

Evaluator/Judges Newsletter



Skate Canada Manitoba

New skating season begins

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Welcome to a new and exciting season in the world of Figure Skating! The season is already well underway and the time has come to pull on parkas and toques and **Sparkly Spandex!** (Thankfully we wear the former, not the later!)

This newsletter is coming to you from the state of Indiana (Carrie's current residence) via the Skate Canada Manitoba Section Office, thanks to our tireless Section Staff (Shauna, Darcy & Lois). Let me take the time to introduce this year's Officials Committee members (see info in next column. Please feel free to contact the committee members anytime via email.

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Please be informed

As you know with the start of any skating season lots of changes and updates have taken place. It is your responsibility to make sure that you are on top of these changes.

Below are links to many of the new changes.

Please check out the [Skate Canada Manitoba](#) website and [Skate Canada](#), before heading to the rink just to make sure that there are no changes that will catch you off guard.

COMPETITIVE

Singles/Pairs/General

[2008-2009 Pre-Event Technical Package](#)

[Technical Clarifications](#)

[Positive aspects for GOE](#)

[GOE Guide Singles Short & Free Program](#)

[Program Component Bench Marks for Competitive Tests](#)

[GOE Guide Pairs Short & Free Program](#)

GENERAL

[Duties of the Technical Representative/Chief Referee](#)

[Skate Canada Manitoba Officials](#)

STARSKATE

[2008 2009 STARSkate Well-Balanced Program Requirements](#)

[2008 2009 STARSkate Competition Technical Package](#)

[Regulation Change for Skating Skills Tests](#)

[2008-2009 Skate Canada Manitoba Test Days](#)

COMPETITIVE

Dance

[GOE Guide Dance](#)

[Compulsory](#)

[Major errors & key points](#)

[Compulsory Dances](#)

[GOE Guide Dance OD & FD](#)

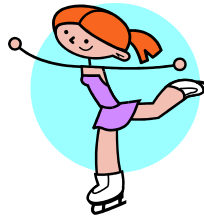
[Guidelines for Original](#)

[Dance](#)

[Marking guide program](#)

[Components dance](#)

All of the updates from the Skate Canada Website is in the "Members Only" Section of the website, so you will need to be registered for this year in order for you to log in and view the updates. The updates that are on the Skate Canada Manitoba site are either on the Officials page or the Coaches page.



IMPORTANT NOTES

COMPETITIONS

Please let Diane Brine know of your availability for Competitions. Diane has sent out a list to all Judges. PLEASE RESPOND PROMPTLY. If you have questions please contact Diane.

OUT OF PROVINCE

Just a reminder, if you are invited to Judge/Evaluate Out-of-Province

– It **MUST** go through the committee first. Please let us know if you have an invite. Contact **Diane Brine** for **competition** invites & **Diane Harder** for **Test Days**.

CONFLICTS

If you have **conflicts** regarding judging/evaluating particular skaters, please make sure that you advise the Tech Rep./Chief Referee or the Test Chair in advance of the event.

RESPECT IN SPORT

Is required for coaches, but is also great of judges. We strongly encourage you to take

IMPORTANT NOTES - continued

Respect in Sport - continued

...advantage of this great resource. This program is available through the [Sport Manitoba](#) website.

REGISTRATION

Please make sure that you are registered for the 2008-2009 season. You can do this by going to the Members only section of the Skate Canada website.

If you do not have your photo ID, or if you have not received your 2008-2009 sticker (and know that you

are registered), please contact the Section Office 925-5708 shauna.m@mbskates.ca

Once you are registered please go onto the Skate Canada website (Members Only) to ensure that your contact information is correct, if not please update it.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION

If you see a skater at a Test Day, Regional Competition, FunSkate, who you feel has talent or potential please forward the skaters name, club affiliation, level/event and

coaches name to Darcy Routledge programcoordinator@mbskates.ca so that the information can be forwarded on.

PROMOTIONS

If you are working on a promotion, please make sure that Bernice Lucas is aware of what you need, so she can assist you in achieving your goal. Let her know what areas have been helpful for you in the past in terms of Trial judging, clinics, event discussions etc.

RECRUITMENT

If you know of anyone interested in judging/evaluating, please pass their name and contact information onto Bernice Lucas.

CLINICS/WORKSHOPS

Please contact Bernice Lucas or Diane Brine to let them know what type of Clinics/workshops that you would like to see the Section hold either for the 2008-2009 skating year or for 2009-2010.

TECHNICAL SPECIALIST & TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS

Please let Carrie Martens or Shauna Marling know what information that you would like to see in the next newsletter, as we know that there isn't anything specifically for you.

If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in putting their names forward for becoming a TS or TC please have them contact Diane Brine, Shauna Marling or Don Brown.

MISCELLANEOUS

* Skate Canada Manitoba Raffle Tickets are available for you to sell or purchase (\$2 or 3 for \$5)

* Skate Canada Manitoba Merchandise is available see website for photo and prices

* If you have questions, comments or concerns regarding officials please contact Diane Brine or Don Brown.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SYNCHRO SKATING CLINIC

When: October 18, 2008-10-06

Where: Morden, MB – Morden Arena

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Registration deadline: October 14

Coaches and Officials welcome to attend

Cost: \$25.00

The clinic is for Novice and Up, both off and on ice sessions.

Clinician: Saara Pulkkinen – Co-Coach of Gold Ice

For more information go to www.mbskates.ca

2009 BMO Skate Canada Manitoba Sectional Championships

November 7 & 8 2008

Altona Manitoba

Competition Schedule will be posted on www.mbskates.ca



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2008 -2009 Calendar of Events

October

Oct 1 Competitive Test Deadline
Oct 1 – Competitive Age “as of” deadline
Oct 10-12 – Sask Skate/Sask Open
Oct 18 – Synchro Skating Clinic (Morden)
Oct 23 – Synchro’s a Scream (Brandon)

November

Nov 7-8 – Sectionals (Altona)
Nov 28-30 SuperSkate (Winnipeg – Terry Sawchuk Arena)

December

Dec 3-7 Western Challenge (Mississauga)
Dec 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS

January

Jan 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Jan 9 & 10 Virden FunSkate
Jan 12-18 Canadians (Saskatoon)
Jan 10 Eastman STARSkate Regionals
Jan 11 Interlake STARSkate Regionals
Jan 17 Winnipeg STARSkate Regionals
Jan 17 North & South Westman STARSkate Regionals
Jan 18 Parkland STARSkate Regionals
Jan 24 Norman STARSkate Regionals
Jan 24 Pembina Valley STARSkate Regionals
Jan 25 Central Plains STARSkate Regionals
Jan 31-Feb 1 –Western Festival of Synchro

February

Feb 8 Synchro Sectionals (Beausejour)
Feb 13-15 MB Open (Dauphin)
Feb 11-14 Jr. National (Calgary)

March

Mar 6-7 Skate Canada Manitoba STARSkate Championships (Carberry)
Mar 22 Crocus Invitational
Mar 27-29 Stony Mountain Competition

April

April 1-5 HomeSense National STARSkate Championships (Fredericton)
April 18 Grassroots Bursary Ice Show and Dinner (Winnipeg)
April 24-25 Skate Canada Manitoba Annual General Meeting (Winnipeg)
April 24 – Awards Gala Evening
April 25-26 – Provincial Team Seminar

May

TBA – Highlander Competition (Wpg)

June

June 3-6 Skate Canada Annual Conference & General Meeting (Edmonton)