

1. Skate Canada Code of Ethics for Officials and Respect in Sport

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 officiating 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. +5-5 Marking Guidelines and +5-5 Webinar

Reminder for those who have not completed the +5-5 Marking Guidelines and +5-5 Webinar, these **must** be completed **prior** to officiating 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. Rowan's Law

As many of you may be aware, aspects of Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), 2018 and Ontario Regulation 161/19 (the regulations that support Rowan's Law) came into effect on July 1, 2019. Additional aspects will come into effect on July 1, 2020.

With the support of Skate Canada, a short learning module that **must** be reviewed by all officials and completed **prior** to officiating. This module outlines the obligations of coaches and officials to ensure compliance with Rowan's Law.

This module will only take a few minutes to complete and can be found by clicking here:

- Rowan's Law - Coaches and Officials (Ontario)
<https://learning.skatecanada.ca/course/view.php?id=179>

4. 2019/2020 Registration

Check your Skate Canada profile to ensure that your home club has registered you. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to either Therese at tbilsborough@skateontario.org or Dia at dsuewahsing@skateontario.org.

5. Availability Surveys

The next availability survey, for competitions has been sent out. If you did not receive it, contact Therese Bilsborough at tbilsborough@skateontario.org. The deadline for completion is Friday October 18, 2019.

6. STAR 6-Gold

We need to hear from you!

Do you have questions about the STAR 6-Gold training, opportunities, Assessment Days or are you looking for development opportunities? We need this data to build opportunities, training, supports and address your needs. Please send us your thoughts [here](#). Thank you to all those that have already sent in their feedback. This feedback form will be closing on October 18, 2019.

Evaluators are an essential part of our Assessment program, don't delay in completing your STAR 6-Gold training. We need you!

Stay up to date with STAR 6-Gold [here](#) and attend one of the [Roadshows](#) for a high level learning experience of all things STAR 6-Gold Skills. Join the conversation at a STAR 6-Gold Roadshow to solidify your understanding of the content, discuss "for the level" assessment standard and network with coaches and evaluators from your area.

7. Assessment Days (Test Days)

Thank you for your patience as our Assessment days transition into STAR 6-Gold program. Please keep an eye on your inbox for availability requests.

We are currently assessing STAR 6-Gold Skills and Artistic assessments. Assessments for Freeskate and Dance will be offered in Sr. Bronze - Gold until the respective training modules are ready this fall. You may be asked to assess both new and old assessments until we have fully transitioned.

There will be a webinar for evaluators in October discussing updates to Assessment Days, availability requests, STAR 6-Gold, Coach Assessors and more. Further information will be forth coming.

8. Performance & Development Opportunities

Last year, you would have heard the words performance days, this year they are being referred to as performance and development opportunities.

As the provincial governing body of figure skating, Skate Ontario is responsible for the sanctioning of skating activities in Ontario. Sanctioning supports the goal of staging quality sport and physical activities throughout the province.

How does that affect you as an official? Any in-club events that request the use of officials now require a sanction. Please refer to this [page](#) from the Skate Ontario website for further information. Should a club reach out to you directly, please let me know and direct them to contact Sharon Maki, smaki@skateontario.org for sanction information.