



**Skate
Ontario**

2022/2023

Annual Report



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Welcome Message

We would like to take the opportunity in this Annual Report to celebrate a great year and congratulate the Skate Ontario community. While we were excited to complete our first season without COVID-related restrictions, the year was far from 'normal' and the flexibility and resilience of all our stakeholders shone through as skating returned full force at all levels.

As our over 325 clubs and skating schools experienced a surge in registrations, we supported both organizational and skating program excellence. Highlights included the launch of our new Organizational Excellence Program and our new Members Portal designed to make club operations easier. We were proud to continue the growth of engagement in our CanSkate Excellence program and to complete over 75 in person club/skating school visits in addition to other onsite engagements.

This season also saw a resurgence of programs offered to skaters, coaches and officials. Highlights included the Provincial Development Team camp, an adult symposium, and a four medal performance at the Canada Winter Games. On the coach and officials side, despite the challenges in acquiring venues and a backlog in interest, we were able to execute over 75 courses in addition to a robust webinar program that saw almost 2000 participants.

From a high performance perspective, Ontario thrived on the national and international scene. We would like to extend particular congratulations to the Ontario skaters who won medals at the 2023 World Championships including Piper Gilles and Paul Poirier (Bronze in Senior Dance), Nadiia Bashynska and Peter Beaumont (Bronze in Junior Dance) and NEXXICE (Silver in Junior Synchronized Skating.)

Our event offerings returned in an exciting way with the delivery of over 40 events with over 16,000 entries. Many new challenges made event planning difficult. These included aligning with the new Skate Canada competition calendar, an inability to execute regular planning timelines, and a lack of information about how many skaters would return to what categories. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the Local Organizing Committees, the officials and the Skate Ontario events team for delivering these opportunities for our skaters.

We would also like to thank all stakeholders who supported the development of the 2023-2027 Skate Ontario Strategic Plan. We appreciate the thoughtful input from all the groups resulting in a strong road map for the upcoming four years. We would like to offer special thanks to Mary-Rose Weir for her expert guidance and work as the Project Lead for this process.

As prescribed by our new Strategic Plan, we look forward to enabling an Athlete Centred, Healthy Environment supported by our three strategic imperatives: Club and Skating School Excellence, Skating Excellence and Organizational Excellence in the upcoming season and in the years to come.

Yours in skating,

Andrea Derby
Section Chair

Lisa Alexander
Executive Director

Clubs and Skating Schools

Member Clubs and Skating Schools

Skate Ontario's Member Clubs and Skating Schools deliver the best programming and opportunities for skaters of all levels and are the pillars of the Ontario skating community. Skate Ontario proudly supported over 330 active Member Clubs and Skating Schools during the 2022-23 season.

Organizational Excellence Program

In the fall of 2022, Skate Ontario launched the Organizational Excellence Program as a way of offering enhanced service and support to our Member Clubs and Skating Schools. This program provides education, resources, support and accountability to our Member Clubs and Skating Schools facilitating the implementation of good governance, sound fiscal practices, risk management and communication.

