



SKATE ONTARIO
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2017-2018

ANNUAL REPORT





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SKATE ONTARIO STAFF

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 Manager, Sport Development
 Manager, Events & Operations
 Manager, Communications & Branding
 Manager, Club Development
 Manager, Education Programs
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 Coordinator, Sport Development
 Coordinator, Coaching Programs
 Coordinator, Events
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Message from the President & Executive Director

Looking back on the past year, it is amazing how much has been accomplished in a short period. Last year at this time we had just completed the legal amalgamation of Ontario's four Skate Canada Sections and the Skate Ontario council to create the largest Section in Canada, Skate Ontario. Even though we technically started the year as one Section, a lot of work continued in the former Ontario Sections as we aligned operations. Most importantly we experienced wonderful celebrations as everyone celebrated their history and paid tribute to skaters, coaches and volunteers.

For the amalgamated Skate Ontario, this year was about aligning the best practices of five operations and building a path to leverage the strength of one Ontario skating entity. We began with the development of a new three year strategic plan and an operations plan for the organization. We were proud to share our plans with the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport as part of the new Ontario Amateur Sport Fund process and we were pleased to find our plans ranked highest of all sports.

Continuing the work of the Transition Committee, we completed the organizational groundwork for a new engaged policy board, new operations committees, new staff roles, and we opened our new office. We saw stakeholder engagement across the province. We had almost 40,000 livestreamed views of our first Ontario Sectionals and we had an organic reach of over 100,000 with our first Skate Ontario Skater Spirit contest, and over 300 people completed our first project feedback survey. We connected face to face through Club Enhancement workshops and personal visits at over 70% of the clubs across the province (with more to come). We piloted regional training days and monitored of hundreds of athletes in their daily training environments.

For a sports organization, results are important and our Ontario athletes delivered at every level. We saw incredible placements at every event from our CanSkaters to our inspirational Olympic Champions. This year saw our first Ontario travel teams, Challenge team and Nationals team. Ontario athletes stood on podiums at Nationals, Synchro Nationals, Junior and Senior Grand Prix events, the Special Olympics World Winter Games, and the Olympic Winter Games. Ontario was not only represented by athletes at these events, but also by our top-notch coaches and officials.

Such outstanding results are not possible without tremendous development programs for coaches and officials, as well as opportunities to demonstrate and learn at domestic events. This year we delivered a variety of training courses, with over 80 officials and over 500 coaches participating. Our athletes' performance skills were also developed at 69 events across the province, supported as always by our incredible volunteers and parents.

Skating in Ontario has thrived this year with growth in membership including both our registrants and coaches. We would like to thank the entire Skate Ontario family for remaining engaged, for continuing to provide feedback, and for supporting such a vast array of programs and events. We look forward to continuing to learn and grow as we refine the service proposition of our organization and endeavour to provide every advantage to our Ontario skaters, coaches, officials and clubs in their development journey.

Yours in Skating,

Karen Butcher
 President, Skate Ontario

Lisa Alexander
 Executive Director, Skate Ontario



THE AMALGAMATION JOURNEY

- April 1, 2017: Unified Ontario Section born
- April 1, 2017: New organization model born
- April 2017: Skate Ontario ramp up in hiring efforts
- June 2017: New Skate Ontario headquarters & new logo
- June 2017: Summer skating season starts



As of April 1, 2017, Skate Canada membership voted for the four former Ontario sections to amalgamate into one Skate Ontario section. These sections were Western Ontario, Northern Ontario, Eastern Ontario and Central Ontario. A wrap up of activities in the former sections took place as Skate Ontario official business began.

Mission Statement

Skate Ontario is an organization dedicated to the principle of enabling every citizen in the Province of Ontario to participate in skating throughout his/her lifetime for fun, fitness and/or achievement. This is accomplished through the implementation of programs and events in all communities throughout the Province.

INAUGURAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President • Karen Butcher | **Past President** • Gloria Brighten | **Vice-President** • Andrea Derby | **Treasurer** • Glenn Fortin

DIRECTORS:

- Sharon Bollenbach
- Therese Bilsborough
- Migan Megardichian
- Sheilagh McCaskill
- Brent Brandham
- Mary-Rose Weir



COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES

GOVERNANCE

CHAIR - Sharon Bollenbach
MEMBERS:

- Janet Balkwill
- Therese Bilsborough
- Sheilagh McCaskill
- Migan Megardichian

FINANCE

CHAIR - Glenn Fortin
MEMBERS:

- Brent Brandham
- Janice DeThomasis
- Tracey Hayden
- Michael Hollingsworth

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW

CHAIR - Karen Butcher
MEMBERS:

- Gloria Brighten
- Andrea Derby
- Mary-Rose Weir

COACHES

CHAIR - Paul McIntosh
MEMBERS:

- RoxAnne Daignault
- Andrew Hallam
- Darlene Joseph
- Sheri Moir
- Alison Purkiss
- Chris Stokes
- Tracey Zwiers

SKATER SUPPORT

CHAIR - Gloria Brighten
MEMBERS:

- Monica Johnston
- Michelle Long
- Elizabeth Mannell
- Ann Monaghan
- Wendy Phillion

OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

CLUB CONNECTIONS

CHAIR - Paul Mallet
MEMBERS:

- Muriel Blaker
- Maureen Kolapak
- Shirley Mack
- Patty Morrow

EVENT TECHNICIANS

CHAIR - Ross Phelps
MEMBERS:

- Sim Callewaert
- Paul Cotter
- Paul Moir
- Mark Psutka

EVENTS

CHAIRS - Susanne Morgan
Elizabeth Mannell
MEMBERS:

- Susan Fisher
- Kelly Holtzman
- Anne Readie
- Rhonda Vanderveen

JUDGES/EVALUATORS/TECHNICAL

CHAIR - Sue Blatz
MEMBERS:

- Laurene Collin-Knoblach
- Ron Conacher
- Laurie Goulet
- William Lindsay
- Julia Mullins
- Lorna Schroder
- Sabrina Wong

DATA SPECIALISTS

CHAIR - Therese Bilsborough
MEMBERS:

- Kathy Cseff
- David Gillies
- Elizabeth Matthews
- Peter Wong

2018 ONTARIO SKATERS PROMOTIONAL CONTEST



2018 Grand Prize Winners, Mike and Nicole Stone



This year marked the 29th year of the Ontario Skaters Promotional Contest.

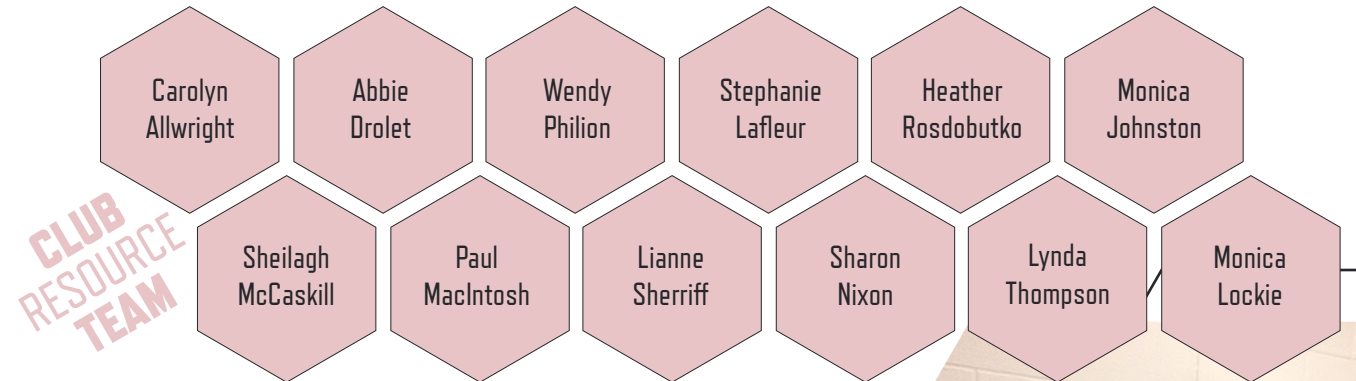


- 115 clubs participated
- More than 10,200 books (204,000 tickets) sold
- Over \$224,800 raised by clubs (almost a quarter of a million dollars going directly to skating programs)
- Top selling club raised over \$12,000

