

# Skate Nova Scotia

## Annual Awards 2024 – 2025

Skate Nova Scotia is very thankful to all of our skaters, coaches, program assistants, officials and volunteers who make our skating community a better place to be.

The following awards are a small way to recognize some of our skating community. When you nominate a person, they will be recognized on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the St Margaret's Centre, at Celebration On Ice.

The deadline for nominations is March 13<sup>th</sup>, please take the time at your club to discuss who the nomination in each category should be. Skate Nova Scotia also has 10 and 25 year pins for those who have volunteered those many years, just let us know who, with a brief description of the years served to [skatecanadans@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:skatecanadans@sportnovascotia.ca)

The criteria for the below awards are in the following pages:

**Skate Nova Scotia CanSkate Award**

**Skate Nova Scotia STARSkate Athlete Award**

**Skate Nova Scotia Podium Pathway Athlete (CompetitiveSkate) Award**

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**Skate Nova Scotia National Volunteer Award**

**Skate Nova Scotia National Club/School Award**

**Skate Nova Scotia Overlooked Person Award**

# Skate Nova Scotia CanSkate Award

The purpose of the CanSkate Award is to recognize skaters who have shown enthusiasm and dedication to the CanSkate program throughout the skating season. Each club is requested to nominate 1 CanSkater who they feel meets the following criteria:

- Must be enrolled in CanSkate for the current registration year
- Demonstrates a positive attitude
- Demonstrates an eagerness to learn and improve skills
- Is cooperative
- Participates fully

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Name

Age

Last badge passed

Skate Canada Number

Club

Skater's e-mail

Skater's phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this skater is the club's choice for the CanSkate Award

# Skate Nova Scotia STARSkate Athlete Award

The purpose of the STARSkate Athlete Award is to recognize skaters who have demonstrated determination and commitment to the STAR program. Recipients of this award have displayed passion for the sport and have achieved success throughout the season, not only with STAR Assessment, but also with personal skill development and growth

The winner of this award must not have registered or competed in a CompetitiveSkate (Pre-Novice or higher) category at a Sectional qualifying competition in the current skating season. The winner should also reflect the essence of the STAR program, including:

- Participation
- Achievement
- Personal success
- Displaying spirit and passion for the sport
- Striving for new goals
- Achieving balance within skating and in other areas of life
- Giving back to the sport by assisting at club level (program assistant, volunteering for club events)

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Name

Age

Assessments achieved this season

Hours as a program assistant or volunteer

Skate Canada Number

Club

Skater's e-mail

Skater's phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this skater is the club's choice for the STARSkate Award

# Skate Nova Scotia Podium Pathway Athlete (CompetitiveSkate) Award

The purpose of the Podium Pathway Athlete Award is to recognize skaters who have demonstrated determination and commitment to Podium Pathway (Competitive) program. Recipients of this award have displayed passion for the sport and have achieved success throughout the season, not only within the Podium Pathway (Competitive) program, but also with personal skill development and growth. Each club is requested to nominate 1 Competitive Skater or Team, who they feel meets the following criteria:

- An individual skater who is under the age of 16 as of July 1 of the current competitive season OR a pairs or ice dance team under the age of 18 as of July 1 of the current competitive season
- An individual, pairs, or ice dance team who exhibits spirit, dedication, determination or other favorable qualities
- A minimum pre-novice competitor with a top-ten finish at the Sectional level in the current competitive season
- A positive role model for other athletes
- An individual, pairs or ice dance team who combines off-ice and on-ice training in order to meet his/her/their competitive goals

Please send an e-mail to [skatecanadans@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:skatecanadans@sportnovascotia.ca) by March 13th with the following information (if a pair or dance team please include contact information for both skaters):

Name

Age

Competition placements achieved this season

Skate Canada Number

Club

Skater's e-mail

Skater's phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this skater is the club's choice for the Podium Pathway Athlete (CompetitiveSkate) Award

# Skate Nova Scotia Program Assistant Award

The purpose of the Section Program Assistant Award is to recognize dedicated and passionate program assistants who continuously share Skate Canada's vision with all participants of the program. This award is presented to individuals who are not only great assets to the coaching team on the ice, but also show their commitment off the ice by providing support and assistance to the club and its registrants. Each club is requested to nominate 1 Program Assistant, who they feel meets the following criteria:

- Has made a significant contribution to their club by having assisted skaters, coaches and/or the club executive with programming both on and off the ice
- Is an excellent role model who inspires others to embrace the joy of skating
- Displays a potential for a long-term commitment to the sport of figure skating in the community in a coaching or volunteer role

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Name

Age

Number of years they have been a Program Assistant

Skate Canada Number

Club

Program Assistant's e-mail

Program Assistant's phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this program assistant is the club's choice for the Program Assistant Award

# Skate Nova Scotia Adaptive Skate Award

## Criteria

- A skater who participates as an adaptive skater and/or Special Olympics skater
- Demonstrates a passion for the sport.
- Contributes to a welcoming and positive skating environment.
- Strives for personal growth and new goals.
- Inspires the skating community.