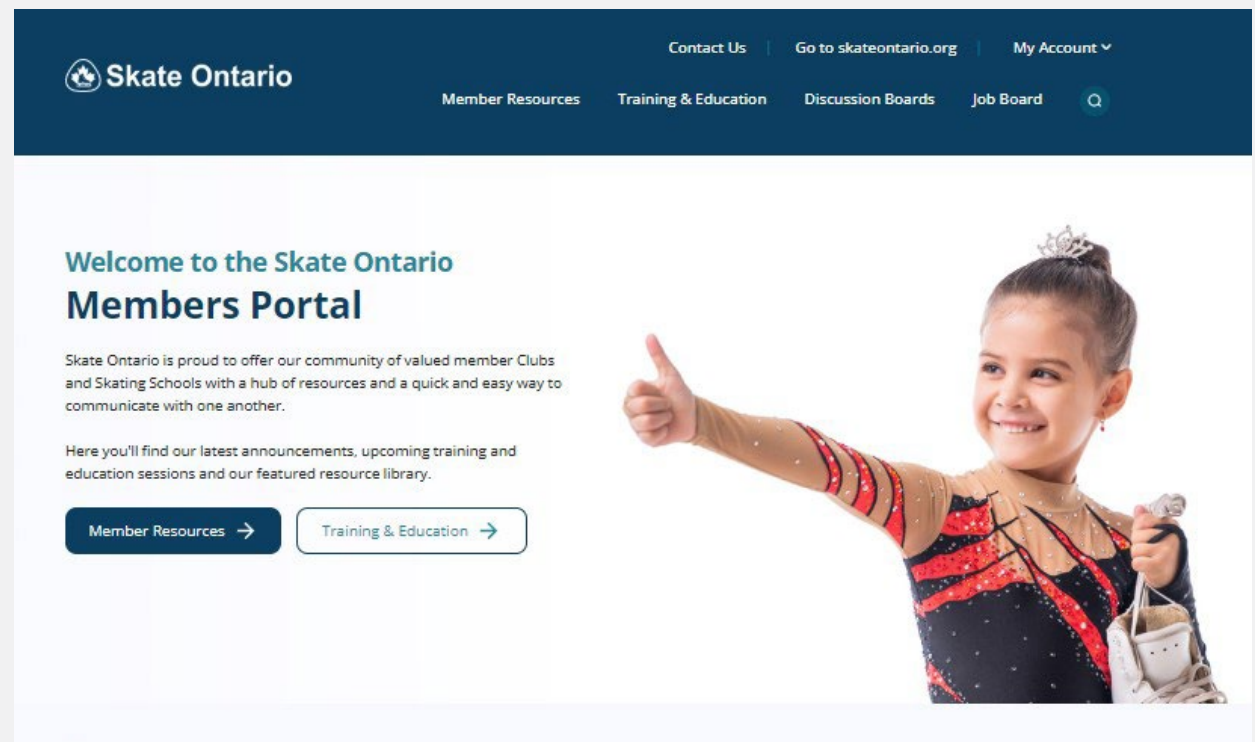
Key initiatives delivered as part of this program included:

- 27 in person club consultations
- Onsite club engagement at Provincials and three Bring on the Fun events
- Introduction of Skate Ontario Membership Policy
- Nine Presidents Club meetings
- Four different workshops as part of the education series
 - Club Board Member Orientation
 - Financial Management for Clubs and Skating Schools
 - Understanding ONCA
 - HR Management for Clubs and Skating Schools
- Development and launch of the Skate Ontario Members Portal



The Skate Ontario Members Portal has become the 'Go-To' spot for Member Clubs and Schools to:

- Post jobs
- Populate the "Find a Club" section of the website
- Access resources
- Connect with other clubs via the discussion board
- Sign up for training and education opportunities
- Apply to change or add locations to club or school operations
- Upload and store up to 30 files



Skater Development

This year was a year of reconnecting. Connecting with the athletes and providing in person opportunities and focusing on teamwork. From a successful showing at Canada Winter Games, to a jam-packed weekend of learning at the Provincial Camp the Provincial athletes were shown that we are better together!

Provincial Development Team

The 2023 Provincial Development Camp brought STAR athletes together to learn from expert facilitators.

Skaters were able to qualify in the STAR 5 to Gold level in freeskate, artistic, pairs and dance.

We held a camp for skaters on the Provincial Development Team over two days at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort & Conference Centre in Alliston, Ontario. All the athletes that attended had qualified to the 2023 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships.

The camp included world class facilitators:

- Katherine Medland-Spence
- Danielle Rose
- Kevin Dawe
- Rebekah Dixon
- Victoria Smith
- Andrew Poje
- Jonathan Mills
- Reaghan Fortin

Guest Speakers:

- Trennt Michaud
- Lia Pereira

Adult Symposium

The Adult Symposium was held to connect with athletes that are a part of our adult skating community across Ontario. We used this as an opportunity to help pass along important information from Skate Ontario, as well to hear from the adults for future planning and help improve the experience of adult skaters in Ontario. We had 15 people attend from 7 different clubs.

2023 Canada Winter Games

The Canada Winter Games gave athletes the opportunity to experience multi-sport games. Skate Ontario had a team of 15 athletes – 10 single, pair and dance athletes, five Special Olympics athletes with a coaching staff of three.

This event prepares athletes for future multi-sport games such as the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games later in their development.