2018 Ford Mustang	297717	Guelph SC	Mike Stone
Best Buy (\$5,000)	13492	South Dumfries SC	Nathan Beyerle
Air Canada Travel Voucher (\$3,500)	195996	New Liskeard SC	Tony Juurlink
Macbook 1	280981	Woodstock SC	Jeff Dowdall
Macbook 2	86759	Hillsburgh-Erin SC	Tracy & Kevin Aplin
Macbook 3	194387	New Liskeard SC	Fanny Charette
Macbook 4	214028	Wasaga Beach SC	Tracey Cameron
Macbook 5	212891	Walkerton SC	Lola Woods
iPad 1	164968	Milton SC	Czarina Manuel
iPad 2	256911	Durham SC	Justin Jeanveau
iPad 3	254600	Spencerville SC	Ed Ashie
iPad 4	195897	New Liskeard SC	Therese Bain
iPad 5	295228	Dundas SC	Lisa Heil

CLUBS & SKATING SCHOOLS

12 Club Resource Team members were engaged to facilitate club workshops, club consultations and club visits through the year.

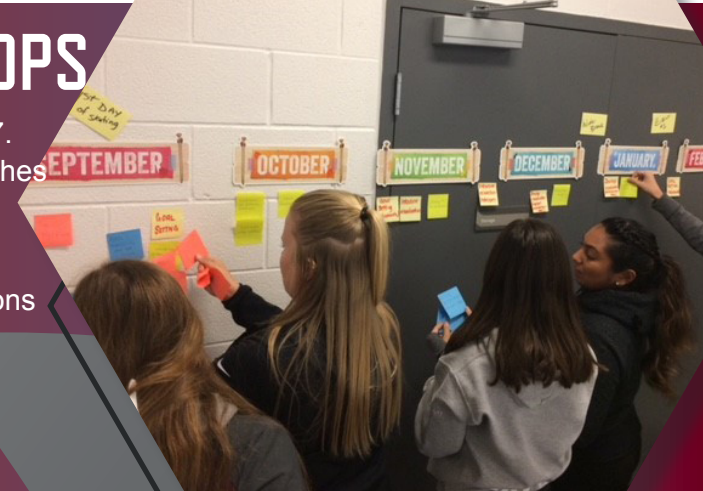


CLUB ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOPS

10 Club Enhancement Workshops were held in the fall of 2017. These specially designed working sessions for clubs and coaches focused on all aspects of STAR 1-5 programming including:

- program content & delivery (on & off-ice)
- session scheduling
- assessments
- coach directed sessions
- communication tools

Other topics will included CanSkate Essentials, Conflict Resolution, "My Locker", Respect in Sport and Safe Sport.



CLUB CONSULTATIONS

The Resource Team provided 15 Club Consultations across the province. This opportunity was offered to clubs who had a minimum of one board member and one coach in attendance at a Club Enhancement Workshop. The Resource team worked with clubs to further aid in day-to-day operations and quality program delivery.

CLUB VISITS – 250 of the 354 clubs & schools in Ontario – **70%** visited



CLUB CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

We have assembled a team of volunteers from across the province, representing a variety of club sizes and demographics to form the Club Connections Committee. They have been an invaluable asset to the club community. The committee has been working on developing and compiling resources for club operations and governance.

COACHES



TOTAL NUMBER OF COACHES REGISTERED IN ONTARIO:

2,105



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- 22 TOTAL COURSES
- 374 TOTAL NCCP COURSE PARTICIPANTS



CANSKATE – 13 courses total, 299 participants

REGIONAL COACH – 2 courses total, 48 participants

ISPC – 6 courses total, 19 participants

CANPOWER – one course, 8 participants

SYNCHRO

- Coaching Seminar – 67 participants
- Coach Enrichment Day Seminar – 18 participants
- Officials and coaches Skate to Standard Webinar Training – 47 participants



OFFICIALS

PROMOTIONS	
International	4
Canadian	4
Challenge	4
Juvenile to Senior Invitational Judge	10
Senior Judge	8
Technical Controller/Specialist	10
Evaluator	1



OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT



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- STAR 1-4 Clinics – 4
- Total number that attended a Section Level Technical Specialist Seminar – 9
- Total number of Synchro Judges trained – 11
- Total number that attended a Section Level Technical Specialist Clinic – 17
- Total number of judges trained through STAR 1-4 Clinic – 43





Photo by Martin Bazyl

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

“Today it passed Ottawa city council that our rink will officially be named the Katie Xu & Jack Fan arena in recognition of their 6 World medals and numerous other accolades they have achieved over the years! How appropriate that in this year - the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics - we are recognizing these athletes for their incredible achievements instead of focusing on any disability they might have. I am beyond excited!”

