

Coaches' Newsletter

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BackCheck Due??

A reminder to all coaches that the Back-Check Police Clearance expires after three years. For most of you, a new BackCheck police clearance check will need to be completed for 2008-2009 skating season. Please allow yourself the extra it may take to process the Back-Check Police Clearance prior to registering in time for the start of next skating season. The BackCheck Police Clearance forms can be found on the Skate Canada—members only website. As well as the Skate Canada Manitoba website.

Coaches AGM

This year's Coaches' AGM will be another exciting and well-informed event. The Coaches' AGM will be taking place Friday, April 25, 2008 at the Victoria Inn on Victoria Avenue West in Brandon. All coaches, recreational to competitive are encouraged to attend the workshop and meetings, as there will be information to learn for everyone. Make sure to pre-register by April 18, 2008 — registration available on website.

Coaches AGM

- 6:30—7:00 pm Registration
- 7:00 pm Call to Order
- 7:00-8:00 pm CanSkate/STARSkate Bridge Program
Skater Management
Talent ID Workshop
- 8:00-8:45 pm STARSkate CPC with Guest Panel
- 8:45-9:30 pm Closing and Adjournment

Provincial Team Seminar

Even if you do not have a skater on the Provincial Team, all coaches are invited to observe this year's seminar featuring Competitive Coach, Scott Davis. Scott is a If you are interested in attending the seminar as an observer, please contact Darcy Routledge at programcoordinator@mbskates.ca for further information and registration form. Limited space available.

Competition Registration

ALL coaches are reminded the proper procedure for registering their skaters for a competition:

- Have skater complete registration with personal information leaving the events blank.
- Discuss with your skater the events and categories the skater is qualified to compete in.
- Have skater complete the registration for the events as per discussion with coach .
- Coach to sign registration form
- Have club test chair review and sign the completed registration form to verify information.

This procedure may be a little timely. However, it ensures the skater is registered in the correct event they are qualified for. It has becoming more apparent that this procedure is not be followed which results in skaters entering into the wrong event then possibly having a negative experience. The coach is responsible in confirming the skaters are entering in to the events skaters are qualified for.



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A word from the Section's Coaches Rep—MaryAnn Penner

As I come to the end of my first 2 year term as the Skate Canada Manitoba—Section Coaches Rep (SCR), I can look back and see all the good things that have taken place. We, as Coaches, are being represented at the Section Board level as well as many working committees and sub committees. These Coaches, along with myself, sit on these committees bringing integrity, knowledge and professionalism to the table. Serving at the National Level has given me the experience and knowledge to help me with my position as SCR.

I can see that skating in our Province has benefited from our involvement. I have seen Officials and Coaches come together to ensure we are on the same page and so we can both learn from each other. Skating Programs has been input from Coaches on the Canada Games Committee, Talent ID and the new Jr. TOBA Team programs. These programs have excelled and I am so proud to see this benefit our skaters and Coaches alike.

Communication has been in the forefront. You have been so diligent at sending back numerous surveys, questionnaires and feedback requests. This is such an efficient way to have your voice heard. I hope you continue to do so in the future. Thank you for attending the Coaching meetings whether at the Regional or Provincial level.

I would like to Thank the Coaches who serve as Regional Coaches Reps and on the SCR Core Committee. I applaud your hard work and dedication to your volunteer position.

The winter has been filled with many event sin all parts of your province and country. There have been so many coaches doing great things. Congratulations to those who had skaters at Westerns, Jr. Nationals and Sr. Canadians and National STAR-Skate Events, as well as Western and National Sycnhro Competitions. Usually only one coach attends these events with the skater (s) and we know there are those supportive coaches back home holding down the fort!

I encourage you to continue to strive for excellence, further your education/knowledge base of our sport and continue to support our Section, Regions and Clubs as they all have the skater's best interest at heart. They say it takes a village to raise a child, well in our sport, it takes a contingency to train a skater!

Thanks for all your support over the last 2 years, I have truly appreciated it. You are a group that I am proud to represent.

I hope to see you all at the AGM and events taking place in Brandon, April 25-27th.
Also, don't forget the Skate Canada ACGM in Regina, May 28-31st.

With Respect,

MaryAnn Penner
Skate Canada Manitoba Coaches Rep



Respect in Sport

Sport Manitoba believes in being proactive in ensuring sport in our province is safe and welcoming for all participants.

Respect in Sport helps Sport Manitoba promote those values through a simple and convenient on-line training course for coaches and sport leaders. It is designed as a tool to assist coaches in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment, and bullying in sport.

Respect in Sport enables coaches to deal with legal and moral responsibilities, making them less vulnerable and more confident in dealing with sensitive issues

About the Course

- The course is three hours in length, divided into six one-half hour modules.
- It can be completed at the coach's leisure, in its entirety or in segments at their own pace.
- The program is available in both English and French.

The training is provided free of charge to all coaches. For more information visit the Sport Manitoba website at www.sportmanitoba.ca.

2007-08 Skate Canada-Manitoba Competitions

Thank you to all the Coaches who worked hard throughout the 2007-08 Skating Season in preparing the skaters who attended competitions throughout the province.

Congratulation to the skaters and coaches who qualified and competed at Skate Canada qualifying events.

