

Canmore Skating Club – Highlights 2024-25 Season

Mission: We provide a fun, safe, and fulfilling experience for all.

Vision: Inviting everyone to explore the joy of skating

Values: Respect, Caring, Integrity, Courage, Excellence

President

1. Strategic Plan
 - a. Reviewed and updated in September for the next couple of years.
 - b. Reaffirmed our Vision, Mission & Values
 - c. Set new goals to work towards over the next couple of years – working closely with Banff, continuing with current programs to meet skaters' needs, and to support our coaches.
2. The Coaching Team of Jan, Kendra, Robin, Leslie, Marta and Caitlin have indicated they all wish to return next season.
3. Grants received:
 - a. True Sport Foundation - \$3,850 to assist skaters with Dance Partner mileage costs.
 - b. Skate Canada AB/NW/NT Inclusive and Adaptive Skating Grant – used funds remaining from last season.
4. Information item: After many years of lobbying, Canmore business bylaws changed – business licences for non-resident independent contractors providing services to a local sport organization qualify for the same rate as locals, \$40 per year, with a letter of confirmation of the organization's non-profit status.
5. Public figure skating sessions re-introduced intermittently; however, those under 13 years old. must wear a helmet. The plan is to make these more regular next year.
6. iPad mini purchased to store and play music on the sidelines.

Fundraising & Volunteering

1. Invited to participate in Banff Skating Club fundraising events - Banff Marathon, Melissa's Road Race and Banff Christmas Market. Expected to net about \$7,000
2. Wreaths and Swags sales - \$1,900
3. Rafflebox 50/50 - \$1,200 (Club's share)

Programming / Membership:

1. Membership grew from 128 to 150 active individuals.
2. Learn to skate continues to grow. Monday and Thursday CanSkate sessions, increased the maximum class size for youth CanSkate to 45 and Thursdays continues to fill. Fall and Winter. Adult Learn-to-Skate had 3-4 keen skaters.
3. Pre-STAR group program returned two days per week and included Star 1 & 2 level skaters. Thursdays again more popular than Monday. Coaches encouraged participants to register for two days per week. Kendra, re-building this program very successfully.

4. Star and Podium Pathway programs had slightly fewer skater-sessions than last year with a lower level of skaters overall and no Podium Pathway skaters this year.
5. Ran an Intro to Synchro program on Sundays starting in January. Had 10 participants. Inspired one of the skaters to go to try-outs in Calgary, and she has made the team and has inspired one of our coaches to take her regional coaching to teach synchro next year.
6. The spring session in progress and meeting registration expectations. Not offering CanSkate this year, but Pre-Star has a good commitment. All programs are being subsidized to some extent.
7. Summer ice is six weeks in Canmore, Monday (1.75 hours per day) thru Friday (1 hour), July 2 to August 8. Monika Langer has agreed to teach a class before ice times on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
8. 2025-26 tentative ice allocation is much the same as this year with some additional time requested on Sunday evening, Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and Thursday evening to give us some growing room for current programs. Apparently, several groups have asked for more ice. A rate increase of 4% was announced. Draft allocation May 30; Ice Users meeting June 11.

Working with Banff SC so ice requests, programming and coaching resources are optimized.

Social / Celebrations/ Team Building

(for Star and Podium Pathway skaters; CanSkate generally not included)

- Celebrated National Coaches Week with wine and chocolates
- Celebrated Norine Hori for the Canmore Mayor's Volunteer Award.
- Coaches organized several incentives, awards and means of recognition throughout the season for skaters and program assistants.
- Olympics Day – March 4 was a ton of fun
- Awards/Season Wrap/50th anniversary party last Thursday, May 8.
- Social Media – Big thank you to Dominique for continuing to do postings. Laura to take over from Dom.

Skating Events

- Performance Day – October 27. Gave skaters an opportunity to put their programs in front of an audience early in the competition season.
- Gala "Sugar and Spice" – December 12.
- Holiday Camp with guest coach Kaetlyn Osmond and ballet instructor Monika Langer, December 27-29 was extremely successful and is a profitable venture for the club. All sessions were full. Has become a tradition for a lot of skaters from out-of-town. (60/40; more non-Canmore than Canmore.)
- Three Sisters FunSkate - March 29. Advance registration for Canmore and Banff clubs then original 100 skater-events filled in 20 minutes when registration opened to all. Waitlist for the eventual 149 skater-events filled in 2 hours. Profit of approximately \$3,500. Thank you to all the volunteers.
- Next year is an Ice Show year.

Coaches Report:

- Athletic achievements
 - Meg Ohsada – Alberta Merit Award, StarSkate and Adult Championships
 - Amelia Jacques and Madison Faupel qualified for Star Skate Championships
- Section Awards nominees
 - Spirit and Passion of Skating Award (Adult Skater) – Greta Heathcote
 - Star Athlete – Madison Faupel (won Calgary Region award)
 - Program Assistant – Maya Aura
 - Adaptive Skater – Maxton Haynes (won Section award)
 - CanSkate Skater – Tyanna Ouellette
 - Marilyn Chidlow – Mark Tkacz
 - Skate Canada Club/Skating School Award (one per section) – Canmore Skating Club (won Alberta Section)

Assessments Chair Report: (Julia)

- Lots of Coach-assessed assessments (65 to date).
- Two High Assessment days – October and April.