There were four athlete medals with a Gold medal in Pre-Novice Men, a Bronze medal in Pre-Novice Women, a Silver in Special Olympics Level 2 Men and a Gold in Special Olympics Level 2 Women.



Team Ontario
Provincial Development Team



Adult
VIP Series



High Performance



High Performance Camp

Skate Ontario was proud to welcome almost 80 athletes for our two-day High Performance Camp. The skaters had on and off-ice sessions with world class facilitators including Ravi Walia, Asher Hill, Michoue Sylvain, Charles Fitzsimmons, Karen Howard, Leanna Caron, Merissa Simonian, Linda Marsella, Anya Taraboulsy and Eric Liu.

The focus for the athletes was to provide a learning opportunity that they wouldn't receive in their daily training. This included working with an acting coach, receiving valuable media training, working with acrobats and valuable Team Ontario bonding.

Ontario High Performance Sport Initiative (OHPSI) Program

56 Ontario athletes were named to the 2022/2023 OHPSI program and were provided with the following support through the Canadian Sport Institute Ontario (CSIO):

- Athlete therapy
- Physiology and testing
- Mental performance
- Strength and conditioning

56 Skate Ontario athletes in the OHPSI Program

Skate Canada NextGen Program – 2022/2023

26 Ontario athletes were named to the 2022/2023 Skate Canada NextGen Team. Skaters attended a NextGen camp organized by Skate Canada in July 2022 in Waterloo, ON.

- **Men:** David Bondar, John Kim, Grayson Long, David Shteyngart, Rio Morita, Alec Guinzbourg
- **Women:** Abbie Baltzer, Fiona Bombardier, Lulu Lin, Lia Pereira, Reese Rose, Hetty Shi
- **Pairs:** Chloe Panetta/Kieran Thrasher
- **Dance:** Nadiia Bashynska/Peter Beaumont, Erica Estepa/Nolen Hickey, Emma Goodstadt/ Michael Barsoum, Jordyn Lewis/ Noah McMillan, Dana Sabatini-Speciale/ Nicholas Buelow, Layla Veillon/Alexander Brandys

Junior Synchronized teams selected for ISU events: NEXXICE, Gold Ice, Ice Ignite

2022-2023 National Team

The 2022-2023 National team consisted of 16 Team Skate Ontario members, including:

- **Men:** Roman Sadovsky, Corey Circelli, Conrad Orzel, Stephen Gogolev
- **Women:** Madeline Schizas, Gabrelle Daleman, Alison Schumacher
- **Pairs:** Evelyn Walsh/Trennt Michaud Brooke MacIntosh/Benjamin Mimar
- **Dance:** Piper Gilles/Paul Poirier, Molly Lanaghan/Dmitre Razgulajevs
- **Synchronized Skating:** NEXXICE



High Performance



Team Ontario
Nationals

2023 Skate Canada Challenge

143 athletes competed at Challenge in Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior.

2023 Skate Canada National Championship Results

165 athletes competed at the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships.

Titles won by Ontario athletes:

- NEXXICE - Synchronized Skating Senior
- Madeline Schizas - Senior Women
- Chloe Panetta/Kieran Thrasher - Junior Pair
- Nadiia Bashynska / Peter Beaumont - Junior Dance
- NEXXICE Jr. - Synchronized Skating Junior
- Hetty Shi - Junior Women

National Medal Count	Total	Medal		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
Senior	5	1	2	2
Junior	4	3	1	
Novice	3	2	1	
Synchro	5	2	1	2
Total	17	8	5	4

	National Medal Count (Synchro)	Total	Medal		
			Gold	Silver	Bronze
Senior	1	1			
Junior	2	2	1		1
Novice	2	2		1	1
Canada Cup Intermediate	3	3	1	1	1
Open	1	1			
Total	8	8	3	2	3



2023 Novice Canadian Championships/ Skate Canada Cup

Skate Ontario was proud to have 272 athletes competing at the 2023 Novice Canadian Championships/Skate Canada Cup in Calgary, AB. Skate Ontario had a full podium sweep in synchronized skating at the intermediate level and 2 out of 3 national titles were won by NEXXICE teams. Skate Ontario won 9 medals total in this event including 3 top podium finishes.

