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Approved Clinicians

Skate Canada – Manitoba

PA Motivational Clinics

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Sharlene grew up on a farm near Deloraine and was a member of the Deloraine Figure Skating Club. She completed her Gold Skills, Gold Dance, Gold Interpretive, Senior Silver Free Skate Elements, and Third Figure.

Sharlene began helping with CanSkate at the age of 12 in Deloraine. Since then, Sharlene has continued coaching CanSkate, as well as singles, synchronized skating and CanPowerSkate at various clubs in Manitoba. Sharlene completed her NCCP Level II in singles in July 2005 and also has her CanPowerSkate certification. Sharlene is a PA Motivational Clinician for Manitoba. In 2008, Sharlene was selected as one of the top 20 Best of the Best CanSkate coaches by Skate Canada. Currently Sharlene coaches at the Melita, Deloraine and Waskada Skating Clubs.

Sharlene graduated from the U of M in 2004 with a degree in Agriculture and is currently farming with her husband. Sharlene enjoys working with young skaters and believes that skating should be a fun sport that encourages children to be active, creative, independent and dedicated while learning in a safe environment.

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My name is Leigh Nesbitt. I coached skating for the last 7 years in Swan River and 5 years in Benito and recently moved to Cross Lake. I am a Level 1 Certified Coach, CanPowerSkate certified and have completed ISPC technical training as well as Intro to Competition B and the Respect in Sport course. I also attained Gold Level CEP for the last cycle.

My skating career began in...well you don't want to know the year, but I started participating in CanSkate with the Gillam Figure Skating Club. I officially began as a CanSkate "Instructor" (it wasn't called PA back then) in 1989 with the Stonewall Figure Skating Club and helped with CanSkate in Stonewall until 1995. Over the years I was able to take part in the old CanSkate Instructors Clinic, and CanFigureSkate Instructors Clinic as well as the Advanced CanFigureSkate Instructors Clinic (1993) and loved working with the young skaters in the CanSkate and CanFigureSkate programs.

Now that I'm the Professional Coach, I truly understand how important our PA's are to the CanSkate program. I know CanSkate is the most important program Skate Canada runs as this is where we inspire children to continue skating, whether it's in ringette or hockey programs or figure skating. I think we have a responsibility to our Program Assistants to show them how much we coaches rely on their new ideas and high energy to make our CanSkate programs the best they can be. I believe that if our Program Assistants are having fun, it's bound to be fun for our CanSkate kids. I'm excited to be a PA Motivational Clinician so I can share my ideas and hopefully learn something from each clinic I run.

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My name is Megan Svistovski, and I LOVE coaching in the CanSkate program! I know that the skaters we see wobbling on the ice today are the same skaters we will see on the Olympic podium in years to come. Whether it is figure skating, hockey, ringette, or speed skating, there are future champions walking into our rinks every week! As a CanSkate coach, it is my job to begin their career.

I began skating with the Souris Figure Skating Club when I was four years old. I continued there until I was 17, as a dedicated member of the club's Synchro program. I tested levels in Skills, Dance and Freeskate as well. As part of SFSC's CanSkate program, I was a PA for seven years, and was an assistant coach with two of the three Synchro teams.

I began my professional coaching career in Treherne MB in 2003, coaching their CanSkate and Synchro programs. Since then, I have coached in Holland, Souris and most recently in Brandon MB where I coach as part of the CanSkate, CanPowerSkate, Rising Stars, and Synchronized skating programs. I am NCCP Level 1 certified, including certification as a CanPowerSkate coach, have completed both my 'Respect in Sport' and 'Making Ethical Decisions' online courses, and have achieved a Gold status in the past two CEP cycles. I have also begun the process of my ISCP (formerly NCCP Level 2) certification.

In 2009, I was the recipient of the Skate Canada Manitoba Club and Recreation Coach Award of Excellence, was a nominee for a Sport Manitoba Coaching Award of Excellence in the Developmental category, and a recipient of the Skate Canada Best of the Best CanSkate Coaches Award.

Off the ice, I sit on the SCR Core Committee as the CanSkate Rep, am the Media & Publicity Coordinator for the Skate Brandon Board of Directors, and have been a PA Motivational Clinician since 2007. In 2005, I graduated from Brandon University with my Bachelor of Arts, and am the Coordinator Special Events with the Canadian Cancer Society – Manitoba Division. I am currently living and loving life in Brandon MB!