

Event Ambassador Biographies

Patrick Chan

Patrick Chan, Toronto Ont., first started skating at the Granite Club in North York, Ont., in 1996. He won his first national senior men's title in 2008, setting the scene for an impressive skating career. In eight trips to the world championships, Chan stepped onto the podium on five occasions, including three consecutive world titles from 2011 to 2013. In addition to his record ten Canadian championships, he is a three-time Olympic medallist, including a gold medal as a member of the winning Canadian squad in the team event at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang.

Off the ice, in 2011, Chan was awarded the Lou Marsh Award as Canada's top athlete and Sportsnet's Canadian Athlete of the Year, QMI Agency Canadian Male Athlete of the Year and the Canada Press's Lionel Conacher Award for Canadian male athlete of the year.

As the Athlete Ambassador for the 2024 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, Patrick's skating career inspires many young Canadians who are just beginning to glide on the ice. After his retirement from competitive skating in April 2018, Patrick now resides in Vancouver with his wife and son. In addition to working in commercial real estate, He is avidly involved in the skating community, continuing to inspire other through seminars and performing in skating shows across the country.

Joannie Rochette

Joannie Rochette, Île Dupas, Que., first learned how to skate at the age of two. She left her footprint on the heart of a nation at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, with her emotional bronze-medal performance, which led to her being named Female Athlete of the Year by Canadian Press.

In addition to her six Canadian championships, Rochette represented Canada seven times at the world championships, winning silver in 2009. During six career appearances at Skate Canada International, she medalled five times including gold in 2006, 2008 and 2009. In 2017, Skate Canada announced Rochette will be inducted into the Skate Canada Hall of Fame.

As Athlete Ambassador for the 2024 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, Joannie's competitive skating career has inspired many Canadians both on and off the ice. After retiring from competition in 2010, Rochette attended medical school at McGill



University and now known as Dr. Rochette, she practices medicine as an anesthesiology resident in Montreal.