



Skate Manitoba

Annual Reports 2026

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Executive Director Report

Submitted by Rosalyn Bauer

2025-26

Looking back on this past season I am filled with pride and gratitude to be part of this incredible skating community. Our skaters, coaches and volunteers are filled with passion and selflessly give back to our sport at every level. Programming, competitions, assessment days and even our clubs would not happen/exist without the dedication and generosity of volunteers.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends on the passing of Debbie Haney this past season. A beloved official who impacted the lives of many skaters, fellow officials and coaches & volunteers that she was in contact with over her extensive volunteer history.

Many thanks to the Skate Manitoba Board of Director and all the members of our Section committees. They have worked tirelessly to bring the best education and opportunities to stakeholders this season and make plans for next season too. From officials courses to simulations, seminars and competitions, none are possible without you!

The Section office welcomed Samantha Greenbank into the position of Events & Administrative Coordinator in late 2025. Samantha brings a wealth of experience with club operations and competition management – grateful to have you on the team and excited for the year ahead! A huge thank you to Gabriella Landa, Communications, for all the creative & inspiring videos showcasing different skating journeys and stories in the community. If you don't already follow us on Facebook or Instagram you are missing out! We are ever grateful for our passionate Technical Director, Tammy McKay. From managing & leading our provincial teams and qualifying athletes, to creating mentorship opportunities for coaches and sharing her wealth of knowledge, she strives to challenge us and push our section forward, and we are so thankful for all that you do.

Volunteers from across the province came together to host incredible skating competitions, providing meaningful opportunities for skaters of all disciplines to showcase their hard work and to qualify for Skate Canada National events as well as for the 2026 Manitoba Winter Games! Thank you to Sport Manitoba, the host society (including Skate Thompson) and the City of Thompson for creating an opportunity for growth, camaraderie and achievement for skaters, coaches and volunteers across the province. For those that

attended the Games, we hope that you will cherish the memories and new friendships that you made and keep the spirit of the Games alive!

There are so many ways to get involved in our sport and we continue to need volunteers. So I urge you to reach out and get involved – there is something for everyone! Watch for exciting volunteer opportunities coming late this fall that will be sure to “challenge” you...

Upcoming Events:

Congratulations to all of our award recipients being celebrated this May. Make sure to get your tickets to the annual Awards Celebration happening on May 1st in Winnipeg. Meet people from across the province and celebrate volunteers, athletic achievements, award & bursary recipients and the year that was.

Coaches, your AGM and workshops are happening in Morden on May 2nd and your Coaches Committee has a great day planned! Get registered and get ready to network, lunch and learn together with your fellow coaches from across the province.

The Skate Manitoba AGM is taking place virtually on Monday May 11th at 7:00 PM.

Registration is open and all meeting documents can be found on our website:

<https://mbskates.ca/about/governance/>

The new season for many is already underway and the programming planned is exciting! Make sure to subscribe to our enews so you don't miss a thing. From Bomber Games (July 10th), Synchro Team Seminar and a new summer competition, there is a lot happening in Manitoba! Check out the committee reports to get a sneak peak at all the opportunities they have planned!

Protecting Youth in Sports Act (PYISA)

The PYISA came into effect April 1, 2026 and along with its new policies that automatically apply to every Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) in Manitoba, to every club, school & team, and to every participant registered. A province wide Code of Conduct & Ethics policy, along with Discipline & Complaints and more can be found in the Safe Sport Policy Manual. Manitoba now has an Independent Third Party (ITP) for reporting maltreatment, and a direct reporting link can be found on our safe sport page. I urge everyone to read through the resources and materials on our site, become familiar with it and know your “Duty to Report”. Big changes have come with a new definition of ‘coach’, one which

encompasses our program assistants (PA'S), and additional screening requirements. For those age 14 and up, in PA or Coach role, Respect in Sport is required, along with annual reference checks for minors and screening declarations for adults.

Sport Manitoba continues to work to create guides & resources to help all of us navigate the act and our duties within it. Coming soon will be Case Manager checklists and Summary Report templates. Skate Manitoba will be working on creating checklists and resources for you to prepare for the fall season, and we will host information sessions to make sure you feel confident navigating requirements of the Act. We are here to support you and understand the increased administrative tasks and their impact on volunteers. We appreciate everyone's commitment to Safe Sport in Manitoba.