— Coach Cathy Williamson Skinner

Special Olympics



VARSITY

3 Varsity competitions throughout the year

OVERALL STANDINGS:



OUA CHAMPIONSHIPS

9 universities participated

Katie Xu and Jack Fan became World Champions, each winning three medals at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Provincial Qualifiers:

- Special Olympic West and Special Olympic East

Canada Games Qualifier:

- Fun Skate Interclub



Jack Fan

HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIONS



Westmount Wildcats



Tie between Bluevale Ice Precise & Chatham Kent Golden Hawks



Massey Mustangs

43 high schools **200+** participants



ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

TEAM LEADERS	Kathy Adams, Susan Sankey, Theresa Klachan, Ben Guthrie, Parker Brown
TEAM COACHES	Mark Bradshaw, Bryce Davison, Alma Moir, Janice Morgan

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ENTRIES
PRE-NOVICE WOMEN	12
NOVICE WOMEN	12
PRE-NOVICE MEN	12
NOVICE MEN	4
PRE-NOVICE DANCE	9
NOVICE DANCE	4
NOVICE PAIRS	3



ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ENTRIES
FREESKATE - WOMEN	53
FREESKATE - MEN	2
INTERPRETIVE - WOMEN	42
INTERPRETIVE - MEN	4
COUPLES INTERPRETIVE	3
DANCE	13



STARSKATE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ENTRIES
Diamond Couples Pattern Dance	1
Gold Men	2
Gold Women	18
Juvenile Dance	6
Juvenile Men	12
Juvenile Pair	1
Juvenile Women	36
Open Pair	1
Pre-Juvenile Dance	7
Pre-Juvenile Men	10
Pre-Juvenile Women	37
STAR 10 Men	3
STAR 10 Women	18
STAR 4/5 Couples Pattern Dance	5
STAR 5 Men	28
STAR 5 Women	55
STAR 6 Men	7
STAR 6 Women	18
STAR 6/7 Couples Pattern Dance	4
STAR 7 Men	3
STAR 7 Women	18
STAR 8/9 Couples Pattern Dance	3
STAR 9 Men	5
STAR 9 Women	18
Bronze Triathlon	12
Silver Triathlon	13
Gold Triathlon	12



SKATE ONTARIO SKATER SPIRIT: OLYMPIC EDITION



Won by the Stirling Figure Skating Club who received:
1,100 likes & 2,200 shares
5 video submissions
8,172 likes + shares from the five submissions
108,808 TOTAL ORGANIC REACH



EVENTS

7 synchro events
 24 section partnered events
 38 club events
69 TOTAL EVENTS

Total number of athletes participating in the STARSkate Championship qualifiers:

2 Pair Teams
 27 Dance Teams
 78 Triathletes
 1159 Single skaters



ENGAGEMENT

Sectionals:
 Facebook posts had a reach of **65,000**
 Instagram posts had over **5,000** likes

Challenge:
 Facebook posts had a reach of **59,774**
 Instagram posts had **8,729** likes

Nationals:
 Facebook posts had a reach of **94,500**
 Instagram posts had **10,060** likes

Synchro Nationals:
 Facebook posts had a reach of **20,571**
 Instagram posts had **2,934** likes



- Total number of people that completed the Competition Structure Review Survey – 333
- Total number of athletes participating in the Summer and Fall Sectionals qualifiers – 339

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SKATE ONTARIO SOCIAL MEDIA



487% INCREASE
 August 3/17 - 397
 April 1/2018 - 2329

17% INCREASE
 August 3/17 - 5656
 April 1/2018 - 6596

9% INCREASE
 August 3/17 - 2875
 April 1/2018 - 3147

THANK YOU TO OUR VENDORS



LIVE STREAMING

10 COUNTRIES



SKATE ONTARIO 2018 SECTIONALS LIVE STREAMING

Canada	28,083	Algeria	442
Netherlands	1,587	Germany	329
United States	1,334	Japan	327
France	877	Italy	296
Brazil	601	United Kingdom	241

38,046 TOTAL VIEWS

TRAINING DAYS

The purpose of training days is to create a competitive atmosphere for athletes to help them prepare for a successful transition to the next level. Skaters will be under the supervision of their respective coach throughout the on-ice sessions. Skate Ontario sport staff will be setting the parameters for each session. A national level judge will be present for the on-ice sessions and will conduct a portion of the off-ice workshops. Other off-ice sessions will include a fitness and jump class. A separate parent information session will also be held.

