



## A Professional Club Coach

**Rule 2401 - Skate Canada Professional Coach Defined** - A Skate Canada Professional Coach is defined as a person who teaches figure skating or skating as a profession and meets the criteria to teach as determined in Rule 2402 and other provisions from time to time by the Skate Canada Board of Directors, and is a member of Skate Canada.

This job description is a brief statement of responsibilities of a Professional Club Coach. Additional responsibilities may be assigned to meet the needs of Skate Canada member clubs.

### **Roles and Responsibilities of the Professional Club Coach:**

- To abide by the Skate Canada Coaches Code of Ethics and maintain up-to-date membership with Skate Canada as a Professional Coach
- To be an "expert" in coaching and figure skating
- To identify and address potential moral or ethical issue
- To be competent at guiding parents, preparing skaters, and club board members in skating and coaching related matters
- To be clear, respectful and honest when communicating to skaters, parents and executive members
- To communicate figure skating skills instructions and make coaching decisions effectively
- To work with a team of coaches and resource personnel to ensure that the skater receives the best training possible
- To assume leadership roles for other coaches when asked or needed
- To communicate clearly goals and objectives developed with your skaters, parents, and executive members prior to the skating session debut
- To be up-to-date with Skate Canada rules and rule amendments at all times
- To be responsible for upgrading your skills and knowledge in the sport of figure skating on a regular basis
- To develop lesson plans in order to improve your organizational and management skills
- To analyze, identify errors and provide constructive feedback to the skaters, and parents
- To identify talented skaters with natural abilities through the use of criteria set in the Talent Identification and Development Plan in your club
- To organize and implement a fun, safe and enjoyable environment to all skaters.
- To administrate first aid actions when needed
- To accept additional responsibilities in a professional manner
- To train, supervise, assess and evaluate Program Assistants
- To organize and lead parent information sessions
- To provide advice on skating matters - e.g. equipment, progression to other programs and future opportunities