

Coaches Newsletter

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ARE YOU REGISTERED?

All Skate Canada Coaches are required to be registered for the 2009-10 season **before** they start coaching any Skate Canada programs. Coaches can register on-line on the Skate Canada website, www.skatecanada.ca, members log-in. All new coaches are required to complete the BackCheck Police Clearance check and submit Skate Canada coaches registration forms by mail. The registration procedures and forms can be found on the Skate Canada website in the members log in under the coaches section. Once a coach registers they should provide their club with documentation of proof for membership for the 2009-10 skating season.

BackCheck

Police Clearance and Position of Trust checks are valid for three (3) years. Please check your expiry date of your current police clearance check. BackCheck is offers an online service which does not require a notarized form. You must have a credit card issued in your name in order to use the online service. Paper forms can be found on-line in the Skate Canada – Members Only area.

Make Ethical Decisions

All Skate Canada Coaches are requires to compete and pass the Make Ethical Decisions on line evaluation. You will find this evaluation at www.coach.ca. under the coaches section. You will need you coaches number. If you are a new coach and do not have a num-

REGIONAL COACHES REPS 2009-10

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 Jacqueline Lyons



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Greeting Coaches!

Welcome to an Olympic Year!

The count down is on for our country and we excitedly anticipate the world's best athletes coming to Canada for the **2010 Olympics in Vancouver**.

I have spoken to a number of our skating families who have tickets and am so excited to hear who all is going from Manitoba. As usual the summer has flown by. I really do think that as we get older time does fly faster!

By now you all have registered, and have your documents ready to give to your clubs so they know your **Skate Canada Professional Coach membership status**.

Some are busy getting their Making Ethical Decisions on line course done too! How many of you procrastinated and now have days left!

Please ensure you have everything in place before stepping on the ice on or after Sept 1!

Make sure you update your profile as well, your email address is very important for the communication you will get from both Skate Canada and SC-MB.

There have been changes to the **STARSkate WBP** so please ensure your skaters programs are set correctly.

We know this is an ever changing sport, and YOU the Professional are responsible to stay informed.

Jr TOBA Team information will once again be included in the Regional Competition packages and on the Skate Canada Manitoba website.

This is a **Manitoba Winter Games** year with Portage la Prairie being the host community in March 2010. Check out the Tech Pkg on www.mbskates.ca to see which of your skaters qualify under the events being offered and how skaters will qualify for the Manitoba Games.

You all were sent the information about the **Standard's Seminar** on Saturday Sept 26/09. This is a great forum for Coaches and Judges to come together. Pack a car full of Coaches from your club/area and head to Brandon! Each year this seminar offers a different subject! See you there!

You will notice in this newsletter the **Regional Coaching Rep** contacts, but there is one vacancy. Interlake, at the time of the newsletter distribution, does not have representation. If you are from the Interlake region and are interested in serving, please contact me ASAP! It is very important for Coaches to be involved in their Region's activities and your knowledge of our sport is very valuable to ensure the skater's needs are being met.

Regional Coaches Meetings:

Held at each Regional Seminars and Regional Competitions.

Provincial Coaches Meetings:

Held at Sectionals, MB Open and Prov STARSkate Competitions.

Regional Seminars are just around the corner with some starting in early October. Encourage your skaters to attend. They don't have to be on the ice prior to attending. This is a great way to kick start your season! They are fun and innovative and allow the skaters to explore. I also encourage you to attend with your skaters. Some may be going for the first time and having the support of their club's Coaches is so valuable to both you and them.

Entry Forms – please ensure that your skaters are being registered for the right events. There were some issues last year and we feel these can be avoided. You sign the entry forms so please make sure they are properly filled out! Give your skater enough time to get them in as well. Remember they must be in the office by the closing date!

Centralized High Dance Tests – watch closely for information regarding Centralized High Dance Test days. The Section's Officials committee is working hard at supplying our skaters with cost effective opportunities to take high dance tests. See the Test Day listings on mbskates.ca

Well I hope everyone had a great summer, whether on the ice, on the links or just out and about!
Welcome to another season of great things to come.

I always look forward to hearing from you!

See you in the rink!

MaryAnn Penner

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Power Smart Manitoba Games 2010

Manitoba's largest ongoing multi-sport event is once again bringing the best developmental age athletes from each region in the province together for the 2010 Power Smart Manitoba Winter Games.

Spirited competition...teamwork...sport excellence...and a host community with a team of committed volunteers to make it all happen.