Novice Champions:

- Charlotte Chung/Axel Mackenzie - Novice Dance
- Lucille Yang - Novice Women
- NEXXICE - SYS Intermediate



High Performance



2023 ISU World Figure Skating Championships Team

- Piper Gilles & Paul Poirier – Bronze
- Lia Pereira/Trennt Michaud - 6th
- Brooke McIntosh / Benjamin Mimar – 11th
- Madeline Schizas – 13th
- Conrad Orzel - 26th

2023 ISU Four Continents Team

- Lia Pereira and Trennt Michaud -4th
- Madeline Schizas – 9th
- Conrad Orzel– 8th
- Stephen Gogolev - 13th

2023 ISU Jr. World Figure Skating Championships Team

- Nadiia Bashynska / Peter Beaumont - Bronze
- Chloe Panetta/Kieran Thrasher – 8th

2023 Grand Prix Final/Junior Grand Prix Final

- Piper Gilles/Paul Poirier - Gold
- Nadiia Bashynska/Peter Beaumont - Gold
- Chloe Panetta/Kieran Thrasher - 6th

2023 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships

After winning the National Championships in January, NEXXICE secured their spot to represent Canada at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships where they finished in 4th place.

2023 ISU Synchronized Skating (World Junior) Championships

NEXXICE - Silver

Mozart Cup

NEXXICE - Gold



Leon Lurje Trophy
Gold Ice - 7th

French Cup
Ice Ignite - 5th

Hevelius Cup
NEXXICE Jr. - Gold
Ice Ignite - Silver

Spring Cup
NEXXICE - Bronze
NEXXICE Jr. - Bronze

Steel City Trophy
Gold Ice - Gold

International Competitions

Events	Ontario Entries	Medals		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
Development Internationals	3			5
ISU Challenger Series	13			
ISU Four Continents	4			2
ISU Junior Grand Prix	15	2		2
ISU Grand Prix	15	2		1
ISU JGP/Grand Prix Final	3	2		
Junior World Championships	2			1
World Championships	5			1



Coaches

Skate Ontario is proud to have over 2000 registered coaches to support the development of skaters at all levels and disciplines from learn to skate up to skaters competing at the World Championships.



National Coaching Certification Program



Coach Development Series

NCCP Coaching Courses

A total of 45 courses were held and 549 coaches were trained.

Level	# of Courses
CanSkate	17
CanPowerSkate	6
Regional	5
Provincial	15
National	2

45 Courses were held

Other Coaching Development

Webinars were offered to coaches to engage them on Sport for Life's updated Long Term Development model. The LTD webinars were connected to the commitment levels from clubs and skating schools based on the Funding of Member Community Sport Clubs grant application..

189 coaches attended the four webinars.

The pre-Season Webinar Series for coaches and board members was tied to the commitment levels agreed to by each club and skating school as part of the Funding of Member Community Sport Clubs grant application.

1374 participants attended four webinars.

Officials

Skate Ontario has more than 450 certified officials who are Evaluators, Judges, Referees, Technical Officials, Data Specialists and Event Technicians.

Officials Training

Skate Ontario held 32 training sessions and trained 118 officials.

32 Training Sessions Held

118 Officials Trained

Officials Training for Skater Development and Performance Opportunities

- Base Level Technical Official Clinic
- STAR 1-4 Event Assessor Clinic
- Judge & Technical Information Update Webinars (all disciplines)
- Section Level Singles Technical Panel Clinic
- Program Component Presentation
- Senior Singles Judge Clinic
- Senior Ice Dance Judge Clinic
- Event Technician Training

Data Specialists

A total of 5 officiating sessions were held for Data Specialists, and they participated in six sessions with the other officials. Data Specialist training was offered at two in-person events – Super Series Thunder Bay and STAR 1-4 Glen Cairn.



Assessment Days

This year, Evaluators completed over 30,000 assessments across the province. Assessment Days are paramount in the development of skaters at the STAR 6-Gold level.