Once again, many thanks goes out to everyone involved in making the 2025-26 season such a successful and memorable one. We cannot wait for all the excitement that 2026-27 will bring the section and hope to see you at a rink soon.

Membership Committee Report

Submitted by Rosalyn Bauer

Committee members; Carol Light – Chair, Kristjana Kosheluk, Rosalyn Bauer

In the 2025-2026 skating season we were home to 48 clubs and 5 skating schools. Between April 1st and March 31st we had a total registrant count of 5393. Our committee was able to virtually connect with 4 clubs (Minnedosa, Notre Dame de Lourdes, Skate Interlake and Carman SC) and visit in person 7 clubs (Arborg SC, Russell FSC, East St Paul SC, Skate Winnipeg, Winkler SC, Morden FSC, and Holland SC). We will be continuing club visits again this season so watch for an email from us to set up a time to connect!

The Membership Committee also offered Skate Canada Program Standard Refresher sessions in the late summer/early fall to help coaches and clubs/schools prepare for the season. We also offered two days of sessions during the Come Skate With Us seminar in Portage. We welcomed Heather McMahon from Skate Canada who presented on Skate for Life and Skating for Everyone, and Antiracism in Sport Campaign came one day and presented their film Sidelined: The Color of the Game.

Collaborative conversations were held with the Coaches Rep and Technical Director to discuss the challenges that clubs, and schools, are facing in coach recruitment and retention. We will continue to work towards finding possible solutions. If you are a club that may not be able to operate next season, please reach out to Rosalyn Bauer to discuss.

Coaches, there are many open positions available, with some clubs facing extreme challenges with no current coaching staff to be able to operate programs next season. I urge everyone to check out the coaching opportunities page, there are so many wonderful communities to expand your reach to. There are also coaching courses coming up this September if there are people in your community with an ice sport background – reach out to Rosalyn to learn more.

Thank you to all the club volunteers and school administrators for the effort and hours of work that you put into managing and maintaining your club/school in your community!

Total membership numbers per Club/School between September 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026

Altona Skating Club	97
Arborg Skating Club	36
Ashern Figure Skating Club	60
Beausejour Skating Club	104
Birtle Figure Skating Club	20
Boissevain Figure Skating Club	62
Carberry Figure Skating Club	83
Carman Skating Club	111
Century Skating Club	152
Deloraine Skate Club	30
East St Paul Figure Skating Club	307
Elkhorn Figure Skating Club	42
Grunthal Figure Skating Club	89
Hartney Figure Skating Club	31
Hazelridge Figure Skating Club	122
Holland Figure Skating Club	46
Killarney Figure Skating Club	89
La Broquerie Skating Club	39
Lundar Skating Club	54
Melita Figure Skating Club	41
Minnedosa Figure Skating Club	62
Morden Figure Skating Club	144
Neepawa Figure Skating Club	35
Niverville Skating School	118
North Star Skating School	54
Notre Dame De Lourdes Figure Skating Club	56

Activity List by Section	Fiscal numbers Apr. 1, 2025 to Mar. 31, 2026
MB	
Board of Directors	202
Program Assistants	211
Officials / Officiels	35
PowerSkate	274
CanSkate	4136
Podium Pathway	47
STARSkate	1190

Portage Skating Club	124
Reston Figure Skating Club	15
RINK Figure Skating Academy	306
Rivers Skating Club	64
Roblin Figure Skating Club	12
Rock Lake Skating Club	69
Russell Figure Skating Club	66
Seine River Skating Club	163
Selkirk Skating Club	163
Skate Brandon	242
Skate Dauphin	144
Skate Gillam	72
Skate Interlake	40
Skate Stony Mountain	39
Skate Thompson	206
Skate Virden	137
Skate Winnipeg	336
Souris Figure Skating Club	24
St Rose Skating Club	51
St. Norbert Community Centre Skating School	116
Steinbach Figure Skating Club	112
Stonewall Skating Club	97
Teulon Skating Club	31
The Pas Skating Club	136
Waskada Figure Skating Club	70
Winkler Skating Club	102
Winnipeg Winter Club Skating School	17

Governance Committee Report

Submitted by: Megan Maxwell

Committee Members:

Megan Maxwell (Chair), Kristjana Kosheluk, Amber Lotz, Donna Yee, Jon Wang, Rosalyn Bauer

Meetings:

- Oct. 20, 2025
- Dec. 1, 2025
- Feb. 3, 2026
- Feb. 26, 2026

This season, in addition to the regular review and update of Skate Manitoba policies and tools such as Terms of References for our various committees, the Governance Committee has been primarily focused to two topics: documents and tools related to Board recruitment, development and assessment, and the newly enacted Protecting Youth in Sports Act (PYISA) which came into effect April 1, 2026.

