



COMMUNICATION #1

The 2010 Ontario Winter Games are fast approaching and we would like to provide you with updates in order to help with your preparations for the Games. The Games Organizing Committee has been working very hard to provide all participants with the best possible experience. It should be an exciting few days!

Admissions

Athletes will receive an accreditation badge which will allow access to all venues. Parents and spectators can purchase admission at the venues. Information will be available on the Games website www.2010ontariowintergames.ca. All event tickets are \$20; single day tickets \$10; and youths 16 years and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

Souvenirs

T-shirts will be available at the Jack Bionda Arena in Huntsville

Hotel

Accommodation will be provided for all participants by the Games Committee. The "village" for figure skating will be the Delta Grandview in Huntsville – a rooming list will be provided to the Sections prior to the Games and to the athletes at registration. Check-in time at the Grandview on March 4th has yet to be confirmed. Each participant will be given one set of linens (towels and sheets). There will not be a change of linens or maid and room service during the event.

There are hotels for parents listed on the Ontario Winter Games website.

Registration

Registration for skaters, coaches and team managers will take place at the Delta Grandview from 11:00 to 3:30 pm on Thursday March 4th. Skaters - remember your music, planned program sheets and mileage forms.

Opening Ceremonies

Athletes will be bused at 3:30 pm from the Delta Grandview to Deerhurst for an early dinner which will be provided by the Games Organizing Committee from 3:30pm to 5:30 pm (skaters must be registered). Buses will leave from Deerhurst at 5:30 to travel to Gravenhurst for Opening Ceremonies which are to start at 7pm. Buses will leave to return to the Delta Grandview at 8:15pm. Dress warmly as the Opening will be outside!

Meals

The following meals will be provided by the Games Committee

Breakfast at the Delta Grandview	6am to 9am Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Lunch at the High School beside Jack Bionda Arena	11:30 am to 2 pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Dinner at the High School beside Jack Bionda Arena	4:30 pm to 7 pm Friday and Saturday

Meal tickets will be provided.

Participants may want to provide their own snacks.

Transportation

Bus transportation will be provided for athletes, coaches, managers and officials between the Delta Grandview and the Jack Bionda Arena. Buses will depart every hour on the hour from the hotel starting on Friday at 6am and from the arena every hour on the half hour starting at 6:30 am.

The Ontario Winter Games Committee will provide a travel subsidy for eligible participants. Information about the subsidy and a Participant Mileage form is posted on the Skate Ontario website.

Special dietary requests and relevant medical information

All participants were asked to provide any dietary requests (e. g. vegetarian) food allergies and relevant medical information at the time of registration. If you have not already done so, please contact Janet Balkwill jbalkwill@sympatico.ca as soon as possible.

Team Managers and Coaches

Each Section will provide 2 team managers and 2 team coaches for singles, pairs and dance competitors who will act as chaperones at the hotel and rink. Only the Section team coaches will be accredited at the Games. No other coaches will be given access to the skaters at the boards. Each Synchro team will be permitted to have accredited two team coaches (or one team coach and one team manager)

Barbara Graham Trophy

Points will be awarded to skaters placing first, second and third, and the Section with the skaters receiving the most points will be awarded the Barbara Graham Trophy at the medal ceremonies which will be held Sunday afternoon.

Technical Information

Please note that as stated in the Announcement, where applicable for the singles events, the short program elements to be skated will be those for the 2010-2011 skating season.

Planned Program sheets must be submitted at registration.

Schedule

A draft schedule which is subject to revision has been posted on the Skate Ontario website.

Congratulations to all athletes who have qualified to compete! Skate Ontario hopes that you will enjoy all aspects of this unique Provincial event.

Thank you!

Skate Ontario would like to extend our appreciation to the Games Committee, Sport Alliance of Ontario; and all officials, team managers and team coaches who have volunteered their time and expertise to ensure the success of the event.

Please watch the Skate Ontario and 2010 Ontario Winter Games websites for future updates prior to the Games.

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