Western Challenge

Kaleigh Hole—Junior Women—6th
 Alyx Hewins—Junior Women—16th
 Debbie Zomer—Junior Women—12th
 Devon Shceirich—Junior Women—20th
 Holly Peyton—Novice Women—22nd
 Madison Stewart—Novice Women—19th
 Janelle Langlais—Novice Women—23rd

Brittany Hewlko—Novice Women—24th
 Julie Hechler—Pre-Novice Women—22nd
 Deidre Russell—Pre-Novice Women—15th
 Holly Grabowecky—Pre-Novice Women—16th
 Stacey Woods—Pre-Novice Women—19th
 Lee Chandler—Novice Men—14th
 Aaron Stanley—Pre-Novice Men—13th
 Tamiko Uyeda/Martin Nickel—Junior Dance—7th

Junior Nationals

Jaime Wong—Juvenile Women—13th
 Kevin Chen—Juvenile Men—7th

Nationals

Tamiko Uyeda/Martin Nickel—Junior Dance—14th
 Kaleigh Hole—Junior Women—22nd

Western Festival Synchro Championships

U of M Ice Intrepid—Junior—2nd
 Collaboration—Junior—6th
 Wheat City ConnXion—Junior—10th
 Pembina Pizazz—Junior—14th
 Pembina Pizazz—Pre-Novice—8th
 Pembina Pizazz—Juvenile—2nd
 Pembina Petite Pizazz—Pre-Juv—3rd

Synchro Nationals

U of M Ice Intrepid—Junior—10th
 Collaboration—Junior—3th

STARSSkate Nationals

Andrea Wogelmuth—Gold Triathlon—th
 Carolynne Saindon—Silver Triathlon—nd
 Bree Langlais—Bronze Triathlon—th

NCCP: Get Certified

This spring Skate Canada Manitoba will be offering a variety of NCCP courses. All registration forms for the courses can be found on the Skate Canada Manitoba website at www.mbskates.ca.

Phase I – CanSkate Course

April 19th –20th, 2008

Gateway Community Centre, Winnipeg

Pre-requisites: Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate, Dance, Skating Skills tests and one Junior Bronze test.

Deadline is April 4, 2008

Phase 3 – Primary STARSSkate Coach Course

May 4th—6th, 2008

Max Bell Centre, U of M

Pre-requisites: Must have completed the CanSkate Course, CanSkate Assignment and Phase 2 Home Study Assignment.

Deadline is April 21, 2008

ISPC Courses (formerly Level 2)

Sport Science, Stroking & Skating Skills, Singles, Pairs & Synchro and Dance Courses

April 16th-20th, 2008

Gateway Community Centre—Winnipeg

Pre-requisite: Completion of Level 1 Technical Courses

Deadline is March 31, 2008

CanPowerSkate Course

Will be offered in August or September of 2008

Pre-requisite: Phase 1 CanSkate Course and CanSkate Assignment or Level 2 Hockey Technical or Level 2 Ringette Technical



We're on the web!
Skate Canada Manitoba
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2008 Prairie Skate Competition

Skate Canada-Manitoba and Skate Canada-Saskatchewan are once again proud to offer the 6th Annual Prairie Skate Competition. The competition will be hosted by Saskatchewan on August 8th, 9th & 10th, 2008 in Regina. The competition announcement and registration forms will be available shortly and will be emailed to all coaches. Also, check the Skate Canada Manitoba or Skate Canada Saskatchewan website for information.

Manitoba Grassroots Bursary Fund

The Trustees of the Manitoba Grassroots Bursary fund would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the

25th Anniversary Ice Show & Dinner

will be held the evening of Saturday April 12, 2008 at the St. James Civic Centre and the Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, Manitoba. They sincerely hope that you give them your support and participation.

Dinner and Ice Show
\$50.00

Junior Dinner Tickets
(12 & under) \$20.00

Ice Show Only
\$10.00 and (12 & under) \$5.00

Reserve your table early and RSVP to:

Gordon Linney (Winnipeg) – 284-7801

Pat Ball (Winnipeg) – 772-7439

Hillary Baker (Brandon) – 725-2877

Pearl Humenny (Winnipeg) – 837-4965

Ice Show: 4:00 pm at St. James Civic Centre

Cocktails: 6:30 pm Victoria Inn

Dinner: 7:00 pm Victoria Inn

Please note that the Bursary Dinner does not takes place during the weekend of the Skate Canada Manitoba Annual General Meeting.



Regional Coaches' Representatives 2007-08

Remember—for any coaching issues, concerns or questions, your first point of contact should be with your Regional Coaches' Representative.

If the Coaches Rep has changed in your region for the upcoming season, please let Mary Ann Penner and Darcy Routledge know the updated information.

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Bits & Bites

- On-ice Coaches Supervisions—**
 As stipulated in the Skate Canada skating program delivery standards, a certified and registered coach must be present on the ice. In cases where a coach can not be present due to certain circumstance (i.e. illness, bad weather, coaches away at competitions, etc.) an Executive Member with a valid first aid should be assigned by the club (well in advance) to monitor STARSkate and competitive sessions by the boards (not on the ice) and provide first aid services if needed.
- First Aid Certification—**
 A reminder to all coaches that to keep your current Skate Canada coach membership valid, you **MUST** have a current first aid. If your first aid expires through the skating season, then you must re-certify prior to the expiry date otherwise your coach membership becomes invalid. Coaches who are an active member of a group of licensed health care professionals are not required to complete an additional first aid course for the purposes of certification and accreditation. Another approved first aid course in Winnipeg is the Emergency First with CPR Level A by heat Beat Inc.
- Summer Months—**
 A reminder to keep yourself updated with technical changes throughout the summer months on the Skate Canada website www.skatecanada.ca
- Program Coordinator Office Hours—**Please note Darcy Routledge, Program Coordinator office hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. I can be reached on Tuesdays and Thursdays by email at programcoordinator@mbskates.ca .
- New Students—**
 When taking on new students, coaches are encouraged research your new students history, including: Birthdate, tests passed, program length.



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**Check out our website at
www.mbskates.ca
 for all the latest news and
 information.**

**If there is something that you would
 like to see included in the next
 newsletter,
 please let us know at
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