The PYISA is a new law established by the Province of Manitoba that requires each provincial sports organization (PSO) to adopt and implement the safe sport policy and inform parents and young athletes about the complaint process to be followed if they believe the policy has been contravened. The safe sport policy sets out behavioral expectations and prohibited conduct for young athletes, parents, coaches and other sport officials.

Skate Manitoba continues to follow Skate Canada Safe Sport program, but we are required by law to abide by the provincial Act first and foremost. While its principals are very similar to those of Skate Canada, all maltreatment complaints must now go through an Independent Third Party (ITP) provincial reporting system, ITP SPORT.

Additionally, there are new coach screening requirements: Program Assistants between the ages of 14 and 17 will be required to complete the Respect in Sport (RiS) online course.. Additionally, Skate Canada Clubs and Skating Schools in Manitoba must annually perform a reference check on all coaches and program assistants between the ages of 14 and 17 years of age. All adult coaches and program assistants must annual complete a Screening Declaration form to comply with the Act.

Coaching Committee Report

Submitted by: Michelle Janz

Committee Members:

Michelle Janz, Teddi Garvey, Jayde Jonasson, Betty Anne Wilkinson, and Katie Roy

Initiatives:

Coaches AGM

Coaches gathered in Winnipeg on May 4th to connect and participate in professional development opportunities. Brunch and presentations covering Skate Manitoba's strategic plan, CANSkate at school, neurodiversity in sport, and a mock panel were provided. Coaches were presented with Skate MB Coach branded skate towels in recognition of their NCCP pathway advancements.

Coach Development Series

Two virtual sessions were provided in August. Kevin Dawe facilitated the first session on pairs and the second session was facilitated by Carol Lane with a focus on ice dance.

Coach Mentorship

We continued to offer mentorship to coaches who applied for our Skate Manitoba Coach Mentorship Program and provided check-ins and support to new coaches who had recently attended NCCP courses.

Mental Wellness for Coaches

A two-part virtual session covering mental wellness and coping strategies was offered to coaches for free in September.

PD Punch Cards

Cards were created and offered to coaches to collect stamps for engaging in PD opportunities throughout the year and be entered into a draw at the 2026 Coaches AGM.

Clothing Order

Coaches were able to order Skate MB Coach branded clothing and accessories again this year through our online store with Source for Sports Brandon.

Looking Ahead:

Our committee has started planning initiatives for the 2026-27 season, starting with Coaches AGM in Morden on May 2nd. We plan to continue with coach mentorship, PD punch cards, and clothing orders this year. Coach recruitment and retention continue to be priorities, and support to assist new coaches in obtaining their NCCP certifications is in the works. A two-part Technical Coach Seminar will be offered in the fall with on and off ice sessions focused on jump technique and skating skills development. More information to come!

Marketing Committee Report

Submitted by: Kristjana Kosheluk

The marketing committee composed of Kristjana Kosheluk, Megan Maxwell, Rosalyn Bauer, Gabby Landa , and Asten McGill. Met on November 13 2025 and January 27 2026.

Our focus this year was reviewing the Terms of Reference and planning for next year with the strategic plan in mind. This year we have also made a connection with Source for Sports Pembina and Jackson Skates. We look forward to working with them on June 4 2026. There will be members from Jackson Skates coming to Winnipeg to train staff and provide fittings. Please stay tuned for updates.

Some plans for 2026-2027 are:

- World Ice Skating day promotion
- Limited edition merchandise to be sold at competitions
- replace and add new Banners for competitions
- Give away for beginning of the year and competitions
- media promotions, with collaboration of local media and Skate Canada Event team.

I look forward to seeing what the marketing team can accomplish in the future. Hope to make more connections that can help our skating community flourish and grow. We are always open to hearing new thought on how this can happen. Please reach out if you have connections or ideas. We are always willing to listen or accept a helping hand.

Events & Administrative Coordinator Report

Submitted by Samantha Greenbank

This year has been an eye-opening year for myself when I accepted the role of Event and Administrative Coordinator. I personally cannot express enough Thanks to everyone within the Skate Manitoba section. From all the volunteers, staff, LOC's, committee personnel, board members, Judges, Data and Audio personnel and everyone in between.

