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Program Components Seminar on June 18 & 19, 2011 a success!

The 2011 Program Components Seminar held over the past weekend at the MacEwan Conference Centre in Calgary, Alberta was a success. As only the third Section to hold a Program Components Seminar in Canada, we had over 80 Officials and Coaches in attendance, the seminar achieved its goal of providing a strong foundation of knowledge regarding the development and scoring of program components. Holly Henderson, Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut's Manager, Athlete Development, commented that "bringing the Program Component Seminar to our Section gave coaches and officials the opportunity to indulge in the learning experience provided to only a select few who attended the pilot seminar in Whistler, British Columbia. The officials and coaches who attended both noticed the refinements made to the seminar, and emphasized the benefits to not only Section coaches and officials, but skating on a National level".

The Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section would like to thank Western Canadian Coaches Conference Fund, the 96' World Trust Fund, and the Alberta, Sport, Recreation, Parks, Wildlife Foundation for their support in funding the event. The ability to host events such as this seminar, provides Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut the opportunity to nurture, retain, and offer professional development to our volunteers, Coaches and Officials.

We would also like to thank the five clinic leaders; Ted Barton, the Executive Director of the British Columbia/Yukon Section and producer of the ISU Educational materials used at the seminar; Sissy Krick the Chair of the Bavarian Skating Federation; Sally Rehorick, a Professor at Emerita University in New Brunswick and key individual in the movement towards the CPC system; Susan Heffernan, an ISU figure skating judge; and Louis Stong, Skate Canada's Director of Skating Development. Thank you for giving these Coaches and Officials the opportunity to learn from and reflect upon your experiences. The benefits from attending this Seminar will surely be recognized in the coming year on and off the ice, in terms of athlete development and Judging Panel scoring accuracy.

Thank you to the Evaluator/Judges Sub-Committee and the Coaching Committee for their assistance in organizing the Program Components Seminar. The time dedicated behind the scenes is appreciated and demonstrates team work at its finest.

Finally, the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section would like to thank all of the Coaches and Officials for participating in the Seminar. Your dedication to the sport of figure skating and to the athletes who participate make these opportunities possible. Thank you for pursuing learning opportunities such as the Program Components Seminar, in the attainment of personal and professional development in the skating community.

Thank you to everyone for a successful event!

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