

WELCOME BACK!

I hope all of you have had a great summer and are ready to start a new skating season. Like myself it seems that skating never ended! If you have any questions that need to be answered regarding rules, club issues, club administration, I will do my utmost to help you.

SKATE CANADA REGISTRATION

National has moved the online registration date for clubs & coaches & board members to August 6, 2009. The Skate Canada annual club fee will increase by \$5 this season to \$45 and the annual skating school fee increased by \$20 to \$170. All other membership fees remain the same. Check your mailboxes for all of this important information. Please make sure that all of your skaters and coaches are registered with Skate Canada prior to them skating/teaching with your club in order to ensure they have the proper insurance coverage. Registration is very easy to do on-line and is fast and convenient.

Don't forget to verify with your officials regarding their registration as well!

A Reminder About Programs

Clubs must ensure that they are offering **only Skate Canada approved programs**, i.e. CanSkate, STARSkate, CompetitiveSkate, CanPowerSkate, CanSynchro Skate, Adult Skate and Varsity/Collegiate programs. Over the course of last season, Skate Canada has become aware of Learn-to-Skate Programs and Power Skating Programs offered by clubs that are not CanSkate nor CanPowerSkate Programs. When programs other than the Skate Canada approved Programs are offered in variations that are not consistent with the format and criteria of Skate Canada approved Programs, they are **NOT** covered by the Skate Canada Insurance Policy. Also those Coaches instructing the programs **MUST** have the appropriate and corresponding certifications for similar reasons i.e. CanPowerSkate certification to teach CanPowerSkate etc. Clubs offering programs that are not Skate Canada approved programs or employ coaches without proper accreditation/certification could be putting the club executive, the skaters, and their Skate Canada club sanction in jeopardy.

Skate Canada website for Members Only has a new refreshed look. More changes and updates to come. Take a look www.skatecanada.ca

Our Sincere Condolences

To Elaine (Data Specialist) & Jenny Dyck (Coach) on the recent passing of their husband & father

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Calgary Region Meeting & Test Day Workshop

Tuesday October 6, 2009

Thorncliffe-Greenview Community Center

5600 Center Street N

5600 Room

(located at rear of bldg)

7:00pm

Test Day Workshop to follow Region Meeting

Please ensure that you bring a copy of your clubs (pods) requested test days

WHAT CAN A REGION REP DO FOR YOU?

Ever wonder what a Region Rep can do for you? Here is a small but not an exhaustive list of can do's for you!

- Resource of Information
- Advocate for your club
- Support your club
- Share information from your club to the Alberta Section / from Alberta Section
- Interpret Guidelines & Policies
- Assist with operational issues
- Provide direction and guidance re: club conflict, policy development, constitutions

BRANDING MATTERS!

Please make sure that you use the **Skate Canada logos and Skate Canada program names** on all your promotional material: websites, newsletters, brochures, ads, etc. It really does help to promote a national identity, and it lets people who have moved to your area know that their child will continue to receive the same high standard of coaching in the same quality programs that they enjoyed at their previous club. It also sets Skate Canada Clubs and their Programs apart from those run by municipalities or individuals. For all levels of CanSkate keep CanSkate in the name of all levels and sessions such as Pre-CanSkate for preschoolers, Junior CanSkate, Advanced Canskate etc.

T-fal and Skate Canada create commemorative fry pans

Skate Canada and national sponsor T-fal are pleased to announce the creation of official T-fal Skate Canada commemorative fry pans. The limited-edition pans will be on sale starting August 28, 2009 at Loblaws (Real Canadian Superstore) stores across the country for the suggested retail price of \$24.99.

A portion of the proceeds of the commemorative fry pans will help support current and future champions through Skate Canada's Athlete Fund, which provides financial support for skaters through training grants and scholarships.

It's great to see a portion of the sales going directly to helping team Canada."

The collectible 28cm fry pans will feature attractive skating designs* on the base of the pan, perfect for those who display their cookware. Special to T-fal the fry pan will feature the Thermo-Spot® which indicates when the pan has reached the optimal searing temperature. The enamel exterior ensures that these collectible pans will last a lifetime. The coveted metal utensil-friendly expert pro non-stick coating makes cleaning a breeze and makes it ideal for fat-free cooking.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Clubs that have not submitted their club information update to me, please do so as soon as possible. These updates are needed so that information is forwarded to the correct contact for your club.

If you have chosen your high & low test dates for the 2009-2010 season, please submit those as well.

Coach Corner

New Membership Requirement for 2009-2010 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.

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.

More info available on Section website under the coaches tab



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Calgary Region

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Calendar Updates

Oct. 6, 2009	Calgary Region Meeting Test Chairs Workshop Thorncliffe-Greenview
Oct. 29—Nov 1/09	Sectionals—Springbank
Nov. 27-29/09	Calgary Region Open—Calalta
Dec. 5-6/09	Alta Winter Games Runoffs Zones 1,2,3,4— Indus
Jan 15-16/10	Rosebowl/WRAC Calalta Sychro/Glacier School
Jan. 29-31, 2010	Calgary Region Funskate Thorncliffe-Greenview
Feb. 4—7, 2010	Alberta Winter Games Cold Lake, AB
Feb. 12—14, 2010	Winsport Canada (Careylimo.com) Calgary
Mar 5—7, 2010	STARSkate Championships Airdrie
Mar. 23, 2010	Calgary Region AGM Thorncliffe-Greenview Comm
April 1—4, 2010	Glencoe Invitational—Glencoe Club
April 9—11, 2010	Chinook Open—Lethbridge