

# Skate Regina Special Meeting Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Doug Wickenheiser Arena

### 2021-2022 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Skate Regina members were thankful that, for the 2021-2022 skating season, we were able to start getting back to pre-Covid norms. I would like to convey my appreciation to all parents and skaters for their continued support of Skate Regina programming! It was great to see many full CanSkate, PowerSkate, and STARSkate sessions during our Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer skating seasons. Furthermore, I would like to express my gratitude to the coaches for being creative, adaptable, positive, and for working together to ensure skater safety and continued skater development!

This year, we were elated that our skaters had the opportunity to attend in-person regional, provincial, and national competitions. They humbly and victoriously represented Skate Regina at all levels of competition. Congratulations to all our skaters for their own personal accomplishments throughout this skating season! Congratulations to our youngest skaters to our most advanced skaters for acquiring new skills and for passing levels and tests!

In March, Skate Regina was proud to host "Showcase". The club had many achievements to celebrate, and we honored those learning to skate as well as our most competitive skaters. It was a magnificent evening which allowed families and friends to gather and highlight our skaters' accomplishments. Thank you very much to our many sponsors for their continued financial support. Thank you also to the numerous volunteers, for, without them, such events cannot happen.

At the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan AGM, many Skate Regina members and volunteers received recognition for their contributions to the skating community.

- Section Volunteer Award Cathy Sarty
- Section Volunteer Coach Garrett Gosselin
- Coaches Choice Award Judy Harris
- Saskatchewan Club and Recognition Coach Award of Excellence David Czerniak
- Athlete Recognition Award Tristan Taylor
- Amy Award Caidence Derenisky
- Section CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award Hailey Haas
- Section Official Award Candice Dion
- Official 10 Year Pin Candice Dion
- Official 25 Year Pin Laurel Dutton-Wilkins

Furthermore, at Showcase, we recognized Ben Spaeth and Dora Lu as Skate Regina's STARSkate Rising Stars for their determination, work ethic, and positive attitude towards skating.

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Lastly, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the members of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors for their tireless work, commitment, and diligence throughout the uncertainty of the year. Thank you for their time and their expertise, which helped to ensure that our skaters had the best possible skating experience during an unpredictable year, and the continued success of Skate Regina!

In 2022-2023, we will continue to work with our members and our coaches to provide opportunities, to inspire passion, and to build excellence within the club.

Respectfully submitted, Natalie Mitchell

# Skate Regina Assessment Coordinator Report

## 2021/2022 Season

### Coach Assessed - On Session

	SKILLS	FREESKATE ELEMENTS	FREESKATE PROGRAM	ICE DANCE	ARTISTIC	SYNCHRO	TOTAL
STAR 1	6	10		8			24
STAR 2	4	2	1	8		-	15
STAR 3	6	2	3	10		-	21
STAR 4	ı	-	1	7		-	8
STAR 5	2	-	-	4	-		6
STAR 6	1						1
STAR 7	1						1
STAR 8	1						1
STAR 9	1						1
STAR 10	1						1
GOLD	1						1
TOTAL	24	14	5	37	0	0	80

43 assessments were completed by Coaches in the Fall and Winter 1 sessions, with 37 completed in Winter 2 and Spring sessions.

## Evaluator Assessed – Assessment Days on December 8, 2021 and March 15, 2022

	SKILLS	FREESKATE ELEMENTS	FREESKATE PROGRAM	ICE DANCE	ARTISTIC	TOTAL
STAR 6		3	4	5		12
STAR 7			1		3	4
STAR 8		2		1		3
STAR 9		3	1		1	4
STAR 10						0
GOLD					1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	8	6	6	4	24

Evaluators for the two Assessment Days were Brett Hines and Judy Harris.

Congratulations to Caidence Derenisky on the achievement of her Gold Skills and Gold Artistic assessments during the skating season.

# Club Administrator/Registration Coordinator Report

Skate Regina's membership consists of executive members, officials, recreational skaters, STARSkate, Competitive Skate, Special Olympic skaters, and CanPower skaters.

Skate Regina registered **717** members for the 2021/2022 season. This is more than 50% more than previous year, when we were limited due to provincial restrictions.

We had to get creative with scheduling to allow as many sessions as possible with the limited skaters allowed on the ice at time.

