

Doug Leigh becomes first Skate Canada NCCP Level 5 certified coach

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On Wednesday May 28 Skate Canada acknowledged Doug Leigh for reaching another milestone in his career. He is the first Skate Canada coach to achieve a NCCP Level 5 designation.

Doug has been instrumental in the success of figure skating and has contributed greatly to the coaching profession in Canada. Doug's involvement and contributions have had a tremendous impact on the sport and those around him.

"It is very exciting to see the first Skate Canada coach attain the highest level of certification. We are very proud of Doug as he continues to be an inspiration to our coaching community," said Advisory Coaching Committee Chair, Monica Lockie.

Doug has enjoyed remarkable success throughout his 37-year coaching career. The Mariposa School of Skating has established Barrie, Ontario, as one of the major skating centres in Canada and the world and developed some of the best skaters in the world. He has coached at 26 world championships, 25 consecutively, and six Olympic Winter Games. Doug coached Brian Orser to national titles from 1981 to 1988, Olympic silver medals in 1984 and 1988 and the 1987 world title. He also coached Elvis Stojko to five national and three world titles and Olympic silver medals in 1994 and 1998. He has coached 26 other Canadian champions, including Jennifer Robinson, Britain's Steven Cousins and Japan's two-time world bronze medalist Takeshi Honda.

"Doug's positive outlook, no-nonsense, goal-setting approach and analytical ability are legendary. Because he believes in the balanced, well-rounded athlete, he has gone to great lengths to ensure that his skaters have everything they need to succeed," said Skate Canada Competitive Coaching Programs Manager, Isabelle Cayer. "In addition to his success, he is an incredible mentor and is open to helping all coaches improve and in sharing his knowledge."

Congratulations Doug!