This year we seen more events than last year, with Skate Manitoba hosting Prairie Regionals and Manitoba Winter Games. We experienced a growth in our registrations at our events once again.

I am very grateful to all the LOC's that hosted competitions this year. They were very patient with me and the learning that came with each event. They all did an incredible job with the respective competition that they held. Again, updating the LOC guidelines and continuing with increased communication with the LOC's is an important aspect to increase the support that we can give.

I was able to assist with helping with the Centralized Assessment days. Overall, the assessment days went very well, and the feedback was mostly positive. Continuing to make the Centralized Assessment days a positive experience for everyone is a priority.

Again, I want to thank everyone that has helped me continue to grow in this position and I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with everyone in the upcoming season.

Audio Committee Report

Submitted by Bruce McCausland

Committee members; Bruce McCausland (chair), Kolby Kosheluk

This year was a busy year just like the past seasons. We started the season in Virden in October with the Junior/Senior Sectionals and Fall Open. Stan Yee and myself were next at Skate Winnipeg's Super Skate later in November.

December found us at Winnipeg Winter Club for Pre Novice/Novice Sectionals & Gordon Linney Open.

January took us to Virden for the Virden Fun Skate.

February was a busy time for us as we were in Winkler the first of the month for Prairie Regional Synchro competition. A couple weeks later we were in Pilot Mound for Winter Blast.

March was also a busy time with some of us going to Winter Games in Thompson. Provincials this year were held in Stonewall with both rinks in use again for a very busy weekend. With a little old fashioned thought we overcame the moisture (dripping) and created the first "tent village" for the judges and audio team.

Kolby Kosheluk attended many of the Skate Canada events again this year as a Video Operator and I attended Skate Canada Trophy as well.

Also, this year Danika McCausland and myself (mostly Danika) were in charge of providing the audio for all the Centralized Assessment Days. We provided support for 6 assessment days.

Fun fact---- We spent approximately 150 hours rink side supporting the skaters during the competitions. WOW GREAT JOB TEAM !!!

Data Specialists Committee Report

Submitted by Donna Yee

Members of the Data Committee:

Asten McGill – Board Liaison, Samantha Greenbank – Staff Liaison, Donna Yee - Committee Chair, Barb Nickel and Kaitlin Smith

List of Data Team:

Barb Nickel	Denise Smith	Christina Brine
Michael Gnutel	Erin Krokosz	Jon Wang
Rachel Brooks	Jody James	Kaitlin Smith
Serena Roy		

The Data Specialist Committee is an operational committee of the Officials Committee. The Data Committee manages the recruitment, development, promotion, competition assignments, and administration of all Data Specialists in Manitoba.

This year has been a very busy year for the team.

This year, the Data team has overseen two Sectionals, three Section run competitions, two Fun Skates and also one Winter Games qualifier.

We started the year with our Junior Senior Sectionals being held in Virden MB and our Pre-Novice Novice Sectionals at the Winter Club. At the Winter Club we also tag teamed that event with the Gordon Linney Open. Prairie Regionals was held in Winkler with Winter Blast in Pilot Mound. We closed the year with Provincials in Stonewall, MB. We also looked after two fun skates, Super Skate at Johnathon Toews Aren in Winnipeg and Virden Fun Skate in Virden. This year we had the pleasure of going to Thompson to hold Winter Games.

We would like to take the time to thank each Local Organizing Committees for helping us make the competition season successful.

This year at Provincials in Stonewall, the Data team was asked to assist Skate Canada in trialing the New CSS system. Skate Canada was looking for a competition they could use the system at and work on areas that needed to be refined. We were more than happy to help them out. Our Thanks goes out to Norm Proft and Steve Finney for guiding us through the weekend.

With the new CSS system being launched in the fall of this year, Sk MB Data has made the decision to use the system where ever we can. We understand there will be a learning curve for all, but we feel the outcome will make everything easier.

At this time, I would like to congratulate Kaitlin Smith, Michael Gnutel, Jon Wang, and Jody James for advancing through the role of being a Data Specialist.