Officials Training for Assessment Days

- New Evaluator Training - 1 session
- STAR 6-Gold Online Co-Evaluations including new Evaluator pathway in Skills, Dance, Freeskate and Artistic - 2 sessions



Events

Sectionals Series – 5 events
 Provincial Series – 16 events
 Synchro Series – 4 events
 STAR 1-4 Series – 10 events
 Adult Provincial Championships – 1 event
 Bring ON the Fun! – 5 events

41 Events Total



Sectional Series



Provincial Series



Synchro Series



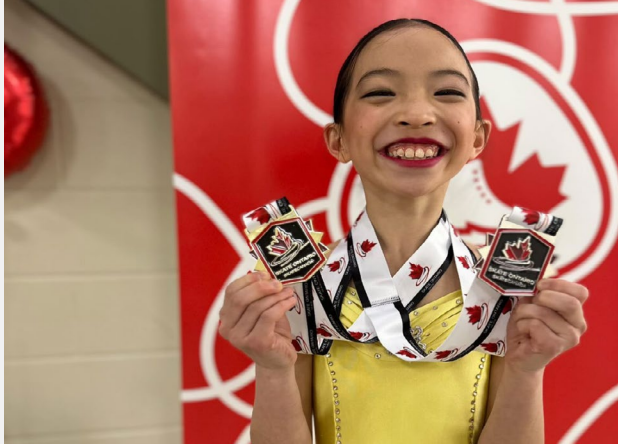
STAR 1-4 Series



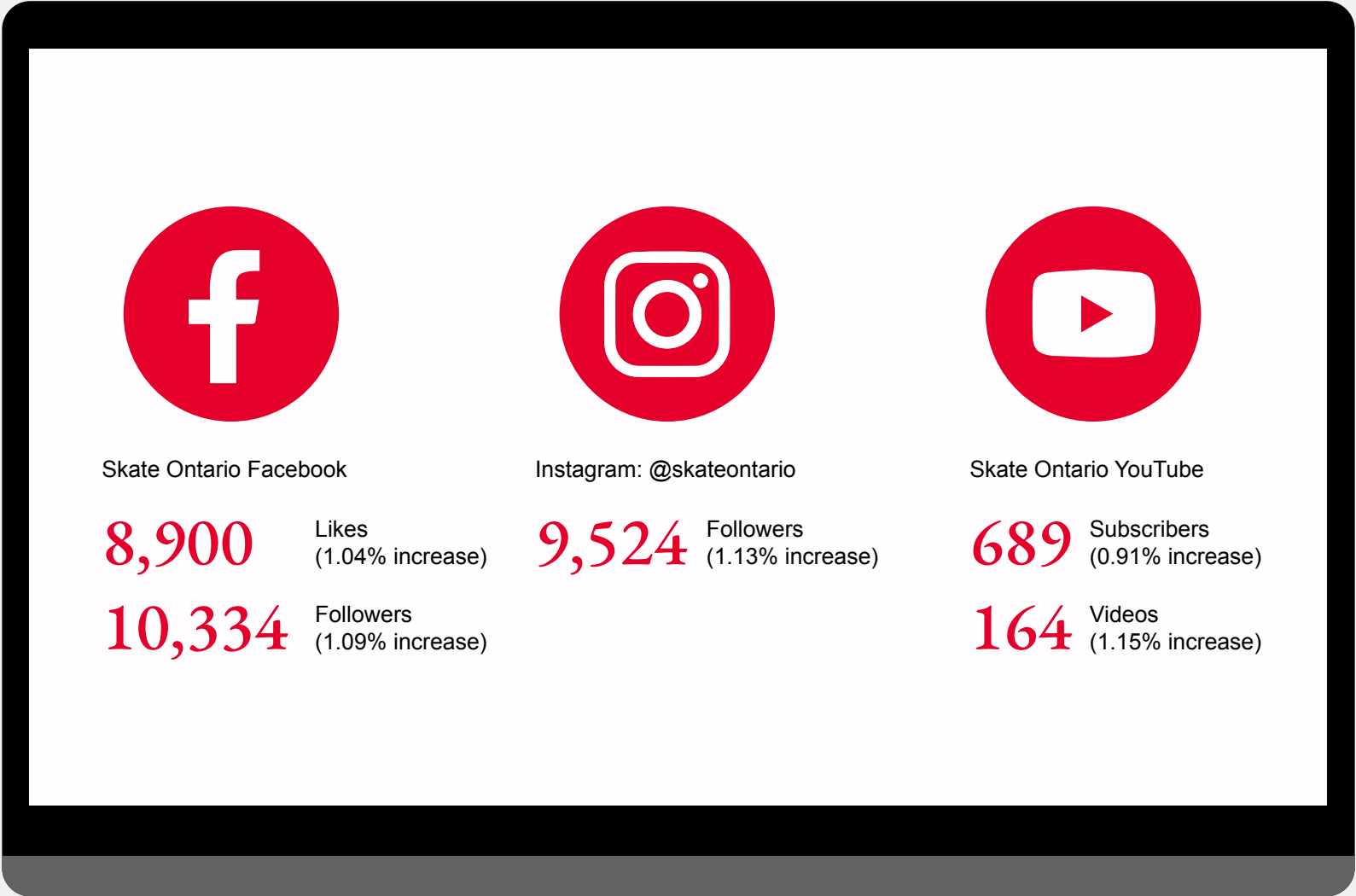
Bring ON the Fun!

