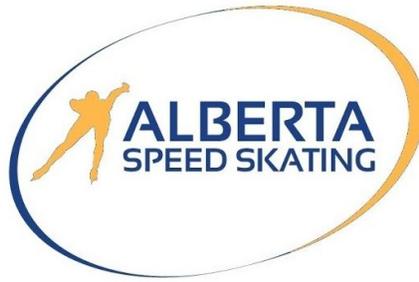


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## AB Speed Skating Spring eNews

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### Updates

Thank you to all the VOLUNTEERS who make speed skating a wonderful thing in Alberta! We created a [Facebook Album with some photos from the past season; click here to view it.](#)

The Alberta 2017-2018 Provincial and Development Teams have been determined based on this past season's results. [Click here to see the list of skaters, along with AB national team athletes and retired skaters.](#) We will update the list as we hear back from athletes.

AASSA AGM is May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

- Meetings are open; the full agenda and Board and Club reports, including financials, are available through our web site; [click here to be re-directed.](#)

Speed Skating Canada

- May 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to nominate individuals and groups for [SSC Awards; click here for more information.](#)
- May 5<sup>th</sup> is also the deadline to nominate individuals for the [SSC Board of Directors; click here for more information.](#)
- Both the SSC Awards and the Board Nominations require AASSA endorsement; contact [president@aassa.ca](mailto:president@aassa.ca) if you would like to proceed with a nomination.

Summer Camps for T2T and Junior Athletes

- May Weekend Training Camp
  - May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Bowness Park in Calgary
- Canmore Summer Camp
  - July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, Canmore and Banff areas
  - Reserved Accommodations for AB skaters ends May 15<sup>th</sup>
- [Click here for more information and to register for AASSA Camps](#)

Edmonton Speed Skating Association is [hiring a Head Coach / Long Track Lead Coach](#); contact ESSA's Coaching Coordinator, [currietammy20@gmail.com](mailto:currietammy20@gmail.com).

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### Clubs, Officials and Volunteers

Thank you again to all the volunteers who keep the Clubs running, the practices and

meets happening, and, ultimately, make Speed Skating in Alberta a fun thing to do!

- Thank you to Stephanie Dodyk, AASSA VP Membership Development, all of the Club representatives, and our helpful SSC colleagues who have worked so hard to learn and conquer the new MMS registration system!
  - Clubs: we have issued final invoices based on the MMS system. If you have any questions, let us know.
- We have a few items left from the Speed Skate Cellar inventory that we have divided into packages for each Alberta Club; we will distribute these packages of various items at the AGM Weekend.
  - We also have some old blades and blade/skate hardware that is available for AB coaches, equipment managers and skaters to take home with them. Let us know if you are interested.
- If you are looking for a new supplier for medals or event pins, you may want to check out *Pin Power Plus*; this company recently contacted AASSA and offered some specials for our members. Email: [info@pinpowerplus.com](mailto:info@pinpowerplus.com) or telephone: 403.475.0939.



*Parent-Volunteer-Officials getting the times right for the skaters!*

## Spotlight on Alberta Speed Skaters

AB Speed Skating is running the AB Long Track High Performance Program again for 2017-2018, with Mike Marshall leading the program, and Mike Ireland as Assistant Coach. The training has already begun, but the HPP will continue to accept skaters throughout the year, and drop-ins can be arranged. [More information about the AB HPP is available on our web site; click here.](#)

Jordan Henkelman has also been plagued by injury and is following in other world-class skaters Anastasia Bucsis and Alex Ruel-Garvey's footsteps by announcing his retirement from competitive skating. Jordan set an impressive Canadian Junior ST 500m record and has most recently been part of the National LT Development / NextGen pool of elite skaters - Canada's best up-and-comers.

One of the highlights of Jordan's careers was participating in the AB-Japan exchange, and then meeting one of the Japanese coaches again at World Juniors. Jordan said that although he is disappointed in his early retirement, he has had an amazing career that included wonderful support from the club level through the Alberta Speed Skating



program and beyond. We wish Jordan all the best as he moves on to new challenges!

Jordan Henkelman

- Our last eNews mentioned the successes of AB skaters at the LT World Masters Championships in Fort St. John in March; we would like to make a special acknowledgement of top finisher, Laurits Skjolingstad of Calgary, who earned a Bronze All-Around in his division - Congratulations!
  - And, apologies to his training mate, Werner Meyer for a name error in eNews; Werner your DQ prize is coming...
- Tammy Currie, Edmonton's Coaching Coordinator competed in both the LT World Master's and the Masters' Short Track Games in England, with excellent results - congratulations Tammy!
- CBC recently interviewed Gilmore Junio and created an article about that skater, his identity and looking forward to the 2017-2018 season. [Click here to access the article.](#)
- Retired AB and national-team athlete, Crystal Phillips, was recently named a Canada 150 Young Change Maker for her work on her Branch Out Neurological Foundation; [click here to access the CBC article and video](#) about Crystal's evolution from a speed skater to a change-maker.

Congratulations again to all Alberta Skaters and their supporters for continuing to work hard, have fun, earn PBs and reach their goals. The AB Provincial Team, Skater PBs, Rankings, Skater Interviews and other resources for skaters, coaches and officials are on the Alberta Speed Skating web site: <http://www.albertaspeedskating.ca/> We will update the web site as new information becomes available.

Contact Mike Marshall, Technical Director, if you have any questions or suggestions: [technicaldirector@aassa.ca](mailto:technicaldirector@aassa.ca).

## Other Training Opportunities

- Olympic Oval Summer Speed, July 17-22, [click here for details](#)
- Masters Speed Camp, July 17-22, [click here for details](#)
- Fort St. John 2017 LT Summer Camp, August 21-25; [click here for details](#)

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