

Greetings from the Skate Ontario

With the start of a new skating season, we want to share vital information that will assist you in both meeting mandatory requirements as well as technical information for the upcoming season.

Skate Ontario staff now consists of two Officials' Coordinators: Therese Bilsborough and Dia Sue-Wah-Sing. Therese is a full-time employee, with her area of responsibility including Judges, Technical Officials and Event Technicians. Dia is a part-time employee who works in the mornings, and her area of responsibility includes Evaluators and Data Specialists.

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1. Skate Canada is launching new mandatory training modules for officials. All officials **must** complete the Skate Canada Code of Ethics for Officials and Respect in Sport training **prior** to **September 1, 2019** in order to be eligible to officiate in the 2019-2020 season.

This training is 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:

[Code of Ethics for Officials](#)    [Respect in Sport Training](#)

2. Reminder for those who have not completed the +5-5 Marking Guidelines and +5-5 Webinar, these **must** be completed **prior** to **September 1, 2019** in order to be eligible to officiate in the 2019-2020 season. (Note this was to be completed last season.)

This training is 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:

[Singles Webinar](#)    [Singles Marking Guidelines,](#)  
[Pairs Webinar](#)    [Pairs Marking Guidelines,](#)  
[Ice Dance Webinar](#)    [Ice Dance Marking Guidelines.](#)

3. Upcoming Clinics:

**STAR 1 – 4**

September 21-22 – Mississauga  
October 5-6 – Sault Ste Marie  
October 26-27 – Kenora  
November 2-3 – Chatham  
November 16-17 – Barry's Bay  
November 16-17 – Mississauga

**Juvenile – Senior Invitational**

Fall 2019 – Sudbury  
October 4-6 – Mississauga

**Base Level Technical Official**

Fall 2019 – Mississauga  
November 2019 – Thunder Bay

Further clinic and registration information can be found [here](#).



4. Recently, we have updated the Officials page on the Skate Ontario website. Take some time and become familiar with this area. Visit the Skate Ontario website, Officials page for reference materials. Please use this [link](#) to access the documents. Note that new documents will be added as required. Should you feel that specific resources need to be added, feel free to reach out to Therese Bilsborough at [tbilsborough@skateontario.org](mailto:tbilsborough@skateontario.org).

5. If you have not received your Skate Ontario officials' accreditation tag, please contact Therese Bilsborough at [tbilsborough@skateontario.org](mailto:tbilsborough@skateontario.org).

6. Note on \$25 clinic price

For the 2019-2020 season, all Officials clinics will cost \$25. In normal course of business, these nominal fees are being charged to offset some of the operating costs of delivering these clinics. Which include; facilitator cost, room cost, etc.

We are investing over \$100,000 in Officials development and training which includes:

- Clinics
- Mentoring
- Trial Judging
- Webinars

The nominal fees being charged for clinics are to the two main principles of charging clinic fees;

- To help offset operating costs
- To put a value on these clinics

In looking at the sport sector we find more volunteers actually value the development opportunities when a fee is assessed.