Judges Evaluators Technical (JET) Committee Report

Members of the JET Committee:

Asten McGill – Board Liaison, Samantha Greenbank - Staff Liaison, Amber Lotz - Committee Chair, Diane Brine, Brenda Sokoloski, Karren Antymniuk, Alisia Roos, Shelley Meakin

Clinics Offered:

Base Level Technical Official: 3 Successful phase 1's completed

Senior Invitational Singles Judge: 5 successful participants with varying levels of promotions

Synchro TS/TC: 6 Successful Phase 1's completed

Star 1-4: Not run due to participation not being high enough

Star 6-Gold Soft Skills: 2 participants successfully completed

Promotions Successfully Submitted:

Judges: 5

Technical Official: 2

Coach Assessor: 4

Tech Reps Trained: 1

Out of Province Training:

Skate Canada International Singles and Pairs PD: 1 Participant

Skate Ontario Synchro Technical PD: 1 Participant

Skate Ontario Adult Synchro Phase 2 Assessment: 1 Participant

Technical Director Report

Submitted by: Tammy McKay

In reflecting on this past year, I am proud to share the accomplishments and strides we have made.

I feel our biggest highlight this past season would be the preparing, planning, attending and success of the Manitoba Winter Games held in Thompson in March 2026. This event created interest, motivation, and an increase in numbers and overall excitement.

The Manitoba Winter Games held in Thompson provided so many amazing experiences for everyone involved skaters, coaches, officials, skating fans and family. We had over 100 skaters, coaches, and managers put in their intent to participate. For the Coach and Manager positions, we created a selection committee who went through the large list of applicants. One Coach and one Manager were selected for each of the six Regions. Team North, Team South, Team East, Team West, Team Winnipeg Blue and Team Winnipeg Gold.

The skaters' qualifying competition was at the Pre Novice and Novice Sectionals Championship and the Gordon Linney Open. Close to 80 skaters were competing for their regions Team. It was so exciting to see the interest and excitement around this multi sport event. The MWG consisted of STAR 5, STAR 7 & STAR 6, Pre Novice and Novice categories and we had all 6 Regions represented.

Skater and Coach Accomplishments:

Congratulation to David Howes for once again earning a spot on the NEXTGEN team. Davey participated in the NEXTGEN Competition and Camp held in Gatineau, QU in July.

Congratulations to Davey's team of Coaches lead by Keegan and Eileen Murphy.

David Howes – 11th with a total score of 157.00 (8th short-59.43 11th -free program-97.57)

2025 – 2026 Qualifying Competition Results:

2026 Skate Canada Challenge – Junior and Senior

Senior Women: Breken Brezden – 12th with a total score of 150.97 (47.30-Short program 103.67-Free program) Coached by Jen Jackson and Bryce Davison.

Senior Men: David Howes – 13th with a total score of 165.30 (63.58-Short program 101.72-Free program) Coached by Keegan and Eileen Murphy.

Junior Women: Alison Convery –35th with a total score of 89.02 (31.27-Short program 57.75-Free program) Coached by Pam Parker.

2026 Canadian National championships in Gatineau, QU

Senior Women: Breken Brezden – 12th with a total score of 162.21 (55.43-short 106.78-free program)

Senior Men: David Howes – 17th with a total score of 178.48 (60.47-short 118.01-free program)

2026 Skate Canada Trophy

Novice Women: Ky-Lynn Jenner-37th with a total score of 79.67 (28.54-short 51.13-free program) Coached by Pam Parker and Brooklyn Parker

Novice Women: Iryna Skliar -39th with a total score of 75.51 (29.11-short 46.40-free program) Coached by Dana McKee

Pre Novice Women: Mabel Graetz – 41st with a total score of 65.77 (25.06-short 40.71-free program) Coached by Alison Harack

Pre Novice Men: Nate Greenbank – 39th with a total score of 51.12 (18.99-short 32.13-free program) Coached by Patty Hole

2025-2026 Committees

Athlete Development:

Pam Parker – Chair of Train to Train

Amy Jackson – Chair of Learn to Train

Tammy McKay – Technical Director

Train to Train- meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month

Pam Parker – Chair

Brooklyn Parker

Laurie Bertholet

Tanya Pilat

Danae Russell

Sloane Walker

Tammy McKay

Learn to Train – meet the 1st Tuesday of the month

Amy Jackson – Chair

Teddi Garvey

Kyla Itterman

Rochelle Steinmetz

Sydney Dyck

Eric Mcrae

Sloane Walker

Tammy McKay

Coaches Committee- meet the 1st Thursday of the month at noon

Michelle Janz – Chair

Teddi Garvey

Jayde Jonasson

Betty Anne Wilkenson

Katie Roy

Tammy McKay

Teams:

