

Club Program Coordinator – Job Description

Purpose

The purpose of the Program Coordinator is to work with the SASSA Director of Speed Skating, commonly referred to as the Provincial Coach, to design and support club program schedules that reflect the unique developmental needs of your club.

Key Roles

- Strengthen the communications and working relationship between the Provincial Coach and individual Clubs to create progressive training opportunities for our athletes.
- Ensure Club training programs align with the objectives of the Long Term Participation and Athlete Development (LTPAD) training program, which have been embraced by Saskatchewan Speed Skating and Speed Skating Canada
- Support Club program needs by reporting to club executive, club coaches and special members.

Activities

- Meet with the Provincial Coach three or four times a year via telephone or in person, which can be arranged during a competition, to discuss Club training programs and how they are progressing toward LTPAD objectives.
- Review your Club training program with the Provincial Coach to ensure it is meeting the needs of skaters at all levels of development. (Consider the program as the “menu” and the training plan as specific “items” on that menu. Your role is to help ensure individual athletes are getting the appropriate items and portions for their stage of development.)
- Work with the Provincial Coach and Club coaches to identify and address any gaps in the training program. (For example, a group of skaters may be at a stage where they could clearly benefit from strength training or dry-land training. A Program Coordinator would work with the coaches and club to see if something can be arranged to address this need.)
- Ensure Club coaches are getting the appropriate training and information they need on the recommended training programs for skaters at all levels of development.

Remember: LTPAD emphasizes a progressive approach to reaching personal potential in sport. If you need “it” for speed skating, then speed skating clubs work toward provide “it”. Your role is to help your club develop a program that is meeting the needs of all skaters at the various stages of development.