

Chatham Skating Club

Awards Policy



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Awards Committee General Policies and Procedures

1. The Awards Committee will be comprised of members from the Board of Directors and Chatham Skating Club Members-at-Large. An attempt should be made to draw from a variety of parents, ideally non-board members from each level. StarSkate coaches are not eligible to be on the awards committee. The Board and Awards Committee Chair will determine the committee. Ideally, there will be 5-9 individuals on the committee. Individuals who volunteer to sit as a member on the Awards Committee are expected to act in an objective and open manner, consider all merits of the skaters nominated, and enter discussions without a personal bias or agenda.

The Awards Committee Chair will be chosen by the Board of Directors. The Awards Committee will have their first meeting one month prior to the end of the Winter session.

2. Nominees and award winners must be members in good standing with the Chatham Skating Club.
3. Award winners should be notified before the annual banquet. The Chatham Skating Club Awards Banquet should fall around four weeks after the last test day of the session. A history of past award winners will be documented and kept.
4. CSC member skaters competing at the Provincial Championships will receive a bursary of \$75.00 that is presented at the awards banquet. CSC member skaters competing at any National Championships, at any level, will receive a bursary of \$200.00 that is also presented at the awards banquet. These bursaries are dependent on the financial status of the club each season and is, therefore, not guaranteed.

In the case of a pair/dance team, each CSC skater will be acknowledged individually and receive an individual bursary. Out-of-club skaters who are part of a pair in which one skater is a member of the Club will be acknowledged if they attend the awards banquet, but will not receive a bursary.

5. Award nominations will be solicited from the Board as well as CSC coaches. A list of eligible names will be provided for certain awards (Official, Coach, Jane Saville, John McKay). The criteria for the award nominations will be determined by tests passed, competitions attended, volunteer activities, and characteristics of the skater. Nominations must include the skater's name, the award they are being nominated for, and supporting rational for the choice. Nominations from the floor during the award selection are not allowed.
6. Tests passed and competitions attended between April 1 and March 30 of each season will be eligible for CSC Awards. For example, April 1, 2025-March 30, 2026 will comprise one award year.
7. It is recommended that a CanSkater who wins the CanSkate Champion or Dedication and Perseverance Award is not eligible to win either of these awards again. However,

they are still eligible to win the CanSkater of the Year award.

8. The Awards Committee Chair is responsible for obtaining the awards, the engraving, determining where the awards will be housed, and completing the certificates of accomplishment (or delegating these jobs to another person on the committee).
9. It is strongly recommended that each recipient receive only one award each season. Bursary and individual achievement acknowledgements (i.e. tests passed, skating competitions participated in) are not included. Also, not included is the Program Assistant Award as this award reflects a skater's commitment to the CanSkate program, and is not reflective of their individual skating achievements. A skater may win the Program Assistant award and one additional award in a single skating year.
10. If there are no eligible recipients for a particular award that year, the award will not be presented.
11. The Awards Committee will work collaboratively with the Banquet Committee. The banquet program is the responsibility of the Awards Committee.

Individual Awards Policies and Procedures

1. Official of the Year – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: A Skate Canada evaluator, judge, referee, technical specialist/controller or data specialist who has been active at the section level for at least five seasons, including the current season. This individual has given, and will continue to provide, quality service to the Chatham club, and the Section in general.

2. Friend of Skating – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: This award recognizes a club volunteer who goes above and beyond the call of duty. Nominations will include volunteers within the club, but not a sitting member on the Board.

3. Jane Saville Memorial Award – Chosen by Jo-Ann and Joelle Batten with suggestions from the Awards Committee

Award Description: Jane Saville was an Honorary Member of the Board and a volunteer with the C.F.S.C. for 55 years. The Volunteer of the Year is an individual whose contributions reflect a passion for the sport of figure skating and for its participants. The award is presented to a member of the Board who has been involved in figure skating for a minimum of five years. The recipient is an exemplary role model and leads by example.

4. Coach Award of Excellence – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: This award is presented to a professional coach who moves beyond coaching as a profession and contributes to the development of skating globally through professional or volunteer commitment. This dedicated coach reflects the passion, spirit, and triumph of figure skating in Canada.

5. Program Assistant Recognition

Program assistants are recognized with a certificate for the number of hours volunteered on CanSkate sessions over the season.

