



WHO WE ARE

Somewhere between learning to walk and learning to ride a bicycle, many Canadians lace up a pair of skates and venture out onto the ice of a frozen pond, a backyard rink, or their community arena. Skating is part of growing up in Canada. Skating is part of our heritage. For many, learning to skate leads to dreams of flying through the air while performing a triple loop, or experiencing the serenity of gliding across a virtually silent ice surface. Skate Canada-Western Ontario helps to make these dreams come true.

Skate Canada-Western Ontario was founded in 1981 on the following principles:

- Respect,
- Leadership,
- Partnership, and
- Coordinated Services

On May 27, 1992, we were incorporated provincially as a non-profit organization.

While we have the benefit of being affiliated with Skate Canada – a larger, national organization – the Western Ontario Section operates independently. Our section is comprised of all of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Oxford, Elgin, Middlesex, Brant, Haldimand-Norfolk, Hamilton-Wentworth & Niagara, as well as parts of Huron, Perth, Waterloo, Wellington, & Halton.

Children ranging in age from three years to young adults participate in our programs as do adults and seniors. Some of the young adults become Program Assistants while others become judges or volunteer wherever help is needed. Others go on to national and international competitions, and some fulfill life time opportunities to skate in the Olympic Winter Games.

Mission Statement

Skate Canada is an association dedicated to the principles of enabling every Canadian to participate in skating throughout their lifetime, for fun, fitness and/or achievement.