



MEMORANDUM

TO: Ontario Novice Synchro Teams

FROM: Janet Balkwill, President, Skate Ontario

DATE: January 20, 2010

**SUBJECT: Ontario Winter Games
Huntsville, Ontario,
March 4th -7th 2010.**

After a review of the entries for the 2010 Ontario Regional Synchronized Skating Championships as well as the new Canadian Qualifying criteria, it has been determined that only two Novice Synchronized Skating teams would not qualify for the 2010 BMO Synchronized Skating Championships. To ensure a viable competitive experience for the athletes (a minimum of four teams) and in order to meet the expectations of the Ontario Winter Games, the Skate Ontario Board of Directors has changed the qualifying criteria:

The top four teams placing at the Ontario Regional Championships will be invited to compete at the 2010 Ontario Winter Games. If any team cannot attend, then the next team will be invited and so on – until there is a total of four teams.

This will also bring the Synchro events into line with the other disciplines where for the first time Provincial Champions will be named as winners of their events. This year the Ontario Winter Games will provide an exciting conclusion to the competitive season for all disciplines!

The Synchronized skating competition is to be held on Sunday March 7th with practices scheduled on Friday evening March 5th and Saturday March 6th. Please note that accommodation and meals will be provided for all participants by the Games Organizing Committee at the Delta Grandview in Huntsville for the duration of the event. Each team can register two coaches, or one coach and one team manager as well as up to 4 alternates. Please refer to information about the Games on the Skate Ontario website www.skateontario.org.

Jim Stevens, Skate Ontario Events Committee Chair, will be on-site at the Ontario Regional Championships to register the teams for Ontario Winter Games. In order to facilitate this registration process, we ask that **all Novice teams** competing at the 2010 Ontario Regional Championships communicate to Jim Stevens **as soon as possible** their intention to attend the Games, whether they qualify for Canadians or not. Please e mail Jim at jimnnt@execulink.com.

The Games Organizing Committee as well as the many Muskoka volunteers have been working very hard to make these the best Games possible for all participants, and we look forward to seeing you there!