

# COS Summer Newsletter

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## 2011-2012 Officials Committee

We are pleased to announce the members of the COS Evaluator/Judge Committee for the coming skating season and the roles they will be assuming. Please feel free to contact any of the members if you have any questions or concerns. Contact information can be obtained through Patrick Way at the COS Office (905) 760-9100 ext 227.

**Chair**—Robert Hatfield

**Judges Bureau**—Patrick Way

**Officials Development:**

Primary/Juvenile/Novice—Glenda Power

High/Senior and Synchro—Laura McLellan

Technical Panel—Deanna Tomietto

**Secretary**—Cathie Tonkin

**Web Site**—Reaghan Fawcett

Erin Chellew recently announced her resignation from the committee. The committee would like to thank her for all her efforts on behalf of the section in the past several years and wish her all the best in the coming years.

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## 2010/2011 Season Award Winners

**Skate Canada Official Award Winner—**

*Debbie Islam*



**COS Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Barb Hardinge*



**COS Official of the Year**

*Limin Jao*



**COS Evaluator of the Year**

*Bob Maurice*

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## **July 1, 2011—New test Sheets for the Program Section of all evaluated Free Skate**

### **Tests:**

The STARSkate Free Skate Test - Free program (Part 2) requirements have been changed to reflect the Well Balanced Program criteria for the corresponding competition level. As a result, new test sheets have been issued for all evaluated free skate programs. Please ensure that any free skate test sheet used after July 1, 2011 is a new test sheet.

Skate Canada has created an instructional document on how to use the revised test sheets. The *Revised Test Sheet Instructions for Officials* is posted on the Skate Canada website under Members Only—Members/Officials/ Test Sheet Guidelines.

### **Conduct at Test Days and Competitions:**

Officials are reminded that any comments regarding the caliber of a skater and/or partner, if necessary, should be directed to the skater's coach. Casual conversations of such should be avoided at all times.

At any competition or test day, not all coaches, skaters or officials will agree with a result. Both coaches and officials are there for the skater, and in all instances, the situation should be handled professionally on both sides.

Any official may contact a member of the Officials Committee if they feel they require support or advice on any situation that might occur. We have, or if necessary, can provide advice and rulings to help you.

### **Evaluator Mentored Tests:**

The COS office maintains a list of qualified mentors, derived from the evaluators in the section, who have both the experience and knowledge to determine if an evaluator is ready to advance to the next level of tests. Please ensure that any mentored test is carried out with a designated mentor from this list.

### **Primary Evaluators:**

Primary evaluators are reminded that you cannot be both a judge/evaluator and coach at the same time. Coaching will negate your ability to be a judge/evaluator.

## **Upcoming CPC Competition Dates**

Figure Skating Boutique COS Summer Skate—August 11-14, 2011—Thornhill Community Centre, Thornhill

Figure Skating Boutique Octoberfest—October 13-16, 2011—Allandale Recreation Centre, Barrie

KIS—November 2011—Keswick

Skate Canada Sectionals Central Ontario—November 10-13, 2011—Milton Sports Centre, Milton

2012 Figure Skating Boutique COS STARSkate Championships—February 17-19, 2012—

Cassie Campbell Community Centre, Brampton

Figure Skating Boutique March Mania—March 2-4, 2012, Innisfil Recreational Complex, Innisfil

2012 Ontario Winter Games—March 9-11, Barrie

COS lost a long time judge, evaluator, friend and mentor last month with the passing of Grace Elliott. She will be missed by her skating family and friends. We extend our condolences to her family.

## Upcoming Clinics:

In addition to holding two successful Primary Clinics this past season, the following new clinics are planned for the coming months:

Primary—Fall of 2011

Pre-Novice/Novice—late July/early August 2011

Level I Technical Judge—Fall of 2011

Please review the COS website for final dates, times, locations and sign up information.

**If you are interested in a Dance and/or Pairs clinic, please contact Glenda Power. If numbers warrant a clinic will be held.**

## COS Officials Page

Be sure to check out the Officials section of the COS website as it is changing daily. One new feature sure to help any official going for promotion is a chart containing all the requirements for each level of evaluating and judging. Included is a link to the exam for each level and the number of successful reports or trial evaluating tests required, etc. The site also provides dates and locations, as they become available, for all upcoming 2011/2012 competitions.

## Congratulations to the following officials on their recent promotions:

Karen Beattie—Canadian Synchro Referee

Breanne Frankish—Juvenile Singles

Jennifer Fyfe—Senior Synchro

Megan Grattop—Novice Synchro

Limin Jao—Senior Synchro

Sharon Miller—Juvenile Singles

Megan Racey—Senior Bronze Dance, Free Skate, Skills

Mark Scott—Senior Bronze Skills

Michelle Swan—Juvenile Singles

Jill Watson—Interpretive

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