

OFFICIALS ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

The Officials Committee encompasses the technical specialists/controllers, judges, evaluators, STAR 1-4 judges, coach assessors and data specialists.

Judges Evaluators Technical (JET) Committee Report

- Competitions: Unfortunately, we were not able to hold any competitions this year due to COVID and logistics. We did have 3 NS officials participate in the new virtual competitions. Sheila Beard, Gregor MacLean & Sarah Miles were trained and then officiated at the NB Sectionals in December 2020. Sheila & Gregor were officials for the Canadian Challenge competition held in January 2021 over 2 weekends.
- The Team Challenge event has been going strong each month (January, February, March & April) and they have been well attended, as 1500 ribbons been sent out with 1 last event to be judged. The skaters have been having fun with these as have been creating team names and matching outfits. Skaters of all levels from across the province have participated in this event. Big thanks to Jill for compiling the entries, hosting us at her home for the judging and then getting the ribbons out to the skaters.
- We had one Region submit programs for video monitoring. 6 skaters/8 programs – Star 5, 9, 10 & Juvenile. Had a panel of 2 technical and 3 judges watch programs and then gather for a zoom call to review and compile feedback to send back to coach and skaters. We all felt that this was beneficial for the skaters to simulate a competition including their competition dress to keep progressing with their training. Also appreciated by the officials to keep their skills and technical knowledge up to date.
- Skate Canada hosted a Pairs Technical Panel Training Seminar in a virtual format in October 2020 and Gregor MacLean participated. Congratulations on successfully achieving phase 1 TC Pairs status.
- We have had 3 new officials move to our province over the last year but have not had a chance to put their skills to use due to lack of competitions, hopeful that the

2021-2022 season will be different. They are all levels: Star 1-4, Juvenile and Senior.

- We have completed the virtual seminars for evaluator training (Star 6 – Gold) and have 1 new evaluator (congratulations to Treena Landry), 2 more have completed the online training. Training will be completed once then can attend Assessment days and do their mentored assessments. We do have an additional evaluator previously Primary who has completed the seminar through the NB Section. This is something that National is working on to have all sections in Canada to be able to have evaluators/judges come together virtually to get whichever training they need or are interested in.
- We have received requests from 3 coaches to be certified as Coach Assessors for Star 6-Gold skills, 1 completed and 2 to complete the mentored assessment process when Assessment days are in their area.
- We have been very lucky in NS to have skaters on the ice and evaluators trained and allowed into the arenas to do in person Assessment days. The rest of Canada has not had the same success. We have had 2 evaluators very busy completing virtual Assessment days, which are a lot of extra administrative work on top of the time doing the tests. Sheila Beard (part of the Skate Canada Virtual Pilot working group) and Sarah Miles are very much appreciated for completing these from coast to coast as some areas have had very few if any test days since the new Star 6-Gold program started.
- Assessment Days – our skaters were able to get back on the ice after the December shut down and the following test days have been completed with our evaluators in the arenas:
 - Feb 13 & 15 - HSC&BCS @ LeBrun
 - Mar 10 & 24 - Amherst
 - Mar 8 - DSC @ RBC
 - Mar 14 - Sackville @ Stadium
 - Mar 14 - St. Margaret's Bay
 - Mar 15 & 22 - Truro
 - Mar 27 - Riverview SC @ Brooklyn
 - Mar 28 – Kentville & Greenwood @ Kentville
 - April 9 & 10 - BSC & HSC @ BMO/LeBrun
 - April 24 – Bridgewater, Queens, Shelburne & Yarmouth @ Liverpool

Respectfully submitted,
Rozanne Raine, JET Committee Chair

Data Specialist Report

The 2020-2021 year has proven to be different than any other year. Due to the COVID pandemic we were unable to host any competitions in our region. Further restrictions have not allowed us to meet as a group or have any training workshops. I was able watch a test online competition earlier in the year and found that to be very innovative and interesting. While it is not possible to offer in our region currently, I was very excited to see Skate Canada continue to find new ways to keep our amazing sport growing in such unprecedented times.

Once again, we have continued to be a small but mighty group, with our core 4 or 5 staying connected via emails. Just as everyone else in our skating community we data specialists are eager to be back to normal as soon as it is safe to do so and look forward to being in the rink once again.

Although there is still much unknown with the upcoming season, we will continue to look for new recruits and offer training as soon as we can. As there is no skating experience necessary please keep us in mind should you be looking for a spot to volunteer.

Being part of this dynamic team has been very rewarding and I have learned so much these last couple of years. While I am happy to continue to be part of the Data Specialist team, please accept my resignation as Data Specialist Chair. Thank you to Ross, Vance, and Sarah-Jane for all you have taught me, your endless knowledge of the data side of skating is second to none.

Respectfully Submitted by
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