



## Parent Handout: Who We Are

### **Skate Canada Vision** (National governing Body)

Skate Canada is committed to the development of personal excellence through participation in skating.

### **Mission Statement**

Skate Canada is an Association dedicated to the principles of enabling every Canadian to participate in skating throughout their lifetime, for fun, fitness and/or achievement.

### **Association Profile**

Skate Canada is the largest figure skating governing body in the world. We provide standards and rules for the figure skating activities of our members. The Association qualifies and appoints judges, referees and other officials, conducts training seminars for skaters and coaches, provides financial support to national team athletes and disseminates information concerning figure skating to the general public. Skate Canada also promotes the National Coaching Certification Program and organizes free skating and synchronized team skating competitions and the annual MasterCard Skate Canada International. From time to time Skate Canada also hosts selected ISU skating events.

### **Structure**

Skate Canada is run by a Board of Directors who set policy. The Board is made up of the Chairman who is elected for a three-year term, the immediate past Chair, three vice-chairs, eight nationally-elected directors, 13 regionally-elected chairmen, three appointed Committee chairmen, two athlete representatives, five ISU representatives, two coaching representatives and a secretary-treasurer (usually the Chief Executive Officer).

Each of the vice-presidents is responsible for a different area of Skate Canada programming as well as a geographic area of the country. Standing committees are responsible for conducting programs and activities and report to the appropriate vice-president.

### **Sections** (Provincial Organization)

To make organization and administration easier, Skate Canada is divided into 13 Sections roughly equivalent to the Canadian provinces. The exception is Ontario which is broken down into four Sections because of its size. Yukon Territory is administered by the British Columbia Section and Nunavut and Northwest Territories are administered by the Alberta Section. The chairman of each Section has a seat on Skate Canada's Board of Directors.

### **Funding**

Skate Canada is largely self-supporting with revenues coming from individual membership fees, test fees, television rights, corporate sponsorships, competition revenues and from the federal government.

### **Annual Convention and General Meeting**

Each year an Annual Convention and General Meeting (ACGM) is held. Many of the major decisions governing the activities of the Association are made at the ACGM. Each Skate Canada member club is entitled to send an official delegate to this meeting where proposed rule amendments are voted on by the Delegates and the Board of Directors. Clubs unable to send a delegate can still vote on issues by sending in written instructions called proxies.

### **Volunteer Recognition**

Perhaps the most striking feature of Skate Canada's organizational structure is its reliance on volunteers. All members of the Board, the Sections and Committees receive no payment for their

contribution to Skate Canada. Similarly, the judges, referees and other officials are all volunteers and as such, receive no remuneration for their hard work and dedication. Each year at the ACGM, the commitment and dedication of volunteers is recognized at a Volunteer Awards celebration.

### **National Office**

Skate Canada 's national office is located at 865 Shefford Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1J 1H9 and has a full-time staff of approximately 50.

### **Clubs**

Our club is run by a group of very dedicated individuals. Following is our executive list for this year. We are always looking for new volunteers. Feel free to approach any executive member to find out how you can help our skaters and club.

Co-President*	Bev Deal	757-1690	<a href="mailto:president@riverviewskatingclub.com">president@riverviewskatingclub.com</a>
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Secretary	Vacant		
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\*The duties of President have been split among two volunteers to allow these individuals to apply their skills and experience to best serve the club and its membership. Bev will deal with any issues surrounding skaters, parents, programs and day-to-day issues with the club's operation. Diana will be the Coaches Liaison and will interface with Skate Canada – Nova Scotia and other external agencies.

### **Club Coaches**

Coaches are available on select days for additional lessons. Skaters enrolled in any club program regardless of level may seek the assistance of a professional coach for additional private/semiprivate lessons. Arrangements are to be made directly with the coach. All coaches are independent self-employed contractors and may set their own fees/skaters rules so make sure you inquire when you make arrangements.

Skaters in the Test Stream program are required to have a private coach. Skaters in Junior Development are recommended having a private coach. Skaters in the CanSkate/KidSkate programs are encouraged to seek private instruction when required or wanted.

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### **On the Web**

Following are some skating related links that you might want to check out.

Riverview Skating Club	<a href="http://www.riverviewskatingclub.com">http://www.riverviewskatingclub.com</a>
Nova Scotia Section	<a href="http://www.skating.ns.ca">http://www.skating.ns.ca</a>
Skate Canada	<a href="http://www.skatecanada.ca">http://www.skatecanada.ca</a>