- 133 athletes and 49 coaches participated
- 5 Sessions | Ottawa, Paris, Brampton, Kingston & Thunder Bay



QUEST

QUEST is an event created to offer a parallel development pathway for skaters who competed at the Sectional Championships and did not meet the criteria to qualify for the Challenge level of competition. This event allows skaters to train and perform using the same training calendars as those athletes who are continuing through the national qualifying structure. QUEST is an enhancement tool where skaters will receive constructive feedback to elevate performance level, aid in skill acquisition and empower them to reach their goals.

1 Session - National Performance Centre | 32 athletes and 18 coaches participated

SUMMER TRAVEL TEAM

Two teams:

- Wild Rose
- BC Summer

The teams consisted of 17 athletes in Pre-Novice and Novice and 10 coaches. Each athlete was monitored prior to each event.



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COMPETITIONS

SECTIONALS

The first Skate Ontario Sectionals:

- 350+ athletes
- 150+ coaches
- 44 officials

CHALLENGE

- 198 athletes in Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior & Senior
- 77 coaches
- 21 medal finishes
- 57 top 10 finishes



NATIONALS

- 99 athletes in Novice, Junior & Senior
- 42 coaches

Titles won by Ontario athletes:

- Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men, Novice Men, Novice Women, Novice Pair, Novice Dance

Medals:

- 7 Gold, 4 Silver, 4 Bronze (15 total)

ONTARIO WAS ON THE PODIUM IN ALL 12 EVENTS



Nationals Top 10 percentages:

- Senior - 74% - 14 of 19
- Junior - 57% - 16 of 28
- Novice - 61% - 14 of 23

Overall - 44 top 10 finishes from 70 entries - 63%

SYNCHRO NATIONALS

- 15 teams, 300 athletes in Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior & Senior
- 30 coaches

Titles won by Ontario teams:

- Intermediate, Open, Senior

Medals:

- 3 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze (8 total)

ONTARIO WAS ON THE PODIUM IN ALL 5 EVENTS



TO OUR
ONTARIO
OLYMPIC
TEAM
MEMBERS

COMPETITIONS continued

COMPETITION	TOTAL ENTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	PAIRS	DANCE	TEAM
Junior Grand Prix	13	3	3	3	4	-
Junior B Internationals	3	1	2	-	-	-
Grand Prix	16	4	4	4	4	-
ISU Challenger	10	2	3	2	2	-
Olympics	5	1	1	1	2	-
Worlds	5	1	1	1	2	-
4 Continents	4	1	2	1	-	-
World Synchro	1	-	-	-	-	1
World Jr Synchro	1	-	-	-	-	1

OLYMPICS

Athletes:

- Patrick Chan, Gabrielle Daleman, Kirsten Moore-Towers and Michael Marinaro, Piper Gilles and Paul Poirier, Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje

Coaches:

- Lee Barkell, Oleg Epstein, Brian Orser, Juris Razgulajevs

Officials:

- Leanna Caron

MONITORING

OHPSI - 31 OHPSI athletes had a total of 112 monitoring sessions between July 2017 and Dec 2017. Each athlete had three fitness testing sessions, a full medical screening and daily health monitoring through an online platform.

TIER 1

- Stephen Gogolev
- Conrad Orzel
- Aurora Cotop
- Evelyn Walsh
- Trennt Michaud

TIER 2

- Corey Circelli
- Bruce Waddell
- Alistair Lam
- Iliya Kovler
- Jack Dushenski
- Alison Schumacher
- Hannah Dawson
- Catherine Carle
- Helene Carle
- Natalie Walker
- Amanda Tobin
- Victoria Bocknek
- Natalie D'Alessandro
- Katerina Kazatkin
- Jade McCue
- Gabriel Clemente
- Irina Galiyanova
- Tommy Tang



- Olivia McIsaac
- Elliott Graham
- Olivia Han
- Grayson Lochhead
- Patricia Andrew
- Paxton Knott
- Olivia Boys-Eddy
- Mackenzie Boys-Eddy

ONTARIO TEAM

- Ontario Team** - 198 athletes were monitored between Sectionals and Challenge in their daily training environments.
- Synchro Monitoring** - 18 competitive synchro teams were monitored in their training sites throughout the year. They were also monitored at Winterfest, Regionals and Nationals.
- Site Visits** - an additional 48 training sites were visited in the 2017-18 season.



WORLD & OLYMPIC COMPETITORS



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