6. Program Assistant Award – Chosen by the Awards Committee with suggestions from the CanSkate Committee. The CanSkate Committee is comprised of the CanSkate Chair, CanSkate Coordinator, and the CanSkate table volunteers.

This active program assistant has made a significant contribution to his or her club and is recognized for having helped children and coaches. This skater imparts the passion, spirit, and triumph of skating to those with whom they work. It is felt that this individual will make a long-term contribution to the sport in Canada in a coaching or volunteer role. They must have at least two years of Program Assistance experience. The number of hours accumulated over the season does not necessarily determine the recipient.

7. Walter Coulter Memorial Bursary

Award Description: This bursary is awarded to Club skaters who balance extracurricular activities with academic achievement and are pursuing a post-secondary education.

This \$100 bursary is given to all graduating students pursuing post-secondary education. This bursary is dependent on the financial status of the club each season and is, therefore, not guaranteed.

8. Betsy Steele Passion of Skating Award – Chosen and sponsored by the Booster Club

Award Description: The Betsy Steele Passion of Skating Award is presented to a skater that has been an example of the dedication that Betsy Steele brought to the skating family. This skater sets a high standard for goals and is willing to put in the hard work to achieve them. Above all, this skater consistently shows respect for peers, coaches, and parents. The skater shows a positive attitude with no need for fanfare or recognition.

9. Spirit of Competition Award – Sponsored by the Booster Club

Club skaters are recognized with a certificate for competing for the first time during this past season.

10. C.S.C. Competitive Team Recognition

Skaters who competed at Sectionals or the StarSkate Championships are recognized with a certificate.

11. Competitive Skater of the Year Award – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: This skater exemplifies the spirit and dedication of a competitive athlete attending a minimum of three separate competitions during the skating year.

12. Dedication & Perseverance Award – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: This award recognizes skaters that continuously challenge themselves to excel and achieve their skating goals during the year. One award is presented to a Level A Skater, Level B Skater, and Level C Skater.

13. CanSkate Dedication & Perseverance Awards – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: These awards recognize CanSkaters who continually challenge themselves to excel and achieve their skating ribbons, badges, and goals during the year. One award will be given for each Canskate Session (ex. Monday, Wednesday, Saturday).

14. CanSkate Champions - Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: These awards are presented to CanSkaters who are recognized for their passion and success on the ice. They embody the key qualities necessary to be a champion – commitment, perseverance, dedication, passion, triumph, and talent. One award will be given for each Canskate Session (ex. Monday, Wednesday, Saturday).

15. CanSkater of the Year - Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: Emphasis is on personal achievement or accomplishments. This skater embodies the key qualities necessary to be a champion - commitment, perseverance, dedication, passion, triumph, and talent. The CanSkater of the Year also has the desire to continue and succeed in skating.

16. Sunshine Award – Chosen by the Awards Committee, Sponsored by the Booster Club

Award Description: This award is presented to a skater who radiates warmth, cheer, and happiness. This award is presented to a Level B or Level C skater.

17. Judie Barry Memorial Award – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: Judie Barry was a Director on the Board and a dedicated volunteer for many years. This award is presented in her memory to a Level C skater to recognize their skating accomplishments.

18. Nels Armstrong Memorial Award – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: This award is presented in memory of Nels Armstrong who was an Honorary Member of the Board and a Skate Canada Judge for many years. It is presented to a Level B skater to recognize their skating accomplishments.

19. Al Macauley Memorial Award – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: Al Macauley was an Honorary Member of the Board and a Skate Canada/USFS Judge for many years. This award is given to a Level A skater to recognize their skating accomplishments.

20. STARSkater Athlete Award – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: The winner of this award reflects the essence of the STARSkate program including: participation, achievement, personal success, a display of spirit and passion for the sport, striving for new goals, and maintaining a balance within skating and other areas of their life. This skater must have passed at least one test in at least three of the disciplines within the Skate Canada STARSkate program.

21. Passion of Skating – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: This skater continues to set personal goals and works hard to achieve them. This skater displays a positive attitude and is respectful towards others both on and off the ice.

22. John McKay Award – Chosen by the Awards Committee

Award Description: The winner of this award is a skater with a true passion for the sport of figure skating and a history of dedicated service to the skating community. The award is presented to a skater who has achieved a complete Gold Test and who exemplifies the spirit that John McKay had for skating along with a \$100 bursary.

23. CanPower Skater of the Year – Chosen by the Awards Committee.

Award Description: This individual shows an openness to learn and improve on their skating ability.