Team MANITOBA – Our Qualifying Team - 12 skaters earn a spot on this team

Team TOBA – Our Development Team – 28 skaters on this team

Team MANITOBA received the following opportunities and support:

- Financial assistance for our Junior and Senior High-Performance Skaters (if they qualify)
- Virtual educational sessions
- Out of Province Competition support
- Training Days
- Summer Sims
- Monitoring before Trophy
- Education session with an Official

Team TOBA received the following opportunities and support:

- Virtual education sessions
- Summer Sims
- Education session with an Official

Eligible **Canada Winter Games skaters** received:

- Additional Out of Province Competition support
- One on one Sport Psych sessions
- lessons at the Train-to-Train Development Seminar

Manitoba Winter Games Coach Mentorship program:

Three coaches were selected to participate in the mentorship program held in Thompson at the Games. 2 from the North – Gilliam and The Pas and one from Winnipeg. All feedback from this program was extremely positive and valuable. Thank you to Sport Manitoba for supporting this project and the coaches involved.

Our **Talent ID program** is now in place. An LTD presentation was done at the Coach AGM. This was an opportunity to discuss benchmarks and the Talent ID goals. We will continue with this education, and work towards hitting the targets.

The Skater Technical Reward program is now recognized by many of our athletes. One skater earned a reward for landing a triple Sal in competition. Congratulations Ky-Lynn Jenner. I look forward to more skaters earning rewards in the next season.

Canada Winter Games is less than a year away. Athlete intent has gone out, and we have 8 skaters registered. Head Coach selection will be made soon and our plans for the new season will begin. Our focus will be on sport psych and supporting the skaters with individual training opportunities during May and June to help bridge the gap for skaters that face less ice time.

We continue working on **the Strategic Plan targets**. We are increasing our numbers. Offering more education opportunities for both skaters and coaches. The LTD will continue to be our focus. Going forward I plan to dive more into the dance discipline providing more education and recognition.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a Big Thank You to **our Committee leaders!** Pam Parker, Amy Jackson and Michelle Janz who continue to work diligently at providing valuable, quality programming. Each committee has increased their volunteer base. I feel this is a direct reflection on these three dedicated women. It's a great sign that more people are willing to step up and get involved in the growth that is happening. I truly appreciate their hard work and commitment.

We worked half the year with Jason Graetz before he chose to go in a different direction. Thank You Jason for all your hard work and sharing your passion with us.

This was a curtail time in the season to have a new person go into the admin position, but Samantha Greenbank jumped right in! She has emersed herself into all the things and we are so fortunate to have her. This is a huge piece of our community, and she is doing an excellent job.

I feel that my connections with our Skaters, Coaches, Parents, Officials, Board members, Committees and our Skate Manitoba staff continue to strengthen. We are working together and making good things happen. The more we do, the more I want to do more!

It is truly remarkable what goes into the operation of Skate Manitoba. There really is no down time. There is always something that has happened, is happening or going to happen. Rosalyn's ability to guide this community is outstanding. How she juggles the multitude demands is honestly amazing.

Our skating community is in good hands. Rosalyn holds it all together with her relationships with all partners, Skate Canada, Sport Manitoba Skate Manitoba Chair, Board of Directors and Executive. I know how fortunate I am working for and with this woman.

In my opinion, Skate Manitoba feels stronger. The relationships are growing. The skating knowledge is increasing, and we are seeing an increase not only in numbers but interest in participating in the programming being offered. We are dealing with waitlist to get into programming being offered. These are all good signs that we are moving forward.

I am incredibly proud to be working for our organization. We are All Skate Manitoba!

Respectfully submitted by:

Tammy McKay

Technical Director

Learn to Train Committee Report

Submitted by Amy Jackson

Members for 2025-26 season:

Amy Jackson, Kyla Itterman, Teddi Garvey, Eric McRae, Rochelle Steinmetz, Sydney Dyck, Sloane Walker, Tammy McKay

As a committee, we are dedicated to providing fun and engaging sessions for our Learn to Train and Skate for Life athletes. We continually challenge ourselves—within our financial means—to introduce creative ideas, invite new clinicians, and draw on the wealth of expertise available within our own province.

Meetings held for the 2025-26 season:

May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 2, October 7, December 2, January 6, February 3, April 7.