2023 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships
 900+ athletes in 50+ categories competed in Stratford. 52 champions were named.

Over **16,000** Entries

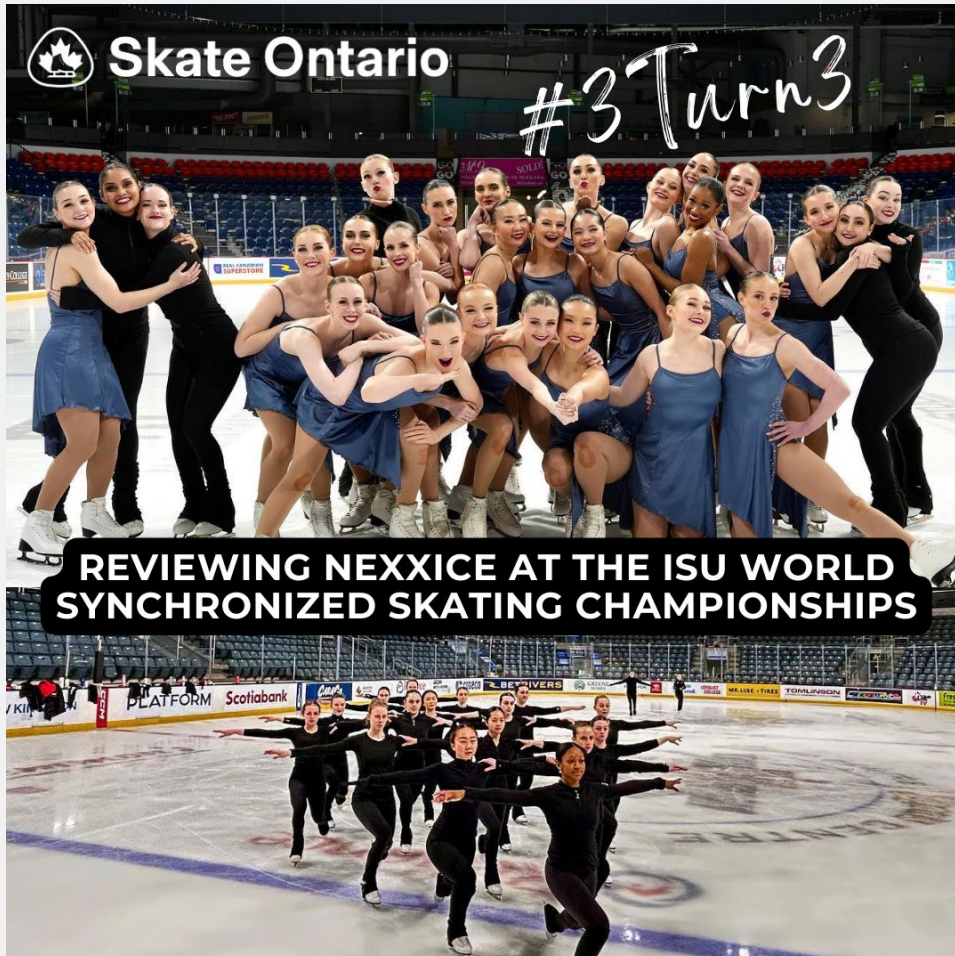


Social Media



Engagement

This season, Skate Ontario Presents: #3turn3 was introduced to the Ontario skating community. This weekly, Thursday afternoon show featured hosts Pj Kwong, Charlene Bailey and Mazin Thomas and was aired live on the Skate Ontario Facebook page and YouTube channel. Guests on the show included the Ontario skaters who represented Canada at the World Championships along with Ontario skating stars from the past and present.



