRAL ONTARIO

On the Edge...

Welcome to the 2003-2004 season. As we enter into this new season, we are also entering into a new phase of coaching development in Central Ontario.

As the second largest coaching membership in Canada, and the second largest skater membership, we believe that we should have one of the best coaching development systems in the country.

This is not an easy task. Tending to the needs of 635 coaches will be challenging. That is why we need YOUR help.

Due to our "fiscal responsibility" policy, funding for printed mailings has diminished. This will be your only mailing for the year. In order to communicate with you, without using the mail, we need to ensure that the Coach Representative at each club has been identified and has provided us with their contact information.

We are also looking for coaches in each area to act as coordinators as well as coaches that are interested in assisting with the delivery of the development agenda.

We need to revitalize the communication of the coaching community, to ensure information is getting to you in a timely fashion and provide to development opportunities for coaches of all levels and disciplines.

A list of clubs with their coaching representatives is on page three. Please check with your club to ensure a coaching representative has been designated. Ensure that we have your current contact information (including email). If there is no coaching rep listed, please decide on how your club will choose one and deliver that information to the Section office at: gary@skatecanada-centralontario.com or 1-877-267-0081 ext 225

If you are interested in helping out in your area to deliver information, act as a contact or help organize seminars, workshops for coaching development; please contact

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Or Tracey Zwiers at teamtracey@orilliapronet.com (705) 327-2206



All Competition Forms now on-line

Entry forms for all COS hosted competitions are available online. They are no longer being sent to the clubs via regular mail.

Please check the Skate Canada-Central Ontario website often at: www.skatecanada-centralontario.com.

NOTE: All COS hosted/co-hosted competitions plus qualifying competitions are posted on this site. Competitions not hosted by COS or competitions that are held out of Section are not posted. (ie: KIS, Scarboro Skate, Minden, Oshawa, etc).

LATE entries for qualifying competitions will NOT be accepted, so ensure your skaters have the entryforms well in advance to avoid disappointment.

Coaches Placement Service

Coaches Placement is a service that Skate Canada-Central Ontario provides to help clubs find coaches who are seeking employment. Coaches interested in this service are encouraged to send me their request. The request should include name, email, locality, proof of NCCP level, proof of 2003-04 membership paid, current first aid, qualifications and any additional details. Once I have at least 10 interested coaches, I will put the list together and distribute it to clubs.

All clubs are encouraged to post a classified on the following pages
<http://www.skatecanada-centralontario.com/cosclassifieds.htm> or
http://www.skatecanada.ca/english/about/member/index_coachad.html.

Please note coaches seeking employment may also post a classified on the second page.

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NCCP Information

Deborah Amigo is the Skating Programs Coordinator for our Section. Her mandate is to offer and organize NCCP courses for our coaches. These are some stats for the courses offered in the past year.

SPRING 2003

L1P1 course	52 participants	22 completed successfully
L1P3 course	26 participants	22 completed successfully
L2 GS course	24 participants	24 completed successfully
L2 S course	20 participants	18 completed successfully
L2 D course	21 participants	16 completed successfully
L3 Theory	9 participants	9 completed successfully
L3 GS	13 participants	13 completed successfully
L3 S course	12 participants	12 completed successfully
L3 D course	6 participants	3 completed successfully
Novice/Gold Evaluator Clinic for Dance	19 participants	15 completed successfully

SUMMER 2003

Novice/Gold Evaluator Clinic for Singles	21 participants	14 completed successfully
L1P1	70 participants	3 completed successfully
L1P3	24 participants	21 completed successfully

SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

3 Fastrack coaches finish Level 1
38 Level 1 Practical completed
6 L2 Singles Practical completed
3 L2 Ice Dancing Practical completed
2 L2 Synchro Practical completed

L1P1 = Level 1 Phase 1
L1P3 = Level 1 Phase 3
L2 = Level 2
GS = General Subjects
S = Singles CPS = CanPowerSkate
D = Dance

CanSkate Update	4 participants	4 completed successfully
CPS	28 participants	22 completed successfully
CPS Update	2 participants	2 completed successfully

Deborah is currently planning dates and courses offered for the upcoming season. If there is a particular course that you would like offered, please contact her so she can record the number of interested participants.

Generally, courses are offered in the spring (May & June) and at the end of summer (late August). These times have been the most popular due to the busy coaching schedules during the rest of the year.

For more information on NCCP courses, please contact Deborah Amigo
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Please note all NCCP Level 4 courses are offered and administered by Skate Canada directly. However, if there is enough interest in our section, we could offer them here.