Programming held in the 2023-24 season:

Come Skate with Us Seminar

STAR 1–4 and Adult skaters came together for a fun-filled day of learning as they explored all disciplines within the STAR 1–4 program. The event provided a supportive and engaging environment where skaters built skills, gained confidence, and enjoyed time on the ice. Olympic Champion Gabriella Papadakis + Tina Chen led both on and off-ice sessions. We also had Megan Maxwell lead Syncho focused on-ice sessions as well. We also had off-ice spin sessions led by Danae Russell as well as Disney on Ice skater Andrea Wolgemuth share her experiences and teach the skaters some Choreography from the show. We had 75 skaters participate.

Synchro Monitoring

Five teams registered for our Annual Synchro Monitoring held in Killarney this year in December. We had T.S. Megan Maxwell and Hannah Philips join us along with Judge Renee Skinner. Teams were given feedback on their programs to use for the upcoming season.

Star Seminar

We offered two-star seminars this past season, one in the south [Morden] and one in the west [Minnedosa]. We had RoxAnne Daignault as our on-ice clinician. We had Team Manitoba members Ainslee McGregor and Nate Greenbank in Minnedosa and Ky-Lynn Jenner + Alison Convery in Morden provide off-ice sessions in the morning and on-ice demonstrators for the afternoon. We also had strength & conditioning with Ryan Lewis + Zumba with Bernice Kennedy in Minnedosa. In Morden Veronica Gould led an off-ice dance session and Diedre Sherk led a spin/jump session. We had 53 participants in Morden + 58 participants in Minnedosa.

Programming planned for 2026-27

Come Skate with Us – October 31, 2026 in Portage

Virtual Synchro Monitoring

Synchro Technical Seminar - Beg-Mid October - Portage

Star Seminar #1 – January – proposed location: Morden

Star Seminar #2 – January - proposed location: Minnedosa

Train To Train Committee Report

Submitted by Pam Parker

Chair: Pam Parker

Section Staff: Tammy Mckay

Board Member: Sloane Walker

Members: Tanya Pilat, Brooklyn Parker, Laurie Bertholet, Danae Russell

Committee Meetings:

- **May 14, 2025**
- **June 11, 2025**
- **July 16, 2025**
- **Aug 27, 2025**
- **September 10, 2025**
- **October 15, 2025**
- **November 20, 2025**
- **December 10, 2025**
- **January 14, 2026**
- **February 25, 2026**
- **March 25, 2026**

The Train-to-Train Committee plans and delivers development and training opportunities for figure skaters participating in the Performance Pathway in Manitoba, ensuring opportunities align with Skate Canada's Long Term Athlete Development and the Strategic Plan.

Train to Train Committee's Initiatives 2025-2026

A. Spring Training Seminar:

Location: April 13-14, 2025 – Morden, MB.

We hosted a 2-day seminar for Pre-Juvenile to Senior and Star 5-Gold athletes. The purpose of our Spring Training Seminar was to facilitate the development of new skills and techniques in accordance with the appropriate timing for the athletes' yearly training plan.

Jen Jackson from the Hamilton Skating Club was our clinician, and she was accompanied by Novice Ladies competitor Quinn Starkel as the demonstrator. Jen and Quinn led the on-ice sessions which included exercises to improve jump, spin and basic skating technique.

The off-ice sessions included Yebin Mok focusing on skating skills, posture, extension, and dance articulation; Deidre Shrek leading skipping and spinner exercises; Brooklyn Parker guiding flexibility and mobility training; and Kailey Thiessen teaching ballet, all contributing to the well-rounded development of the skaters.

Skaters who had declared their intent to compete in the Manitoba Winter Games, Canada Games eligible athletes and Team Manitoba members who had registered for both days of the seminar were given the opportunity to work one on one or in small groups with the clinician for extra individual support.

42 skaters and 18 coaches attended the seminar over the 2 days which was an increase from last year. This seminar was well received by skaters and coaches. Having the same clinician for the second year proved invaluable, as it reinforced consistency in the exercises. The off-ice sessions were aligned with the on-ice training messages, creating a cohesive development experience for the skaters.

B. Summer Simulations:

Location: – July 18, 2025 - Seven Oaks Arena, Winnipeg, MB

We had 25 skaters attend, ranging in level from Star 5 to Junior. Sloane Walker and Sarah Hameed were the technical specialists on site to give feedback.

This initiative provided skaters the opportunity to have programs ready sooner in the season and receive valuable feedback so changes could be made if needed.

