



ANNOUNCEMENT

2010 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

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| Dates: | March 4 to 7, 2010 |
| Location: | Jack Bionda Arena – Huntsville, Ontario |
| Hosted by: | The District Municipality of Muskoka and Skate Ontario |
| Sanctioned by: | Skate Canada |

GENERAL INFORMATION

The figure skating events at the **2010 Ontario Winter Games** will be conducted in accordance with the regulations as set forth in the Skate Canada Rulebook. If not specifically stated otherwise in this document, the normal regulations governing skating will apply as indicated in Section 4000 and 7000 of the Skate Canada Rulebook, the Technical and Event Management Handbooks and the Policies and Procedures Manual.

REGISTRATION

Singles, Pairs and Dance competitors must register with their Section Registrar upon completion of their Sectional Championships. Synchronized Skating teams must register with the Skate Ontario representative at the completion of the ONTARIO Region Synchronized Skating Championships.

Each Section is entitled to send the following support staff:

- one team manager,
- one assistant team manager,
- two coaches for figure skating one of whom must be experienced with Pairs and one experienced in Dance, and
- two coaches for each synchronized skating team that qualifies.

In accepting this assignment and participation in the Games, athletes must agree to participate for the full time of the Games commencing with Opening Ceremonies on March 4 and ending with the Awards Ceremonies on March 7. Athletes unable to commit to attendance at the Games for the entire period will be ineligible for selection and the next eligible skater will be selected. Team coaches must agree to serve as both coach and chaperone during the full time of the Games – Thursday March 4 through Sunday March 7, 2010.

All competitors, coaches and team management staff must register with the Games Organizing Committee in Huntsville, Ontario on Thursday, March 4 at a location to be advised at a later date. The Games Opening Ceremonies will be held on the evening of Thursday, March 4. There will be no closing ceremonies for competitors.

ENTRY FEES

\$100.00 per person for each singles skater, each partner of a pair or dance team and each member of a synchronized skating team. Please note \$70.00 + GST (\$73.50) will be directed to the Ontario Winter Games Committee and the remaining amount will be used towards the administrative expenses for the event.

FILING ENTRIES

The Championship Chairperson of each Section (or his/her representative) shall be responsible for the filing of entry forms for the Singles, Pairs and Dance competitors that qualify to compete in the Ontario Winter Games and shall sign each entry form certifying that it is a valid and eligible entry.

All entries from the Section, together with the correct entry fees, waivers and signed Code of Conduct, shall be forwarded to the **President - Skate Ontario** no later than 10 days following the completion of the Sectional Championships

Entry forms for the Synchronized Skating Team members who qualify for the Games will be administered by a representative of Skate Ontario who will be in attendance at the ONTARIO Region Championships. This will take place as soon after the results of the Novice category are known.

Cheques or money orders shall be payable as follows:

- Each individual skater's cheque payable to the respective Section
- Each Section will issue one cheque payable to the **Skate Ontario**.

FORWARD ENTRIES TO:

Skate Ontario
Janet Balkwill - President
58 Tiffany Place
Kanata, ON K2K 1W6 613-270-8375

RINKS TO BE USED

Jack Bionda Arena
20 Park Drive
Huntsville, ON P1H 1P5 705-789-2927

Ice Surface Size: 85' X 190'

PRACTICE ICE AND COMPETITION

All official practices and competition will take place at the Jack Bionda Arena. Practices will commence on Friday, March 5 and competition and award ceremonies will end on Sunday, March 7, 2010. A tentative schedule will be posted on Skate Ontario's web site www.skateontario.org.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

Competitors in the Singles, Pairs and Dance categories must qualify through their own 2010 BMO Skate Canada Sectional Championships to be held in November 2009 by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Juvenile Ladies, Men, Pairs or Dance or 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Pre Novice or Novice Ladies or Men. In the event that a competitor cannot compete at the Ontario Winter Games, the vacancy shall be filled by the next skater in order of placing until the place is filled.

NOVICE Synchronized Skating teams that do not qualify for the National Championships at the ONTARIO Region Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Fort Erie in February 2010 will be invited to compete. The number of teams will be determined when actual Regional numbers are known.

To be eligible to compete in the *2010 Ontario Winter Games*, all skaters must:

- (1) be an active Associate member of an Ontario Skate Canada member club in good standing and represent Ontario when competing;
- (2) be eligible persons as defined in Skate Canada Rule Book Section 2100 and
- (3) be available to attend the Games for the full time of the competition - arriving Thursday March 4 through Sunday March 7, 2010. Athletes unable to commit to attendance at the Games for the entire period will be ineligible for selection and the next eligible skater will be selected.

COACH ACCREDITATION

In order to be accredited at the Ontario Winter Games, all team coaches must meet the standards for coaches set out in Skate Canada Rule 2402 and in the Skate Canada Policies and Procedures. All Ontario Winter Games team coaches shall be paid Skate Canada coaching members, hold a valid First Aid certificate and be NCCP Level 2 / ISPC certified. Coach accreditation/Photo ID must be worn at all times in the arena.

Only accredited Ontario Winter Games team coaches will be permitted to be rink-side and to coach skaters while competing and practicing at the Games.

COSTUMING

The clothing for all competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition – not garish or theatrical in design. Accessories and props are not permitted.

AWARDS

Medals will be presented to skaters/teams finishing in the top 3 places in each discipline. The presentation of medals will take place following competition on Sunday, March 7, 2010. All skaters are required to wear their competition attire and skates for medal presentations.

RESULTS CALCULATION

The Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) System will be used for all Ontario Winter Games categories.

