



Skate Canada – Ontario Section Transition Committee Update (September, 2016)

The journey toward a new Skate Ontario has begun and we're happy to provide all of our new members an update on the activities to date of the Transition Committee.

Who is the Transition Committee?

Representing interests from all regions and skating communities in Ontario, the committee includes the following people:

Chairman: Glenn Fortin (Aurora), Gloria Brighten (Kanata), Janet Balkwill (Kanata), Therese Bilsborough (Cochrane/Font Hill), Susan Blatz (Troy), Marion Dyke (Mississauga), Cheryl Hollows (Rosseau), Darlene Joseph (Gloucester), William Lindsay (Chatham), Paul Mallet (Waterloo), Liz Mannell (Welland), Tracey McCague-McElrea (Newmarket), Susanne Morgan (Barrie), Mary-Rose Weir (Stouffville)

What are the key guiding principles of the Transition Committee Mandate?

- Keep the skater at the forefront
- Stay in scope
- Design strategic solutions that are aligned and harmonized with Section and Provincial Sports Organization expectations and ensure accountability to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport and Skate Canada
- Comply with government policies and guidelines

What has been accomplished to date?

- Two virtual full committee meetings
- One face to face committee meeting facilitated by an external consultant
- Executive Director search completed - Lisa Alexander started September 12, 2016
- Governance Sub-Committee finalizing constitution and by-laws (Lead: Janet Balkwill)
- Coaching Sub-Committee (Lead: Paul MacIntosh)
- Officials Sub-committee (Lead: Susan Blatz)
- Finance Sub-committee (Lead: Paul Cotter)
- Competitions Sub-Committee (Lead: Susanne Morgan)
- Data Specialist Sub-Committee (Lead: Therese Bilsborough)
- Communications Sub-Committee (Lead: Mary Rose Weir)
- Regional restructuring discussions initiated (Lead: Glenn Fortin)
- Skating programs consultation with Section High Performance information requested

What is the official effective date for the new Ontario Section?

- Official formation date April 1st, 2017
- Transitions for all programs and events may extend beyond that date

How will this impact events/competitions in 2016/2017 and 2017/2018?

- Balance of 2016 through to September 2017 will continue status quo.
- Events for 2017/2018 may continue however this will be conditional on factors such as the state of the transition, changes in regional structure, and Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) but also sensitive to planning requirements such as securing facilities and LOC support

Will there be only one Sectional Championships in November 2017?

- Yes - The qualifying structure will be determined over the next few months.

Will there be a Provincial STARSkate Championships in the winter of 2018?

- Yes - The qualifying structure will be determined over the next few months.