Guest/Topic	Total Views
Grand Prix Season	1,186
Asher Hill	4,337
Donald Jackson & Ryan Stevens	12,959
4 Continents	1,807
National Champions	5,013
NEXXICE Senior's Chloe Chouinard	2,747
Sayonara Saitama and Provincials	2,255
Worlds in Japan	2,761
Lia Pereira and Trennt Michaud	3,506
Junior Worlds	3,395
Brooke McIntosh and Benjamin Mimar	6,659
Fashion tour	2,975
Coaching, Coaching, COACHING!	5,097



Engagement

There is an appetite for livestreamed events in Ontario and we as an organization now have the capacity to stream quality live content.

213.6K Total livestreaming views

2022/2023 Livestream Numbers

October Event
Total Views- 43.9 K
Rink 1- 24.4 K
Rink 2- 20.6 K

November Event
Total Views- 18.8 K
Rink 1- 8.8 K
Rink 2- 10 K

December Event
Total Views- 17.4 K
Rink 1- 10.6 K
Rink 2- 6.8 K

Brampton SYS
Total Views- 31.4 K
Rink 1- 31.4 K

Milton Event
Total Views- 25.6 K
Rink 1- 14.4 K
Rink 2- 11.2 K

Oakville SYS
Total Views- 23.6 K
Rink 1- 23.6 K

Gloucester Event
Total Views- 12.3 K
Rink 1- 7.4 K
Rink 2- 4.8 K

Provincial Championships
Total Views- 36.5 K
Rink 1- 19 K
Rink 2- 17.5 K



Skaters Promotional Contest

Ontario Skaters Promotional Contest

This year marked the 34th annual Ontario Skaters Promotional Contest. This program is a wonderful fundraising opportunity for skaters and clubs while creating awareness of figure skating in their community.

63 clubs/skating schools from across the province participated in this year's contest.

Over 165,000 tickets were sold!

2023 Winners:

Prize	Name	Club/skating school
2023 Nissan Kicks	Rose Mirasol	Milton SC
Peloton Prize Package	Len Garinger	Waterford Tricenturena SC
Merit Travel Gift Certificate (\$3,000)	Wendy Winkel	Kitchener-Waterloo SC
\$1,000 Amazon Gift Card	Dr. Carolyn Moss	Kitchener-Waterloo SC
\$1,000 Amazon Gift Card	Nicole Cann	Dundas SC
\$1,000 Amazon Gift Card	Dr. Carolyn Moss	Kitchener-Waterloo SC
\$1,000 Amazon Gift Card	Melissa Stahlke	Mitchell SC
\$1,000 Amazon Gift Card	Ashton Gautier	Kapuskasing SC
Apple iPad	Ryan Lee	
Apple iPad	Judy Stuckless	Exeter SC
Apple iPad	Jake Fischer	Port Stanley SC
Apple iPad	Lisa Eastick	Port Stanley SC
Apple iPad	Joanne Ball	Waterford SC



Skate Ontario Award Winners

Skate Ontario Section Award Winners

Prize	Name	Club/skating school
CanSkate Athlete	Adalyn Laporte	Meaford SC
Podium Pathway Athlete	Lucille Yang	Gloucester SC
Section Official	Irma Orzeck	Skate Canada Brampton-Chinguacousy
Program Assistant	Clara Adams	Gloucester SC
STARSkate Athlete	Carolyn McMullen	Fort Henry Heights SC
Section Elizabeth Swan Memorial	Meghann McPhee	Whitby Synchronized Skating Team
Section Volunteer	Anne Rocchi	Ancaster SC
Volunteer Coach	Kathryn Sinclair-Bleak	Ilderton SC

**2022/2023
Skate Ontario
Award
Winners**

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Meaford SC

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Skate Ontario logo is present at the bottom of each award card.