EVENTS TO BE HELD

1) SINGLES Categories

Short Program Elements to be skated will be those elements listed for the 2010-2011 skating season.

- a. JUVENILE LADIES AND MEN**
- b. PRE NOVICE LADIES AND MEN**
- c. NOVICE LADIES AND MEN**

2) PAIR Category

JUVENILE PAIRS

3) DANCE Category

Dances to be skated are those assigned for the 2010 Sectional Championships and will be skated in the order listed. The number of dance patterns to be skated shall be as outlined for Competition and Competitive Tests in the Skate Canada Technical Handbook.

JUVENILE DANCE

4) SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Each team will skate their free program twice. Final results will be based on the combined results of both skates as per the following factors:

- 1. In the first portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5.*
- 2. In the second portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 1.0.*
- 3. The draw for the second free program will be based on the results of the first program, in the same manner as an event with a short and free program component.*
- 4. The second mark (Program Components) will be used to break a tie in both free programs.*

NOVICE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

OFFICIALS

Judges, referees and data specialists shall be selected from the official Association Officials list. Officials must be eligible persons and qualified to officiate at this level of an event. Skate Canada restrictions shall apply.

MUSIC

- (1) **REGISTRATION OF MUSIC:** Music must be turned in at the time of registration. Cassettes, CD's and their cases must have the competitor's name and event clearly printed on them. Competitors will be responsible for picking up their own music at the completion of their event.
- (2) **MUSIC REQUIREMENTS:** Each entry must provide 2 cassettes or one CD and one cassette (plus one backup cassette not handed in but available in the skaters bag) for the Competition upon registration. One for competition must be marked "Master" and the other for back-up marked "Copy".

Standard Specifications for Cassettes and CD's

1. Only one (1) program shall be recorded on each cassette or CD.
2. The start of the music shall be recorded on the tape or CD at least 3 seconds following the head leader and not more than 5 seconds.
3. Music shall be recorded at equal levels on both left and right channels in stereo.
4. Competitor's name followed by music time (not skating time) shall be clearly printed on side one of the cassette or CD.
5. Each cassette or CD shall be enclosed in its plastic container.
6. Music recording levels shall be a maximum of OVU and a minimum of -8VU.
7. Cassettes or CDs must be marked with the skater's name, event and total music time and enclosed in their integral container, also marked accordingly.

ACCIDENTS / LIABILITY

Skate Ontario, the City of Huntsville, and the Local Volunteer Team undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in the **2010 Ontario Winter Games**, all competitors and their parents or guardians shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks or injuries to the competitor's person and property resulting from, or caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competitions and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, Skate Ontario, the District Municipality of Muskoka, the Volunteer Team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

It is the responsibility of the skater (or parent/guardian) to advise Skate Ontario of any allergies or relevant medical information.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS

Accommodations on a shared basis for skaters, team managers, coaches and officials will be provided by the Games Organizing Committee at the Delta Grandview in Huntsville, Ontario

Meals will be provided by the Games Organizing Committee and/or Skate Ontario for skaters, team managers, coaches and officials. Further information of food services will be available when skaters register.

Parents who may be attending the Games are responsible for their own hotel arrangements. Hotel accommodations will be at a premium during the Games as approximately 3,000 participants must be housed. Skate Ontario cannot assume any responsibility for obtaining accommodations for parents.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from Huntsville for the Games is the responsibility of the individual skaters and Sections. A travel subsidy may be available from the Games Organizing Committee. However, this is dependant on the distance travelled. Skate Ontario will work with each Section's team manager to ensure that whatever subsidies are available will be received from the Games Organizing Committee. Travel between the hotel and the arena for competitors, team managers, coaches and officials will be provided by the Games Organizing Committee.

EVENT SCHEDULE

A preliminary schedule of events and practices is attached and will be posted on the Skate Ontario web site www.skateontario.org. A final schedule will be provided to each skater on-site at registration.

TICKET INFORMATION

Information regarding tickets and admission at the Games website at <http://www.2010ontariowintergames.ca>

INFORMATION/LOST AND FOUND

Throughout the Games, information will be available at the Registration/Information table. Lost and found items will be kept there.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants in the games will be required to sign an Ontario Winter Games specific code of conduct.

Skate Ontario "Rules of Conduct" shall also apply:

1. If a skater desires to appeal any personal application of the Skate Ontario Rules of Conduct, an appeal may be filed within 24 hours with the President. Such an appeal will be immediately investigated and the findings there from will be binding.
2. Skaters shall agree that:
 - a) There will be no use of any drug, excluding prescribed medical drugs, which should be registered with the responsible Official before the event.
 - b) Skaters under the age of 19 will not possess or use alcohol or tobacco in any form.
 - c) Skaters over the age of 19 will not possess or use alcohol or tobacco in any form within the immediate area of a residence, ice surface or competition site and will not supply such substances to others.
 - d) Any damage to property shall be assessed to the account of the occupants.
 - e) Skaters shall conduct themselves at all times in a reasonable and acceptable manner. Unacceptable behaviors shall include:
 - i) Unsportsman like conduct
 - ii) Breaking training or curfew (training seminars)
 - iii) Willful damage to property
 - iv) Committing any act, this is considered an offense under any duly promulgated law.
3. Contravention of these guidelines is sufficient grounds for a skater to be sent home at his/her own expense and/or removal from the Financial Assistance Program.
4. Contravention of these guidelines will be dealt with by Skate Ontario who shall implement such action as necessary for just cause. Such infractions of the above could lead to a temporary or lifetime suspension of competitive activity. Skaters must be aware and familiarize themselves of the Skate Canada Anti-Doping Policy (See Skate Canada Rulebook or web-site.)

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www.skateontario.org