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Name

Number of years they have been a skater

Skate Canada Number

Club

e-mail

phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this person is the club's choice for the Adaptive Skater Award

# Skate Nova Scotia Adult Skater Award

The Skate Nova Scotia Adult Skater Award is to recognize Adult skaters who have demonstrated a commitment and passion for the sport. Recipients of their award have displayed passion for the sport and have achieved success throughout the season in relation to their personal skill development, growth and goals.

## Criteria

- Be 18 years of age or older and must not have registered or competed in a Podium Pathway (Pre Novice or higher) category at a Sectional qualifying competition in the current skating season.
  - Reflect the essence of the Active for Life/Competitive for Life pathways
  - Active participation
  - Personal success
  - Displaying spirit and passion for the sport
  - Striving for new goals
  - Achieving balance within skating and in other areas of life
  - Giving back to the sport
- Be an exemplary role model and inspiration for other volunteer, skaters and/or coaches, officials
- Show great interest in making the spots future direction better.

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Name

Age

Number of years they have been an adult skater

Skate Canada Number

Club

e-mail

phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this person is the club's choice for the Adult Skater Award

# Skate Nova Scotia Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual for his/her/their dedication and contribution to the discipline of synchronized skating in Nova Scotia.

## Criteria

- Active volunteer (including officials, event organizers, administrators, and representatives) recognized for his/her/their contribution to synchronized skating.
- Reflect the characteristics of Elizabeth Swan – dedication, perseverance, commitment, passion and spirit.
- A strong desire and interest in promoting the sport of synchronized skating within and beyond the skating community.
- An individual who is aware of and supports the development of all levels of synchronized skating.
- An individual who has given at least 2 years to the discipline of synchronized skating in a volunteer capacity.

Name

Number of years they have been involved in synchronized skating

Skate Canada Number

Club

e-mail

phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this person is the club's choice for the Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award



# Skate Nova Scotia Official Award

## Criteria

- A Skate Canada technical representative, evaluator, judge, referee, technical controller, technical specialist or data specialist who is currently registered with Skate Canada
- Active at the Section level or lower for at least five years
- Demonstrates a knowledge of Skate Canada rules, policies, philosophies and programs
- Is keen to share accurate information with other officials, athletes, coaches, parents and administrators with the interest/intent of developing figure skating and figure skaters in Canada
- An individual who has given quality service to the Section and the organization in general

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Name

Number of years they have been an official

Skate Canada Number

Club

e-mail

phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this person is the club's choice for the Nova Scotia Official Award

# Skate Nova Scotia Volunteer Coach Award

It will be given to a professional coach who has contributed to the coaching community through volunteer efforts at the club, region, section or national level. The focus of this award is on volunteer contributions made by professional coaches to the sport of skating.

## Criteria

- A registered Skate Canada professional coach in good standing with a minimum NCCP status of Club Coach Certified or Regional Coach Certified
- An individual who contributes volunteer time in addition to professional coaching time at the club, region, section or national level
- A professional coach who inspires others to embrace the joy of skating
- A professional coach who has demonstrated commitment to the development of the sport of skating.

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Name

Number of years they have been a Coach

Skate Canada Number

Club

e-mail

phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this coach is the club's choice for the Volunteer Coach Award

# Skate Nova Scotia Volunteer Award

## Criteria

- Active and currently registered adult volunteer whose club and/or region efforts have produced specific, positive results in their section
- An individual whose contributions reflect passion for the sport and its participants
- An individual who is an exemplary role model for other volunteers, skaters and/or coaches
- Has a **minimum of five years** of volunteer work in the sport of skating
- Shows an awareness and interest in the future direction of the sport

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Name

Age

Number of years they have been a volunteer

Skate Canada Number

Club

e-mail

phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this person is the club's choice for the Volunteer Award

# Skate Nova Scotia National Volunteer Award

## Criteria

- Active and currently registered adult volunteer whose efforts have produced specific, positive results in Nova Scotia.
- An individual whose contributions reflect passion for the sport and its participants.
- An individual who is an exemplary role model for other volunteers, skaters and/or coaches.
- Has a **minimum of ten years** of volunteer work in the sport of skating.
- Shows an awareness and interest in the future direction of the sport.
- Embodies and exemplifies Skate Canada values of safety, integrity, coloration, excellence and innovation.

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Name

Number of years they have been a volunteer

Skate Canada Number

Club

e-mail

phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this person is the club's choice for the National Volunteer Award

# Skate Nova Scotia Overlooked Person Award

## Criteria

- Active and currently registered adult volunteer whose efforts have produced specific, positive results in their skating community.
- An individual whose contributions reflect passion for the sport and its participants
- An individual who is an exemplary role model for other volunteers, skaters and/or coaches

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Name

Number of years they have been a volunteer

Club

e-mail

phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this person is the club's choice for the Overlooked Person Award

# Skate Nova Scotia National Club/School Award

## Criteria

- Active and operational, registered club or school in good standing
- Demonstrates that it supports, and meets or exceeds all program delivery standards
- Demonstrates strong collaboration among its volunteers, coaches and administrators
- Demonstrates effective and innovative marketing and social media strategies
- Cultivates and maintains a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment
- Embodies and exemplifies Skate Canada values of safety, integrity, collaboration, excellence and innovation

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Club

e-mail

phone number

Nominated by

Nominator's e-mail

A short (no more than 100 words) description of why this Club/School meets the criteria