### **Recreation Programs**

- 1. Summer (July August 2021) had 2 Parent Assist & CanSkate sessions with 53 registrations, 1 Prepower session with 21 registrations, as well as our Jr Prep (19 participants) and Star Skate (51 participants) Summer programs. The Jr Prep and Star Skate participants at summer school purchase week packages often with many participants purchasing multiple week packages.
- 2. Fall (September 2021) had our regular programing return with the city restrictions of masking. Our programs included 1 Pre-Power, 1 Power, 2 CanSkate, 2 Parent Assisted CanSkate, and 2 Jr Prep sessions. We had a total of **174** registrations for our Fall programming.
- 3. Winter 1 (October December 2021) had 1 Pre-Power, 1 Power, 6 CanSkate, 6 Parent Assisted CanSkate, and 4 Jr Prep sessions. City restrictions continued with masking and proof of vaccination was also added for their facilities. We introduced off-ice programs of Posture & Stretch and Jumps as well as an on-ice group spin class. We had a total of **373** registrations for our Winter 1 programming.
- 4. Winter 2 (January March 2022) had 1 Pre-Power, 1 Power, 7 CanSkate, 6 Parent Assisted CanSkate, and 4 Jr Prep sessions. City restrictions of masking and proof of vaccination were discontinued during this season. Our off-ice programs of Posture & Stretch and Jumps as well as an on-ice group spin class continued. We had a total of **436** participants register for our Winter 2 programming.
- 5. Spring (April-June 2021) had 1 Pre-Power, 1 Power, 3 CanSkate, 3 Parent Assisted CanSkate, and 3 Jr Prep sessions. Our off-ice programs of Posture & Stretch and Jumps continued, and we added a 15-minute group session to 3 of our Open Star Skate session. We had a total of **262** registrations in our Spring programming.

### **StarSkate and Competitive Programs**

Skate Regina offered four STARSkate & Competitive Skate Seasons throughout 2021-2022 season (Summer, Fall, Winter & Spring). Ice requests for each season are made to the City at least six months in advance of the season and are based on current registrations. We introduced off-ice Jumps and Posture & Stretch into our Winter 1, Winter 2, and Spring seasons. We offered an on-ice group spin class in the Winter 1 and Winter 2 seasons. In the Spring season, we added a 15-minute group class to 3 Open sessions. The total number of Star registrations for this skating year was 1249. This number is based on number of registrations, not skaters, as many skaters will register for multiple sessions.

Jode Derenisky Registration Coordinator

## **Director's Report**

# April/May 2021

• Spring 2021 was shortened with only StarSkate and Jr Prep running. Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to offer CanSkate and Power.

## July/August 2021

- Skate Regina summer school was exceptional very smoothly run and a great atmosphere for the skaters to train in.
- It is imperative that we are able to run a successful summer school here in the city so that our members continue to have access to year round ice/coaching.
- With summer competitions still running virtually in 2021, we had to book extra ice and coordinate skaters schedules to accommodate "video days" as this is how our competitive skaters were able to compete in the summer. Videos were sent in and played/judged live at various summer competitions.

## September 2021

- Program Assistant training was held to train all of our new and experienced CanSkate PA's making sure they align with our expectations, as well as a refresher for our existing PA's.
- Coaches meeting was held to review plans for the winter season and discuss strategies, structure and organization for all sessions.
- Fall School was a success with good numbers in all group programs. We ran 2 CanSkates, 2 Parent Assisted CanSkates, 2 Jr Preps, 1 Pre-Power and 1 Power class per week.
- September saw the addition of a 45 min Star/competitive group class each week that was very successful and continued on through the Winter.

### October 2021

- Our Winter session began in October and numbers continued to rise as our programming started. We had great numbers throughout our group programming all winter.
- Skate Regina's group programming with our coaching and circuits are phenomenally run. All of our coaches are on the same page and we continue to be an "athlete centered" group.
- Winter 2021/2022 saw the addition of 2 consistent off ice jump classes each week by Coach Garrett, as well as a posture and stretch class led by Coach Brittney. These classes are extremely important for

the growth and development of skaters in our sport. It is so wonderful that we have such qualified instructors for these classes within our coaching staff.

- Ice request for spring, summer and fall 2022 was submitted.
- Skate Regina was strongly represented in all singles events as well as pairs at Sask Skate, with many athletes standing on the podium.
- Skate Regina had 4 skaters selected by Skate Canada Saskatchewan to compete at an out of province competition as part of Team Saskatchewan. Rhea Renwick, Caidence Derenisky, Tristan Taylor and Raine Eberl traveled with the team to Ontario to compete at the Octoberfest competition.