Catch the spirit, feel the energy and experience all the Manitoba Games has to offer in Portage la Prairie from March 7th to 13th, 2010.

Coaches please encourage all you eligible skaters to participate in this great event. Competitive skaters please send in your forms with your sectional registration form, STARSkaters send it in with your regional registration form. Take a look at the tech pack at www.mbskates.ca as well as www.manitobagames.ca.



NEW NCCP REQUIRES FOR SEPTEMBER 2009 – IMPORTANT

Making Ethical Decisions

New membership requirement for the 2009-10 skating season. Making Ethical Decisions (MED): The CAC has mandated all partner sports to ensure that their coaches have completed the MED on-line evaluation for the 2009-2010 season. In preparation for your completion of the MED on-line module, reference material is available in Members Only at www.skatecanada.ca under the Coaching Main Menu. Effective September 1, 2009 – as a condition of membership, all coaches will have to complete the Making Ethical Decisions on-line evaluation to become a registered Skate Canada Professional Coach. Log on to www.coach.ca for further information and to complete the MED module.

New NCCP CanSkate Coach Certification

As of **September 1, 2009** the new NCCP CanSkate Coach Certification is in effect. Overall, registered CanSkate coaches with a trained status will be required to become CanSkate Coach Certified or complete their Primary STARSkate Coach training (phase 2 and Phase 3) from within two years from the date of completion of the CanSkate Coach training and assignment (Phase 1). The necessary resources regarding the NCCP CanSkate Coach certification are posted on Members' Only.

If you are a coach or know a coach that has completed the Phase 1 Course and has not completed the process any further in the NCCP system, please be aware of this new requirement effective September 2009.



STARSKATE

Well Balanced Program criteria for STARSkate has changed – please review the updates on the Skate Canada website under member's only.

Just a reminder

- ◆ Test requirements – as of November 15
- ◆ Age requirements – as of October 1
- ◆ CPC judging system @ STARSkate Championships and Manitoba Open





2009-2010 COACHES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below you will find a calendar that will pertain to your coaching activities for the 2009-2010 season. Please mark your agenda, daytimer, blackberry, palm or whatever keeps you organized!!

September 09

September 1 Skate Canada Registration DUE!
September 19-20 Competition Simulations – Morris
September 26 Standards Seminar – Brandon

October 09

October 1 Competitive Tests deadline
October 1 2010 BMO Skate Canada Sectionals – Manitoba Championship entry deadline
October 1 STARSkate Age "as of" deadline
October 9-11 SGI Sask Skate Open & Invitational Competition

November 09

November 6-7 2010 BMO Skate Canada Sectionals – Manitoba Championship
in Swan River & Provincial Coaches Meeting
November 15 Tests deadline for STARSkate skaters
November 27-29 Winnipeg Super Skate Competition – Terry Shawchuk, Winnipeg

December 09

December 2-6 Western Challenge in Mississauga, Ontario
December 25 Merry Christmas!!
October-December – Regional Seminars, Regional Coaches Meetings and PA Motivational Clinics.

January 10

Happy New Year! Make those resolutions AGAIN!!
January 2-3 Virden Fun Skate
January 9 Skate Canada Manitoba Synchro Sectionals in Souris, MB
January 14-18 BMO National Championships – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

STARSkate Regional Competition season!!

February 10

January 31 – February 1 Western Festival – Regina, Saskatchewan
February 5-7 Prairie Synchro Festival in Morris, MB
February 11-14 BMO Junior Nationals – Calgary, Alberta
February 12-13 Manitoba Open – Beausejour, MB
February 27 –28 Provincial STARSkate Championships in Selkirk, MB & Provincial Coaches Meeting

March 10

March 7-10 Manitoba Winter Games Final – Portage la Prairie, MB
March 20 Crocus Invitational – Morden, MB
March (TBD) Stony Mountain on Ice

2008-2009 COACHES CALENDAR OF EVENTS – continued

March 10

March 5-6 March 22 Crocus Synchro Competition in Stonewall
Spring Break – go somewhere that only has ice in a tall frosted glass with an umbrella!!

April 10

April Regional AGM season, contact your Regional Coaches Rep for more details

May 10

May 1-2 Skate Canada Manitoba AGM – Winnipeg, MB
 May 1-2 Provincial Team Seminar – Winnipeg, MB
 May (TBD) Highlander Competition

Summer 09

Time to regroup and rejuvenate, revised rules will surely come!!

Please take advantage of the Coaching Meetings at your Regional and Provincial events.

