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*"Pain is only temporary  
but victory is forever"*

*- Jeremy H -*

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**Spring Break Freeskate Camp** (March 28-31) schedule is posted on our website Calendar of Events. Sign up at WEM by March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Off-Season Conditioning** (May 8-19) schedule will be posted on our website in April. In order to ensure that skaters arrive for Summer Camp in excellent physical condition, skaters are expected to attend all of the classes (Int, Sr, and Dancers).

**Bootbreakers** (May 22-June 30) schedule will be posted on our website this month. Since this is part of our 2016-17 Skating School, you are not required to register for Bootbreakers. However, all skaters must submit a Session Request Form by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Summer Camp** (July 3-August 11) info will be posted on our website this month. Registration deadline is April 22<sup>nd</sup>; register early as space is limited. Any outstanding fees owed to the club and coaches must be paid before registration will be accepted.

### **Sunsational Sponsorship**

The Sunsational Competition sponsorship letter is posted on our website. Please distribute this letter to anyone that might help support our competition. Half of any cash sponsorship you collect will be recorded directly to your child's skating account.

### **New WEM Ice Facility**

The West Edmonton Mall will be upgrading their ice facility! They are replacing the ice sheet, floor pad, and ice plant. Due to the upgrade, there will be no WEM ice from July-December. During this period, our schedules will remain the same but the majority of our WEM ice will be moved to TRC. The WEM ice facility will re-open in mid-December with world-class ice conditions.

### **Alberta Figure Skating Foundation**

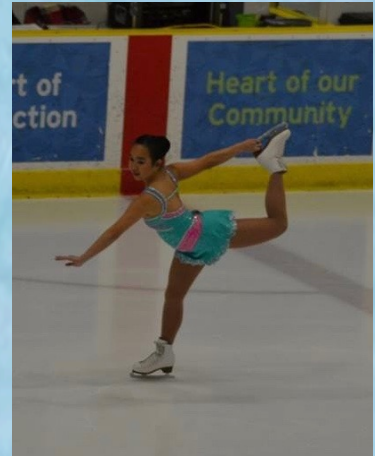
The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation (AFSF) is a not-for-profit organization that supports figure skaters and encourages the development of skaters in this province. The Foundation presents approximately \$50,000 in scholarships and awards every year. Membership is \$35/year. For more information, please visit their website at [www.afsf.ca](http://www.afsf.ca).

## Skate Canada's STARSkate Program

STARSkate offers opportunities for skaters to develop figure skating skills in four different areas: ice dance, skating skills, freestyle, and interpretive skating. Skaters have the opportunity to take Skate Canada Tests through a nationally standardized testing system. Skaters may choose to remain in the STARSkate Program or may choose to transition to the CompetitiveSkate Program (dependent on age and skill level).

### Julia Chua

Julia is currently participating in the STARSkate path of Skate Canada's competition and testing system. In 2016, she passed five tests in three disciplines: freestyle, dance, and skills. Keep up the great work, Julia!



## KAETLYN OSMOND 2017 CANADIAN CHAMPION

Congratulations to Kaetlyn Osmond for winning her 3<sup>rd</sup> National title with a new Canadian record score! We wish you all the best at the World Championships in Helsinki, Finland!