### November 2021

- Skate Regina had 11 singles skaters and 2 pair teams represented at Sectionals (Provincial
  Championships for Competitive skaters). Abigail Haas, Sydney Schultz, Richard Qin, Addison Welk,
  Hailey Haas, Gemma Pipko, Julia Pangracs, Kalista Brown, Caidence Derenisky, Rhea Renwick, Tristan
  Taylor, Ashlyn and Tristan in Junior pairs and Caidence and Raine in Senior pairs. Congratulations to all
  on a very successful provincial championship!
- Of these skaters at Sectionals, Caidence qualified to compete in singles, and Ashlyn and Tristan competed in pairs at the Skate Canada Challenge held here in Regina at the beginning of December. Caidence and Raine withdrew from the Senior pair event due to Raine's back injury.
- After Challenge, Ashlyn and Tristan went on to compete at the Skate Canada National Championships in January. They have recently been named to Skate Canada's Next Gen Team.

### December 2021

- Skate Regina Fun Fest was held in December again this year. This is such a wonderful and necessary
  event for our CanSkaters, Jr Prep and Star 1-4 programs, giving the skaters confidence and a sense of
  accomplishment.
- Since Skate Canada Challenge (National qualifying competition) was hosted in Regina this year, we took the opportunity to organize a group of our up-and-coming Star and Jr Prep skaters to sit with Coach Nicole and Coach Garrett and watch some of this fantastic skating. Nicole and Garrett explained to the skaters some of the ins and outs of a competing at a competition of this caliber. It was a fun learning opportunity for our young skaters!

## January 2022

- We were contacted by the Government of Saskatchewan, in conjunction with FROST Regina, to help out with teaching some learn to skate classes. Coach Nicole went on many different weekends to teach these classes and promote Skate Regina.
- The Government also reached out to us for a media event (ribbon cutting ceremony) of the NHL sized rink that was built on Wascana lake this year. Myself, Garrett, Katlyn Stefan, Haley Stefan, Sydney Schultz and Megan Manson were all in attendance to show off our skills on the rink in the background of the cameras. It was a wonderful (but cold!) experience.
- These events that Skate Regina participates in are great ways to get involved, give back to the community of Regina and promote skating in Saskatchewan!

## February 2022

Skate Regina had many skaters attend one of the Regional StarSkate competitions this year. This
competition was held in Clavet - These events are so important to have as they give our athletes new
goals to strive for and keeps them progressing forward. Skaters who attended this event were: Olivia
Jones, Kaylee Lawrence, Ashlynn Mitchell, Lanna Lowen, Erika Mitchell, Collyns Park, Dreyden Pletz,
Danica Rodger, Haley Stefan, Sadie Vorreiter and Tianci Wang. Congratulations on a successful
competition!

#### March 2022

- Winter Classic was held in Estevan this year. Skate Regina had many StarSkate and competitive skaters represented. This is a great competition for our club to attend as it is a large one that hosts both the StarSkate and the Competitive stream.
- Skate Regina held a very successful "Showcase" this year. It was nice to finally host something with an audience and the kids had a wonderful time performing.
- Ice Request for Oct-Mar 2022/2023 was put in.
- Summer School survey was sent out.

Thank you to all of the coaches and board members who continuously strive to make Skate Regina the premier skating club in Saskatchewan. I look forward to this coming year so we can continue to provide opportunity, inspire passion, and build excellence!

Respectfully Submitted by Vicki Schultz Skate Regina Skating Director

# CanSkate Coordinator 2022 Report

We had a very successful CanSkate season. This was the first season we were able to fill all of our sessions since Covid-19. We had great numbers with many waitlists for CanSkate and Parent Assisted CanSkate.

All sessions are running smoothly with wonderful feedback from skaters and families. At the Saskatchewan AGM in May 2022, there was an opportunity for board members to review the Skate Canada CanSkate standards and delivery in comparison to their club's sessions. We have confirmed that our sessions meet all Skate Canada standards and even surpass many of the standards. This is thanks to our amazing coaching team and program assistants!

We hosted our club CanSkate Fun Fest on December 19th/2021. We had 57 CanSkate skaters join this event. We were very fortunate to have funding provided by the 2021 Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant and were able to offer free registration for these members who attended. It was well attended and a fun opportunity for our young skaters.

I was given the opportunity to provide free skating lessons on behalf of Skate Regina for our community in early 2022. These took place at the Rink on Wascana on Saturdays in January and February as well as part of Frost Festival on February 7th and 8th.

We have worked hard on the growth of our club. This past season, we moved 19 skaters out of CanSkate and into our Jr Prep programming (which works on advanced CanSkate skills and introduces some STAR level skills). We are working on some Spring trial sessions as well to prepare movement of more skaters for the upcoming seasons.

Our coaches receive help during all CanSkate sessions from our CanSkate PA's (program assistants). We thanked our PAs with a year end movie party. We had 20 of our PA's get together to celebrate as a group at the movie theater.

Thank you, Nicole Gee Skate Regina CanSkate Coordinator