



**NWT AMATEUR SPEED SKATING ASSOCIATION
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The NWT Amateur Speed Skating Association is proud to announce that one of their coaches is the recipient of a national coaching excellence award presented by Speed Skating Canada.

David Gilday of Yellowknife was honoured for his long and successful coaching career at the recent Speed Skating Canada annual awards gala. Gilday's career, which has spanned the past 18 years, started out at the grass roots level when his children joined the Yellowknife Speed Skating Club's beginner programs. He has progressed through the ranks of NCCP coaching qualifications achieving Level 3 status in speed skating and taking the role of head coach for NWT skaters at two Canada Winter Games, four Arctic Winter Games and seven national age class championships.

Gilday sits as a member of Speed Skating Canada's Coaching Development Committee and was a member of SSC's Competition and Event Review team in 2008-2009, which produced 'Racing on Skates', a manual to accompany their Long-Term Participant and Athlete Development model. He is a qualified official in several positions and was named as Sport North's Coach of the Year in 2004. As a club and TSO volunteer he has held many different positions, been instrumental in the development of several key policies and coached for the past 14 years at the NWTASSA Summer Camp. Gilday has also donated his time and expertise in many smaller clubs running skater development camps and sharing his expertise in technique development, drills, games and equipment.

Gilday was presented with his award in Ottawa on July 2.

Submitted by NWT Amateur Speed Skating Association.