NCCP Level 2 Program Change

Effective immediately – At its recent September conference call meeting, the Education and Training Coaching Subcommittee passed a motion to eliminate the Novice/Gold/Evaluator/Judge clinic attendance for Level 2 Dance and Singles coaches with the following requirement:

All Level 2 candidates must complete one (1) of the following four (4) Evaluator/Judge Practical Observation:

1. Observe a test session (Senior Bronze/Junior Silver – Novice/Pre-Novice)
2. Conduct an interview (STARSkate – discipline specific questions)
3. Attend a coach/judge forum (Club, Section)
4. Attend a competition (Interclub, Regional, Sectional, Festival)



Call Deborah for details.

Level 2 candidates may wish to complete any one (1) of the four (4) options of their choice but the following are discipline specific options:

- Singles, Dance, Pairs – all four options apply
- Synchronized Skating – only options 3 and 4 apply

Information on the above options is available from Deborah Amigo for distribution to all Level 2 candidates that have yet to achieved a Level 2 certification in any given discipline. If you are in this situation, please contact:

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Central Ontario Clubs and Their Coaching Reps -

ACTON FIGURE SKATING CLUB	Colleen Melanson	MARKDALE FSC	Cathy Champagne-Baker	WEST TORONTO SC	
AJAX SKATING CLUB	Pam Brown	MARKHAM SC	Michelle Britten	WESTON SC	
ARTHUR & AREA SC		MEAFORD AMAT. ATH. FSC		WIARTON DISTRICT FSC	Val Weber
AURORA SKATING CLUB	Jo-Anne Scott	MILDMAY CARRICK FSC		WOODBINE WC	
BARRIE SC	Greg Myles	MILTON SC	Nancy McDonnell-Lemaire	WOODBIDGE FSC	
BASE BORDEN FSC	Jason Turner	MISSISSAUGA FSC	Judy Williams-Hill	Y.R.S.A. WINTER CLUB	Gregor Filipowski
BEAVER VALLEY FSC		MOUNT FOREST SC	Karen Moore		
BEETON SC		NEWMARKET SC			
BELMORE FSC		NOBLETON SC			
BOLTON SC		NORMANBY SC			
BOND LAKE SC		NORTH TORONTO SC	David Long		
BRADFORD & DISTRICT SC	Scott Grover	NORTH WESTERN SKATING CLUB			
CALEDON CENTENNIAL SC	Tara Dawdles	OAKVILLE SC	Marion Gowing		
CANADIAN ICE ACADEMY		ORILLIA FSC	Tracey Zwiers/Gail Duck		
CENTENNIAL PARK SC	Leanne Pilon	ORO MEDONTE CLUB			
CENTRAL TORONTO SC	Richard O'Neill	OSPREY FSC			
CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY SC		OWEN SOUND SC	Colleen Harrison		
CHESLEY & DISTRICT SC	Sarah Cavill	PAISLEY SC INC.			
CHINGUACOUSY FSC	Judy McArthur	PALMERSTON SC			
COLDWATER & DIST FSC	Linda Vandertas	PENETANGUISHENE FSC			
COLLINGWOOD SKATING CLUB		PINE POINT FSC			
CREEMORE FSC	Anita Verstraten	PORT CREDIT FSC	Danielle Rutledge		
DRAYTON & DISTRICT FSC	Kelly Culp	RICHMOND HILL FSC	Debbie Bolton		
DUFFERIN-PEEL SC	Patty Lambertus	RICHMOND TRAINING CENTRE			
DURHAM & DISTRICT FSC		RIPLEY HURON SC			
EAST GWILLIMBURY SC		SAUGEEN SHORES SC	Sue Bockton		
EAST YORK SKATING CLUB	Sandy Johnston	SCARBORO FSC	Renate Tomasella		
ELMVALE SKATING CLUB	Karen Kelly	SCHOMBERG SKATING CLUB			
ELORA SKATING CLUB		SHALLOW LAKE SKATING CLUB	Leanne Ruth		
ERIN FSC		SHELBURNE FSC			
FERGUS SKATING CLUB	Leslie Baker	SILVER BLADES SC	Denise McCuckin		
FOREST HILL FSC	Stacey Miller-Kheyfets	SKATE CANADA- ALLISTON	Stacey Taylor		
GEORGETOWN FSC	Lisa Sherk	SKATE CANADA - ANGUS CENTRE			
GEORGINA SC	Julia Wilson	SKATE CANADA - BRAMPTON	Debbi Elliot		
GRAND VALLEY	Jannine Zolteck	SKATE CANADA - ORANGEVILLE	Karla Galbraith		
GRANITE CLUB LTD.SK. SECT	Josee Chouinard/ Paul Norman	SKATE CANADA - PICKERING SC	Linda Donnelly		
HANOVER & DISTRICT FSC		SKATE CANADA LAKESIDE			
HARRISTON SC		SKATE MIDLAND	Marcia Bell		
HIGHPOINT SC		SKATE WALLACE			
HILLSBURGH FSC	Jennifer Lanois	SPORT SENECA			
HILLTOP SKATING CLUB		STAYNER FSC			
HONEYWOOD FSC		STOUFFVILLE FSC			
HOWICK SC		STREETSVILLE MEADOWVALE FSC	Judy Swallow		
INNISFIL FSC	Debbie Neufeld	T.C.S.&C.C.	Ernest Pryhitka		
KINCARDINE SC		TARA FSC			
KING CITY FSC	Natasha Faiola	THORNHILL FSC			
LEASIDE SC	Teri Black-Calleri	THORNTON SC	Lynn Pattenden		
LEFROY SKATING CLUB		TIVERTON SC			
LION'S HEAD & DISTRICT FSC		TOTTENHAM & DISTRICT FSC			
MARIPOSA WINTER CLUB	Doug Leigh	UNIONVILLE SC			
		UNIVERSITY SC	Shirley Prokopiszyn		
		UPPER CANADA SC			
		WALKERTON FSC			
		WASAGA BEACH FSC	Corrie Spring		

