

September 1, 2016 eNews and Updates
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Welcome to September eNews & Updates

Here are some news highlights. Click on [underlined text](#) to access web links.

Updates

AB Speed Skating is recruiting a new Office Manager to support our work. The [job posting](#) is on our website; check it out and please share the opportunity with others.

AB Speed Skating's [current strategic plan](#) includes focussing on membership, technical development, and financial stability. The leadership team has been busy all summer working on related plans and action items, and will provide the first quarterly report for 2016-2017 to our community later this month. Thanks everyone for your feedback and positive contributions to speed skating in Alberta!

Speed Skating Canada has issued the [2016-2017 Competitions Bulletin](#) regarding sanctioned national competitions. The Bulletin contains dates, locations, race types, etc.

If your Club is interested in hosting a SSC national competition in the 2017-2018 season, please review the [2017-2018 Host Bid package](#) that was recently sent to your club, or contact communication@aassa.ca for more information.

Spotlight on Clubs

Yes, September is here and Club registrations are underway -- don't forget to register (Skaters and Associate Members), and be sure to encourage others of all ages to check out our awesome sport too!

Speed Skating Canada would like Clubs to double-check their contact info on the MMS registration system, including social media, to ensure we all have the most up-to-date information to capture new interest in speed skating!

If your Club is interested in obtaining a [poster template](#) to use in your promotional activities, contact Stephanie Dodyk via membership@aassa.ca.

[Updated Club links](#) and contact information are available on the AB Speed Skating web site.

Spotlight on Alberta Speed Skaters

We would like acknowledge the **22 Alberta skaters who are "retiring" from competitive speed skating**, including National Team members: Mikhail Choi, Nicole Garido, Kate Hanly, Jamie Gregg, Jessica Gregg, and Tamara Oudenaarden; and Provincial Team members - Josh Bateman, Matt Bogle, Paul Cooney, Sophie Croteau, Alex de Boer, Sam Hendry, Chloe Howe, Caitlyn MacDonald, Adeline Maunder, Nolan Messer, Jacob Seguin, Justin Spagnuolo, Scott van der Linden, Dylan White, and Kevin Yaholnitsky. Cheyenne Goh of Edmonton is also leaving the AB Speed Skating Provincial Team to compete for Singapore - congratulations and good luck Cheyenne!

AB Speed Skating would like to thank these skaters and all of the people who supported them throughout the years! We sincerely wish our Alumni the very best in their next adventures and we hope their future includes staying involved in speed skating as supporters, parents, coaches, officials, volunteers....!

As of this week we have 34 Long Track and 27 Short Track **2016-2017 Provincial Team** members, including a large and strong new Development Team cohort! We are creating AB Provincial Team resources and profiles (coming soon!). If you have ideas or information to contribute, please let us know.



SSC has also confirmed some Alberta skaters to the [National Long Track Elite and Development Teams](#) - congratulations to everyone, including rookies Maddison Pearman (pictured left), Alex Ruel-Garvey (right), and Cooper Hunter (below, right) who have earned spots with the National LT Development Pool. We'll be cheering you on!



The **AB High Performance Long Track Program** had a successful summer training session, and is now underway with the fall and winter program. Although the primary focus of the HP LT group is to support the training of AB LT skaters, out-of-province/country skaters are welcome too -- adding training breadth and depth to the group.

Contact Mike Marshall, Technical Director, if you have any questions or suggestions: technicaldirector@aassa.ca.

Looking for Club Skater News! Send some along to us; photos are great too!



Spotlight on Officials and Volunteers

The 2016-2017 Speed Skating Canada Accredited Officials list is posted on the [SSC web site](#). SSC 2016-2017 Officials assignments are also available on the [SSC web site](#). Thank you to all our officials! Please contact officials@aassa.ca if you have any questions.

Calling all Volunteers! Competitions are underway in Calgary already, and will be ongoing throughout the province from September to March. Please support speed

skating by helping out in whatever way you can. Contact info@aassa.ca if you'd like to learn more.

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