



ANNOUNCEMENT

2012 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

Dates: March 8 to 11, 2012
Location: Holly Community Centre – Barrie Ontario
Hosted by: 2012 Ontario Winter Games LOC and Skate Ontario
Sanctioned by: Skate Canada

GENERAL INFORMATION

The figure skating events at the **2012 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 (preferably one male and one female), and
- two coaches/team manager 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 8 and ending with the Awards Ceremonies on March 11. 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 8 through Sunday, March 11, 2012.

All competitors, coaches and team management staff must register with the Games Organizing Committee in Barrie, Ontario on Thursday, March 8 at a location and time to be advised at a later date. The Games Opening Ceremonies will be held in Collingwood starting at 7:00 pm on the evening of Thursday, March 8. There will be no closing ceremonies for competitors. The medal presentations will take place following the last skating of the competition.

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 + taxes will be directed to the Ontario Winter Games Committee and the remaining amount will be used towards the administrative expenses for the event.

The entry fee includes skating registration, housing (shared room), all meals (Thursday supper thru Sunday lunch) and transportation as required during the event.

Cheques or money orders shall be payable as follows:

- Each individual skater's fee is payable to the respective Section.
- Each Synchronized Skating team fee (including all skaters, Coaches and Team Leaders) to be made payable to **Skate Ontario**.
- Each Section will issue one cheque payable to **Skate Ontario**.

FILING of ENTRIES

Singles, Pairs and Dance Entries

The Championship Chairperson of each Section (or his/her representative) shall be responsible for the filing a copy of the **Sectional entry form** along with signed **Skate Ontario Waiver form** (Appendix 3), **Skate Ontario Code of Conduct form** (Appendix 2), **Skate Canada Choreographer Waiver** and the **Ontario Winter Games Participant Waiver form** for the each qualified participant. All entries from the Section, together with the correct entry fees shall be forwarded to the **President - Skate Ontario** no later than 10 days following the completion of the Sectional Championships

Synchronized Skating Entries

Entry forms, including a copy of the **Regional Entry form**, signed **Skate Ontario Waiver form** (Appendix 3), **Skate Ontario Code of Conduct form** (Appendix 2), **Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Choreographer Waiver** and the **Ontario Winter Games Participant Waiver form** for the each qualified participant (max 20 per team) and Team Coach / Manager (2 per team) must be forwarded to the **President - Skate Ontario** within 24 hours of the finish of the qualifying event.

Registration for the Synchronized Skating teams who qualify will be administered by a representative of Skate Ontario who will be in attendance at the ONTARIO Region Championships. This registration will take place as soon after the results of the Pre-Novice category are known.

Note: The Section representative shall sign each entry form certifying that it is a valid and eligible entry.

FORWARD ENTRIES TO: Skate Ontario
Tracey McCague-McElrea
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Newmarket ON L3X 1V9
E-mail tracey@skateontario.org

RINKS TO BE USED Holly Community Centre
171 Mapleton Ave., Barrie, ON L5N9B4
705-792-7925

PRACTICE ICE AND COMPETITION

All official practices and competition will take place at the Holly Community Centre. Practices will commence on Friday, March 9 and competition and award ceremonies will end on Sunday, March 11, 2012. As soon as available 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 2012 Skate Canada Sectional Championships held in October/November 2011 by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Juvenile Ladies, Men, Pairs or Dance or 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Pre Novice and 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.

PRE-NOVICE Synchronized Skating teams placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th at the ONTARIO Region Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Kingston, February 10 to 12, 2012 will be invited to compete. The final number of teams may vary and will be determined when actual Regional numbers are known.

To be eligible to compete in the *2012 Ontario Winter Games*, all skaters/teams 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 8 through Sunday March 11, 2012. Athletes and teams 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. Skate Canada Coach accreditation/Photo ID must be worn at all times in the arena.

Note: Skaters personal coaches will NOT be accredited for this event - Only the accredited Ontario Winter Games Team Coaches will be permitted to be rink-side and to coach skaters/teams while competing and practicing at the Games.

OFFICIALS

Judges, Referees, Technical Specialists and Data Specialists shall be selected from the official Association Officials list. All Officials must be eligible persons and qualified to officiate at this level of an event. Skate Canada restrictions shall apply.

All **Officials, Team Coaches/Team Leaders and Minor Officials** will be required to complete the Ontario Winter Games Volunteer / Participant form and Ontario Winter Games Participant Waiver form.

Also, please note - these forms and a Police check will be required for **all Minor Officials** (ice captains, music helpers, runners, etc) used by the LOC on site. This must be done by registering through the OWG volunteer website.

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 11, 2012. 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 **2012-2013** skating season (next season elements).*

- 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 2012 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 - 2012 Dances to be skated - Fiesta Tango and European Waltz

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. *The total score of the FIRST free program skate will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5.*
2. *The total score of the SECOND free program skate will be multiplied by a factor of 1.0.*
3. *The skating order for the second free program will be based on the reverse order of the results of the first program.*
4. *The second mark (Program Components) will be used to break a tie in both free programs.*

PRE-NOVICE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

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 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 **2012 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 Town of Collingwood, the City of Barrie and/or 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 the Skate Ontario Team Leaders 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 in Barrie, Ontario. All skaters are required to stay in the accommodations as provided by the games committee.

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 plan on 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.

Parents are discouraged from planning on staying in the same hotel as the skaters.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from Barrie 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.

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

Both the OWG Code of Conduct/Waivers and Skate Ontario "Rules of Conduct" and Waivers shall apply – registration will not be processed until all are completed.

Note: There may be additional forms as required by the games committee to be completed as part of the entry package – these forms are not available at the time of posting from OWG

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www.skateontario.org