



Officials Update





Officiating with Skate Ontario



Data
Specialists

Judges,
Evaluators,
Technical

Event
Technicians



Data Specialists



- Data Specialists are responsible for all matters relating to the Data Results Centre
 - Data Specialists (DS) are trained Skate Canada Officials
 - DS maintain correct data flow throughout the competition
 - DS ensure that all equipment and software used to tabulate results is functioning properly and up to date
 - At competitions there is a Chief Data Specialist, a Computer Data Specialist and Data Specialists (worker bees)
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Chief Data Specialist



- Is a member of the Skate Ontario Organizing Committee (OC) for their competition and participates in the site visit if applicable and participates in OC conference call meetings
 - Is responsible for contacting all DS assigned to a competition and confirming their availability, their hotel requirements (if applicable) and any dietary allergies or restrictions
 - Schedules DS at event based on competition schedule
 - In conjunction with the Computer DS and Tech Rep determines equipment needs
 - In conjunction with Computer DS ensures entry lists, draws and starting orders are complete
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Computer Data Specialist



- Is a member of the Skate Ontario Organizing Committee (OC) for their competition and participates in the site visit if applicable and participates in OC conference call meetings
- Responsible for creating and maintaining the competition database
- Sends index file, entry lists, officials list, start orders and results to Skate Ontario Event Staff (SOSPOC) for online posting
- Responsible for onsite equipment set up and repacking post competition



Interested in becoming a DS?



- Any interested individual 16 years and over
- A skating background is not required
- Strong organizational skills an asset
- Computer skills, particularly with excel, an asset
- Becoming a Data Specialist is a great way to stay involved in skating and to give back to the sport



Upcoming Training Opportunities



- Skate Ontario is committed to offering training that prepares our Data Specialists to successfully complete the Skate Canada DS Exams
 - Skate Ontario will offer Level I and Level II clinics this season. The location and dates will be determined by August
 - Mentorship opportunities are available at most competitions this season
 - DS attend clinics, complete workbooks and participate in practical assignments (at competitions) to secure promotions
 - Please contact ds@skateontario.org with training related questions
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Judges & Technical



- Judges – ‘Assess the quality of the elements and performance of a skater or team in a competition.’ – Skate Canada
- Technical Specialist – ‘Working as a team, they are responsible for the correct identification of elements and level of difficulty when attempted by skaters and teams in competition.’ – Skate Canada

Interested in Judging?



"Become involved in the sport that teaches you so many life skills – dedication, organization, time management and volunteering – and give back so others have an experience like you did."


Jobs: Official, Evaluator, Technical Representative

Levels/Programs: Novice Singles, Pre-Novice Pair and Juvenile Competitive Dance (O). Gold Level in all disciplines (E). Local, Provincial and Canadian-level events (TR)

"Officiating is so rewarding, but one must not take it lightly. It takes a few years and a lot of education to become a world level official; be content to help locally or Provincially as we need so many officials to service the events in the Province." If anyone would know the training and work, it would be Susanne Morgan; she's been an official for 55 years (2018).

"Skating has taught me about joy, failure, excitement, teamwork, winning and losing," says Susanne. "I love to give back to a sport that offered me so much as a skater. It is so rewarding to see the competitors who reach their goals and know I was a small part to their success."





"I began my training as an official when I was still competing. I felt this really opened my eyes because I learned what judges are looking for when watching a program."



Job: Judge, Evaluator, Referee, Technical Specialist, and Technical Controller

Programs/Levels: Gold Level – Freeskate, Dance, Skating Skills, Interpretive (E). Diamond Level – Dance (E). Challenge Pairs, Senior Singles and Dance (J). Sectional Singles and Pairs, and Interclub Dance (R). Sectional – Singles and Pairs (TS). Sectional – Singles (TC)

"Figure skating is a central part of my life," says William Lindsay. "I have met some amazing people through my involvement in this sport – skaters I trained with, coaches who taught me, and people with whom I judge. They have become some of my best friends. I have grown as a person through skating and have learned many things about myself. I know the value of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I hope that skating will always be a part of my life."



At the suggestion of a judge from his club (at the time), William attended his first judges' clinic at 15 years old. It wasn't long before he received his first promotion at 16. "That was 18 years ago! This surpasses any paid occupation I have had."



Upcoming Seminars



- **Judge Seminars**

- September – Burlington/Hamilton area
- October – Barrie Area
- November – Ottawa Area

- **Technical Specialist Seminars**

- January –
 - Toronto
 - Ottawa





Interested in SYS Judging?



- If you are interested in becoming a SYS judge, please contact Sabrina Wong sabswong1@gmail.com



Evaluators



- An Evaluator is an official who attends club test days and evaluates tests in all disciplines including, free skate, dance, skills and interpretive, and at all levels from senior bronze to gold and diamond dance.



How to become an Evaluator?



- 6 Steps to becoming an Evaluator in Ontario
 - 1. Attend class room style clinic
 - 2. Complete written exam
 - 3. Trial evaluate at test days
 - 4. Trial judging from at least 3 different test days
 - 5. Assessment at a supervised test day
 - 6. Promoted!
- Upcoming Clinics



Event Technicians



- The Event Technicians Committee is the group that organizes music and announcing support for Skate Ontario events during the year.
 - This committee is unique to Skate Ontario and it provides the framework to co-ordinate with the Judges group, the Data Specialists group and the Skate Ontario Events team to deliver overall event support.
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Interested in being an Event Tech?



- Let us know!
 - Anyone who may be interest in music operations or announcing at Skate Ontario events is encouraged to contact the Event Technicians group at eventtech@skateontario.org
 - Training in Ottawa – Week of July 23
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General Officials Update



- GOE +/- 5 – July 2018
 - Assignment Process for Super Series, Synchro Series, STAR 1-4
 - Sign up for the Officials Database
 - New Accreditation 2018-2019 – Sign up before June 11th
 - New Officials Coordinator Role
 - Communication – How do you receive it?
 - Promotions – Congratulations too...
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