How do you choose a coach's rep for your club???

Each set of club coaches can decide how they will choose their rep. for the year.

The method can even change year to year.

Here are some examples:

Rotate the position - Each year a new coach takes on the job.

Vote - Have the coaches in the club vote on their rep.

Appoint - Mutually agree on an appointed coach to be the rep.

Club coaches like to rotate the role of the rep. so that one coach is not in the position all year (ie: coaches rotate going to meetings etc.) In this case, you must appoint or elect a coach to be a contact for section communication!!!

The club coaches are in charge of their own policy to elect their rep. Have a meeting to discuss which method is best for your situation. Be clear on the role of the Coaches' Rep. Ensure that all parties understand and agree.



Membership Stats for 2000-01 & 2001-02

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"The most important thing is to love your sport. Never do it to please someone else. It has to be yours."
Peggy Fleming, Olympic Gold Medalist



Section	2000-01	2001-02	2000-01	2001-02	2000-01	2001-02
	Clubs		Members		Coaches	
BC/YK	121	119	18,137	16,211	347	357
AB/NWT/NU	181	188	17,766	18,297	433	459
SK	208	201	12,255	10,701	202	207
MB	105	101	6,417	6,050	147	145
NO	80	80	8,069	7,412	169	172
WO	116	116	26,530	25,579	590	596
CO	111	110	29,087	28,836	647	635
EO	101	100	16,496	16,029	392	406
QC	273	269	34,376	33,112	1,073	1,083
NB	50	49	5,063	4,819	87	87
NS	47	45	4,781	4,577	95	101
PE	14	14	1,740	1,545	21	17
NF/LB	38	34	4,052	4,087	51	52

How will we communicate in the future???

Our mission is to establish a new highway of communication for the coaching community. The Coaches Committee was disbanded two years ago with the hope that new, more efficient working committees would start up and tackle the needs of the coaching community.

This has already started with a working committee comprised of coaches and judges for Skater Development (see flyer in the mailing titled "Skater Development—What's New?").

However, we still have work to do. We need to establish a contact for EVERY club. We also need to establish a contact for every area. If we can build a database of email addresses, we can email information to you directly. Coaches that do not have access to email will be contacted by the Area Rep. or will be informed by the coach rep at their club.

We also need to start working on new development opportunities. The last coaches forum/conference was held over five years ago. It is time to plan a new one!

Your input and time is valuable to us. Let us know your thoughts and if you are able to be a lend a hand.

Club reps, Area reps and correct contact information!

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Coaches Hospitality Rooms

At many competitions, coaches are welcomed by a hospitality room. This is a room where you can sit, possibly get warm, have something to drink and a quick nibble before you are off with the next skater.

Hospitality Rooms are usually organized by the coaching staff at the host club. They are not mandatory nor should they be expected. It is not a mandate of the section to feed coaches at competitions.

For section hosted competitions (like the Thornhill Summer competition), there is no host club. Therefore, there is no coaching staff to organize such a room. The section usually tries to offer something on their own but, with tending to the needs of 50 judges and numerous more ice captains, music players and other **VOLUNTEERS**, it is very difficult. There is usually only two people in the kitchen preparing food for the entire weekend.

A BIG thanks goes out to the coaches who attended this year's Summer Skate and brought in food, prepared cheese, checked on the coffee and tidied up the room; Katherine Cruickshank, Patricia Glenwright, Scott Cornfoot, Leisa Rau to name a few.

Another thank you goes out to the coaching staff at YRSA who have organized a hospitality room for Sub-sectionals.

We are looking for coaches to help us out with the Hospitality Room for Sectionals at Ice Gardens. If you are able to contribute, please contact Tracey Zwiers.

Thanks again to all the coaches who have offered Hospitality Rooms in the past, your work and efforts are greatly appreciated!