

1. Synchro Pre-Season Webinars

Two webinars are being planned to kick-off the 2019-2020 SYS competition season. Additional information will be provided a few days prior to each webinar.

November 21 7:30 pm - Technical Officials

November 25 7:30 pm – Judges

2. Recently Posted Documents

The items below have recently been added to the Skate Ontario website.

[Section Memo CSS LTS 3 Oct 30 V2](#)

[Section Memo CSS LTS #4](#)

[2019-2020 Ice Dance Competitive Technical Requirements Guide 1.3](#)

[Assignment Process for Competitions](#)

3. STAR 6-Gold Updates

Gold Evaluators - Promotion [applications](#) are now open. Please apply after completing the e-module and exam per discipline. You will need to upload your certificates of achievement. Promotion application will be processed on an ongoing basis. You will see promotions reflected on your Skate Canada profile shortly after your application has been verified and processed.

Skate Ontario's Mentored Assessment pathways have launched. More information can be found [here](#). Stay tuned for more information and updates as we move through this process.

New Evaluators, Junior Bronze, Senior Bronze and Senior Silver Evaluators- Please request a [Mentored Assessment](#) here after completing your in person clinic (new evaluators), e-modules and exams.

4. Assessment Days (Test Days)

Skills, Artistic, Freeskate and Dance have now transitioned into our STAR 6-Gold program. All assessments will need to be in the STAR 6- Gold program as of November 1, 2019. The modules are available on the Skate Canada [eLearning](#) site.

5. Assessment Day Availability

Stay tuned for a communication requesting for your availability from Dec. 2019-Feb.2020. There are many requests to be filled and your help is greatly appreciated. If you have committed to an Assessment Day in November, don't forget to complete any STAR 6-Gold modules that you may still need to complete.

6. Performance & Development Opportunities

How does that affect you as an official? Any in-club events, such as monitoring/feedback sessions, performance opportunities, simulations that request the use of officials now require a sanction.

Should a club reach out to you directly, please let me know and direct the club to contact Sharon Maki, smaki@skateontario.org for sanction information. I will reach out to officials once the sanction has been granted.

Officials must not be attending an unsanctioned performance & development opportunity/event.



7. Mindfulness

All officials have a role and process to complete their required tasks whether it be at a competition, assessment day or performance and development opportunities. Let us be respectful and mindful of each other and their role, whether it be as a judge, event technician, data specialist or technical official.

8. 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](#)

9. +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.](#)

10. 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>

11. 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.