C. Fall Simulations:

Location: Portage La Prairie, MB - September 13 & 14, 2025.

There were 44 participants: 32 registered for 2 programs and 12 for one program.

Two out of province officials were brought in to offer feedback to the athletes. Ryan Sutherland was the T.S. and Trevor Crowe attended as the judge.

Diane Brine lead an off-ice session for skaters titled “How it Works” which provided valuable insights for the skaters on how the judging system works and what they are looking for in a performance.

The event ran smoothly, and athletes were provided with important information to help enhance their performance and scores for future competitions. Feedback from

participants and coaches was positive. One suggestion for future planning was to make sessions for skaters in Pre-Novice and up to have a 10 min each for feedback as there is more to cover.

D. Come Skate With Us Fall Seminar:

Location: Portage La Prairie, MB. - Date: November 1, 2025

One-day seminar focused on enhancing skaters' overall performance quality, with an emphasis on skating skills, body movement, and creative expression both on and off the ice. Sessions also focused on understanding basic turns, intentional off-ice program walk throughs as well as spins.

We were honored to have Gabriella Papidakas, Patty Hole and Tina Chen lead our sessions for the athletes.

50 skaters registered from Star 5 to Junior and 23 coaches attended

The seminar was very informative and well received by participants. After reflecting on the seminar, the committee noted that we may want to shorten the sessions from 60 min to 45 min to maintain engagement of the skaters. We also thought it would be nice gesture to send a follow up email to the clinicians along with a group photo thanking them for their time.

Upcoming Initiatives 2026-2027:

A. Spring Development Seminar:

Location: April 18-19, 2026 – Morden, MB.

We hosted a 2-day seminar for Pre-Juvenile to Senior and Star 6-Gold athletes. The Spring Development Seminar was designed to support athletes in developing new skills and techniques at the appropriate stage of their yearly training cycle.

To accommodate our growing numbers our registration was staggered to allow skaters at the Train-To-Train level to secure a spot before opening to Learn-To-Train skaters.

Keegan Murphy from the Connaught Skating Club was the lead clinician and was accompanied by his Senior level athletes Davey Howes and Amy Ning Yang as demonstrators. Registration for the seminar was capped at 40 for Saturday and 30 for

Sunday. We are happy to note that the seminar filled and had a waiting list. 18 coaches also attended over the weekend.

On Ice sessions led by Keegan provided skaters with valuable edge and turn exercises that supported both skating development and alignment and positioning for jumps, exercises to improve jump technique and some spin work.

The off-ice sessions included a session included dance and musical interpretation, social media training, spin positions, breathing and relaxation, critical thinking for skaters and off-ice jumps. Keegan also delivered an informative information/questions session for both skaters and parents.

Team MB Members received semi-private lessons on the Sunday.

Despite the fact we had some communication difficulties with the schedule on this seminar the content and information shared over the weekend was invaluable. Keegan delivered a top-notch seminar and was exceptional in his communication with the athletes. It was once again extremely beneficial for the demonstrators to be there to assist and great for the athletes to see them perform the skills and learn from them. The off-ice sessions were also well delivered, relevant and engaging.

B. Jump Technique Workshop:

Location: – Portage La Prairie, MB. - Date: May 9, 2026

This half day workshop will continue to enforce the importance of proper jump mechanics at the appropriate time in the skaters' YTP.

Kevin Dawe will be the lead clinician and World Junior Pairs Champion Yonaton Elizarov will accompany him as the demonstrator.

C. Spin Technique Workshop:

Location: – Portage La Prairie, MB. - Date: June 6, 2026

The purpose of this half day workshop is to improve skaters' foundational spin abilities, including improving basic positions, centering, speed and overall spin quality as well as offer an additional opportunity for skaters to be on this at this time of year.

Dana McKee and Deidre Shrek will be the clinicians leading this seminar and it will include both on and off ice sessions.

D. Fall Simulations:

Location: – Portage La Prairie, MB. - Date: September 12 & 13, 2026

The purpose of the simulation is to replicate a competition environment, allowing skaters to perform their programs in front of experienced judges and technical specialists. The event will provide a real-time evaluation of technical elements and program components, along with constructive feedback to support athlete development.

I'd sincerely like to thank the Train-to Train Committee for the time, energy and care you've put into our initiatives this season. Your dedication and collaborative spirit have made a real difference in supporting and developing skating in Manitoba, and your efforts have not gone unnoticed.