

Hello Members,

Here are the latest OSSA news updates. If you have difficulty reading this message it can be viewed at [speedskating.ca](http://speedskating.ca) in the [e-News section](#).

We wanted to take the time to celebrate the members of our [Training](#) and [Development](#) teams who all worked very hard last season to earn their spots. Visit [ontariospeedskating.ca/ontario-skaters/](http://ontariospeedskating.ca/ontario-skaters/) to see a list of websites and other social networking sites that some of our National and Provincial team members have available.

## Provincial Training Team

### Long Track

- [Michelle Gauthier](#)
- [Sarah Hopkins](#)
- [Alexandra Ianculescu](#)
- Andrew Godbout
- [Patrick Marsh](#)
- Myles Matheson

### Short Track

- [Stephanie Bowskill](#)
- [Patrick Duffy](#)
- [Jacob McKenzie](#)
- Dustin Miller
- [Hannah Morrison](#)
- [Hayley Roberts](#)

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## Provincial Development Team

### Long Track

- Stephan Ayotte
- Ryan Bailey
- [Philippe Bergeron](#)
- [Natasha Cloutier](#)
- [Connor McConvey](#)
- [Samantha Morrison](#)
- [Stacy Muise](#)
- [Nicole Woodall](#)

### Short Track

- [Camille Bean](#)
- [Dan Carruthers](#)
- [Julien Collin-Demers](#)
- [Vincent DeHaître](#)
- [Emma Hobson](#)
- [William Preudhomme](#)
- [Sarah-Lynn Reilly](#)
- [Emily Rendell-Watson](#)
- [Gabrielle St-Germain](#)
- [Henry Thriscutt](#)
- [Bennett Wiancko](#)
- [Madi Wright](#)

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- Congratulations to the [KW Sertoma Club](#)! They have been awarded a [\\$2000 Grant from the Chevrolet Making Dreams Possible program](#). Well done!
- Congratulations go to [Patrick Duffy](#) who will be travelling to Italy for the [World Junior Short Track Championships](#) as part of Team Canada. Well done!
- The [entry and information forms](#) are now available for Canada Cup #2. Any skater interested in participating in Canada Cup #2 must send their [completed entry form](#) to the OSSA business office by ***midnight on Tuesday December 28<sup>th</sup>***.
- The [Toronto Cyclones are hosting a level 1 officiating clinic on Sunday January 16th](#) in Toronto. The clinic will run from 9:00am until 4:00pm and is open to anyone wishing to

attend. There will be a \$15.00 charge for the clinic to cover the cost of the room and lunch. Please contact [Desmond Preudhomme](#) or [Doug Flynn](#) if you intend to participate. This will give us an idea on the numbers for lunch.

- There is [a level 2 clinic for Recorders and Meet Coordinators on January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>](#) in Brampton. There will be a fee charged for this clinic to cover the cost of rooms and lunch. Please contact [Cindy Van Lierop](#) or [Doug Flynn](#) if you intend to participate in this clinic so we will know how many will be attending and what we need for lunches.
- The OSSA Rockering machine is currently located in [Kingston](#). If you are interested in booking some time to use the machine please [contact us](#) and we can help make arrangements.
- The [OSSA business office](#) will be closing on Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> and re-open again on Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> for normal business hours.
  - Please note, to accommodate the [Canada Cup #2 registration deadline](#) there will be someone in the office to process entries following the December 28<sup>th</sup> deadline for submissions.
- In December the [Board of Directors](#) received an informative presentation from David Hickman of the [Cambridge club](#) and have agreed to work with the [Club](#) as they implement a pilot project on screening for concussions. The [Gloucester Club](#) has also done a lot of work in this area and the Board will be working with them as well. Hopefully with these two groups combining their expertise we will have a comprehensive concussion screening process for all clubs to review by the Annual General Meeting which will be held May 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on our [Concussion Management](#) page for updates.
- [Minutes from the November Board of Directors meeting](#) have been posted. Minutes from other Board meetings can be found on the [Board of Directors](#) area of the website.
- Minutes from the first [Officials Development Committee](#) meeting are also available on the website and in the [Officials Committee area](#) of the website.

## Coach of the Month!

We have already had several nominations for Coach of the Month! ***Get yours in now!***

The coach of the month program is designed to recognize our hard working coaches for everything they do. Skaters and parents can [nominate a coach](#) by filling in a [nomination form](#). There is no criteria for nominating someone, just tell us why you think your coach is special.

### ***Did you notice?***

[Speedskatingontario.org](#) is no longer being updated! While it still has a lot of reference material that has not yet made it over to our new site at [ontariospeedskating.ca](#), no new information will be posted at [Speedskatingontario.org](#) in the future.

A request for our members from Speed Skating Canada...

Dear Speed Skating Clubs,

Speed Skating Canada is still hoping for a few more respondents for their survey regarding the facilities that our sport uses to host programs. If your club has not yet completed a survey please take the time to share your information.



To complete the survey please go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZNJYN6T>

If you have questions or would like more information please contact [Douglas Duncan](#) or [Sean Maw](#).

The meet information and registration forms are now available on our new website in the [racing section](#). Use the links on the right side to view [Ability Series races](#) and [Ontario Cup Series races](#).

If you use Google calendars you can also access various OSSA generated calendars at the following addresses:

- [In province racing](#) – Regional meets, Ontario Cups, etc.
- [Out of province racing](#) – Canada Cups, FPVQ races, etc.
- [Administration Calendar](#) – Committee meeting schedules, office closures, etc.

Please let us know if you would like to be removed from this mailing list.

Ontario Speed Skating Association

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