The following information can be found on the Skate Canada Manitoba website:

- ◆ Test Day – dates and locations
- ◆ Full Competition – dates and locations
- ◆ Coaches Wanted listings from clubs in search of Coaches for their programs.
- ◆ Manitoba Games information

Visit www.mbskates.ca for updates and clarifications!

BITS & BITES

- ◆ **ISU Communications**– many important ISU updates can be found on the Skate Canada website, members log in. Please keep yourself current!!!
- ◆ **Competition Registration** – ALL coaches are reminded the proper procedure for registering their skaters for a competition:
 1. Have skater complete registration with personal information leaving the events blank.
 2. Discuss with your skater the events and categories the skater is qualified to compete in.
 3. Have skater complete the registration for the events as per discussion with coach .
 4. Coach to sign registration form
 5. Have club test chair review and sign the completed registration form to verify information
- ◆ A reminder to all coaches that to keep your new Skate Canada Coach membership valid throughout the season, you **MUST** have a current First Aid. If your first aid expires through the skating season, you must re-certify prior to the expiry date otherwise your coach membership becomes invalid.
- ◆ **Professionalism** – All Skate Canada Professional Coaches are reminded to conduct themselves in a professional manner both on and off the ice.
- ◆ **Approaching Officials** – Coaches are welcome to approach an official after a test session to ask questions regarding a test with discretion.
- ◆ **On-ice Supervision**– As stipulated in the Skate Canada skating programs delivery standards, a certified and registered coach must be present on the ice at all times when a Skate Canada program is taking place. In cases where a coach can not be present due to certain circumstances (i.e. illness, bad weather, coaches away at competition), an Executive Club 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.
- ◆ **New Students** – When taking on new students, Coaches are encouraged to research new student’s history including: tests, birthdate, program length.

Celebrating our Successes

Manitobans represented on the International Scene



Kaleigh Hole of Skate Virden and her partner Adam Johnson of Chatham ON made their International Debut in Lake Placid at the ISU Junior Grand Prix in the Junior Pairs Event. Kaleigh and Adam place 1st overall (Sept 2-6)



Kaleigh and Adam's second International Assignment is in Minsk Belarus Sep. 23-27, we wish them the best of Luck.

Kate Charbonneau of Skate Winnipeg made her International debut in Torun Poland at the ISU Junior Grand Prix Sept. 9-13 and Kate finished 8th overall.

Kate's next International assignment has not been finalized yet.



Patty Hole a Manitoba Coach is also on the International scene with her National Senior Pairs Team (Rudy Swiegers and Paige Lawrence). Their first International Senior Grand Prix Assignment will be at the NHK Trophy in Nagano Japan, Nov. 5-8.



Lorie Charbonneau a Manitoba Coach is coaching her daughter Kate Charbonneau. They attended the ISU Junior Grand Prix in Torun Poland Sept. 9-13. Their next assignment has not been finalized to date.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Skate Canada Manitoba will be continuing with the Junior Development program for this coming season. The program is designed to assist skaters in understanding how to advance into the competitive stream. We will be having another seminar this year, location to be finalized. Eligible skaters are as followed:

- ◆ Pre-Preliminary 8 & under
- ◆ Preliminary 9 & under
- ◆ Jr. Bronze 11 & under
- ◆ All boys in the above categories
- ◆ Pre-Juvenile
- ◆ Juvenile

All skaters must have competed in these events at their 2010 Regional/Sectional competitions. If you have any questions please contact Jacqueline @ (204) 925-5709 or email programcoordinator@mbskates.ca

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Check out our website at
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for all the latest new 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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**Owners Retiring
Offered for Sale – Inner Edge Skate and Dance**

Long established figure skate and dance store in Winnipeg – serving the skating community for over 30 years in Manitoba, parts of north-western Ontario and Saskatchewan. Owners retiring.

Main business is retail sales of instructional and competitive figure skates, dresses, practice clothing and accessories. Sales of dance shoes, basic dance and gymnastics clothing and accessories provide a secondary line that has never been fully developed.

The business is situated at 1737 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg – an excellent location close to a major shopping area; premises are leased.

Business includes leasehold improvements, equipment, goodwill and inventory at cost. Great business for someone involved with skating community. Schedule can be flexible.

There is potential for growth in several areas. Recreational skating, Internet sales and the dance side of the business offer many avenues for development.

Availability negotiable. Owners will train.

Asking price \$50 000.00 plus inventory of approximately \$110 000.00.

Serious enquiries only, please.

Contact Barry at info@inneredge.ca