

# TFSC PROGRAM ASSISTANT INFORMATION

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## PA Information

### Definitions

What are Program Assistants?

Program Assistants (PA's) are typically skaters from the club's senior, competitive or adult programs who volunteer their time to assist professional coaches in the club's Helmet, CanSkate, and/or Adult programs. They often assist with the teaching of groups and individual skaters. All Program Assistants work under the supervision of the Coaches and require the completion of a PA training clinic offered annually through the club with guidelines set forth by Skate Canada.

*To Be a TFSC Program Assistants our Coaches and Executive Recommend:*

Mature skaters who have passed the Preliminary Freeskate test and will dedicate themselves throughout the entire skating season. Must be reliable, a good role model, able to lead activities in a creative and enthusiastic manner, and follow the directions of the CANSkate coach. Must take the PA course each year, and be prepared to go on the ice prior to the start of each session. You are required to inform the session coach in advance if you are unavailable for any session.

*To Be a TFSC Program Assistants in Training our Coaches and Executive Recommend:*

Junior/Senior skaters under 12 years of age and/or do not meet the Program Assistant criteria. Preferred 1 year of experience on Junior/Senior Ice. Must take the Program Assistant training each year, and work as an assistant to a coach or Program Assistant at all times. You will be prepared to go on the ice prior to the start of the session you are assisting with, and inform the session coach in advance if you are unavailable for said session.

### Eligibility:

Along with the requirements, listed above, the eligibility for being a PA or PA in training is subject to the discretion of the Board or Directors and all CanSkate Coaches.