



ANNOUNCEMENT DIRECTOR OF SKATING, SKATE SASKATOON

Skate Saskatoon is excited to announce that we have successfully filled the position for Director of Skating. Beginning on April 3rd, 2023, Gennady Kaskov will join our team, bringing over 35 years of experience in figure skating as an international competitor, coach, specialist, and manager.

Gennady has played a key role in establishing successful clubs and implementing training programs. With his impressive background, knowledge, skills, and industry experience, Gennady is poised to enhance the overall effectiveness of our club and programs, taking us to new heights for the benefit of our skaters and organization. We invite you to join us in welcoming Gennady to our club.

The Board would like to express their gratitude to Blaise Kirchgesner for his many years of hard work and dedication to Skate Saskatoon as Club Manager. Blaise has been a significant contributor to the Club during his tenure, and his leadership has been invaluable. Blaise's last day as Club Manager will be May 31st, 2023. However, he will continue to be a Club Coach and valued member of Skate Saskatoon.

In his capacity as Director of Skating, Gennady will work collaboratively with our current management, board of directors and coaching staff to implement the strategic plan for Skate Saskatoon. This carefully crafted plan takes into account the unique needs and challenges of our organization, and is designed to help us achieve our goals and objectives. With Gennady on board, we are confident in our ability to grow and thrive as a club, delivering even greater value and benefits to our members. We eagerly anticipate Gennady's arrival in April and look forward to experience the positive impact he will add to Skate Saskatoon.

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Gennady has kindly provided a letter of introduction, please see below:

Dear Skating Parents,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Gennady Kaskov and I am the Director of Skating at Skate Saskatoon. I would like to share my background with you and my vision for Skate Saskatoon.

I am Canadian-Ukrainian, started skating at 4 years of age, I used to compete for the former Soviet Union and hold a 1987 Jr World Champion title and many National and International medals.

I held positions at Skate Canada for 12 years as a Skate Canada Coach Consultant and was part of their team helping to build successful clubs and implement training programs across Canada. I was a director at Centre of Excellence at Burnaby 8 Rinks, BC and have developed National and International Champions. I am also an International Skating Union Technical Specialist (TS) in two disciplines Singles and Dance. I have been at two Olympic Games as a coach and TS, one in Turin, Italy in 2006 and the other in Sochi, Russia in 2014.



For the past 8 years, I was working with my former coach Alexey Mishin, World renowned coach who has produced many Olympic Champions. Also, I have organized many workshops and seminars across the World, North America and EU. I have a PhD in Sport Psychology.

In conclusion, I am excited to meet the families and answer any questions you may have. I would like to explain what steps the club is planning to take to help the progression of your kids, high performance development for different ages and groups as well as improvement for recreational skaters.

I am planning to work closely with the club coaches to develop a team coaching approach for a successful club. United we are strong.

I look forward to good communication with the families and want you to feel welcome to provide any concerns or suggestions you may have.

Later on, I will contact you with the time and date for a parent meeting. It is absolutely important that you are included in the planning for the future success of your child.

Thank you.

Yours in Skating
Gennady Kaskov
Skate Saskatoon Director of Skating
Sport Psychology Ph.D.
Olympic and International Coach