

Greetings from the Skate Ontario JET Committee!

As we near the end of a very full skating season, we know that many of you have been especially busy over the last several months. I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for all of the time you have given this season to attend a test day, competition, STAR 1-4 event, Performance Day, training day, club competition or monitoring session. Every hour you give of your time means coordinating on your end to make it possible along with taking time away from your busy lives. It is appreciated by each and every skater and together we are helping to improve their experience in our sport.

The JET committee has been busy planning ahead for the 2019-20 season. Thank you to those who filled out surveys and answered phone calls and e-mails that are helping to make a robust plan for all officials. Though we are not quite ready to communicate all of the plans for next season, we do have many updates to share with you. Please take a moment to read through the following items for some important information about various upcoming events and initiatives.

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Chair - Skate Ontario JET Committee

1. Save the Date - Strength in Unity conference, June 15-16, 2019. Mark your calendars! Along with many interesting club seminars, we are planning some content specifically for officials and coaches. More information to come soon!

2. The updated 2019-20 Program Requirements Quick Reference Guides are now posted. Please visit this [link](#) to review the documents.

3. Skate Canada is launching new mandatory training modules for officials. All officials will be required to complete the Skate Canada Code of Ethics and Respect in Sport Activity training prior to September 1, 2019 in order to be eligible to officiate in the 2019-20 season.

This training is now available through the Skate Canada e-learning site. Please sign into the members area of the Skate Canada website to access the e-learning site and complete the training.

4. Attention Evaluators! The Senior Bronze to Gold tests are being re-launched in the fall of 2019 as STAR 6 to Gold with new, revised and re-organized content. Re-training for existing evaluators will take place over the coming months through a combination of on-line and in-person seminars. Stay tuned for more information coming this spring.

5. Skate Canada is launching a new laptop system (LTS) for STAR 5 and higher events. The Crestron touch-screen system will no longer be supported by Skate Canada for these categories. This season, the new LTS system has been used for all synchro competitions as well as some National events and will be used for all Skate Ontario events starting July 1, 2019.

6. Attention competitive dance judges: The ISU Junior Rhythm Dance Pattern Dance element for the 2019-20 season will be the Tea Time Foxtrot. There are several resources available to help you become more familiar with this dance.

Please access the [Skate Canada Development Video Library](#) to watch the ISU resource video.

Also – mark your calendar for an upcoming Skate Ontario seminar on March 27-28, 2019, in Brampton, ON. This opportunity is open to skaters, coaches and officials and will feature the Polish team/coach who created the Tea Time Foxtrot. More information to come shortly.



7. Registration is now open for the Skate Canada Ice Summit in Ottawa, on May 23-25, 2019. Please visit <https://skatecanada.ca/icesummit/> for more information about the workshops and events.

8. Canadian level promotions: The Officials Assignment and Promotion (OAP) committee has made the decision to move to a selection-based approach for Canadian level official exam candidates. Section judge chairs have already been informed, and based on feedback from the section judge chairs, sections have been given the opportunity to recommend candidates for consideration. All Challenge level officials will receive an email allowing them to submit their officiating goals, which the OAP committee will review.

9. Update: If you have not received your Skate Ontario officials' accreditation tag, please contact Therese Bilsborough at tbilsborough@skateontario.org.

