Debbie Rodger

- Debbie was recently featured in a Skate Canada Facebook story during the 2025 Skate Canada International in Saskatoon, in that interview, she shared: “”I love to support skating, but I also love meeting new people across Canada who share a passion for volunteering.” This quote perfectly captures Debbie’s philosophy – her love of the sport is matched only by her joy in connecting with others and building a strong, supportive volunteer community.
- Now retired from a lengthy medical career, Debbie brings invaluable expertise to every event she supports. The safety and well being of all participants is always he top priority. From ensuring appropriate medical coverage to confirming that venues and procedures meet the highest safety standards. Debbie’s professional background and vigilance provide reassurance and confidence to everyone involved.
- Debbie leads with honest, accountability and consistency. She models integrity in all her actions and sets clear expectations for ethical conduct among the volunteers she works with. Her reputation for fairness and reliability has earned her deep trust and respect across the skating community
- Debbie regularly leads and coordinates large volunteer teams and does so with genuine respect for the skills and experience of others. She actively seeks input., listens carefully, and created an environment where everyone feels heard and values. Her collaborative approach fosters strong teamwork and shared pride in successful events.
- Debbie is continually looking for ways to improve. She thoughtfully reflects on each event, applies learned, and introduces refinements that enhance efficiency, volunteer experience, and overall event quality. Her commitment to continuous improvement helps create a positive, professional, and forward-thinking culture wherever she volunteers.
- General James Dolittle once said, “There’s nothing stronger than the hear of a volunteer.” Debbie exemplifies this sentiment in every sense. She gives her time, energy, and expertise selflessly, often taking on major leadership roles such as overall volunteer coordinator, ice operations supervisor, and competition chairperson – always with enthusiasm and grace.
- Those who have worked alongside Debbie speak unanimously of the joy of working with her. She is positive, appropriate, deeply caring, and genuinely loves people. Above all, she is a true champion of figure skating. Her passion for the sport is evident in everything she does, and her influence has touched skaters, volunteers, officials, and organizers at local, provincial, national, and international events.
- Debbie is not only a remarkable volunteer – she is a gift to figure skating in Saskatchewan, across Canada, and to the many international participants who have benefited from her dedication. It is both an honour and a privilege to nominate such an exceptional and deserving individual for this award.