



SKATEONTARIO
CUP

ANNOUNCEMENT

2013 SKATE ONTARIO CUP

Dates: March 22 to 24, 2013
Location: Fort Erie Leisureplex
3 Municipal St., Fort Erie, Ontario
Hosted By: Skate Ontario and Skate Canada - Western Ontario, Niagara Skating Council
Sanctioned By: Skate Canada - Western Ontario
Rink Sizes: Kinsmen Rink 100' x 200'
Jaycee Rink 85' x 185'

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2013 Skate Ontario Cup 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

Competitors must register with their Section Registrar upon completion of their qualifying event. Each competitor is entitled to be accompanied by one accredited coach/choreographer. All competitors and coaches/choreographers must register at the Fort Erie Leisureplex, Fort Erie, Ontario, no later than one hour prior to the scheduled skating of their event.

ENTRY FEES

Singles \$110.00 per skater
Pairs \$110.00 per team
Dance \$115.00 per team

FILING of ENTRIES

Each qualified skater shall complete a photocopy of the **Sectional entry forms** OR the **Skate Ontario generic entry form** (as determined by their Section Championship chair), along with the **Skate Ontario waivers** (Appendix 1) and **Code of Conduct** forms (Appendix 2) to be submitted together with the correct entry fees.

The Championship Chairperson of each Section (or his/her representative) shall sign each entry form certifying that it is a valid and eligible entry and shall be responsible for the filing of entry forms with Skate Ontario Cup registrar.

All entries from the Section shall be listed on the **Skate Ontario Cup master entry form** including alternates. The complete package shall be forwarded to the registrar IMMEDIATELY following the completion of the qualifying events. Use of courier (without signature) is recommended.

The skater's cheque must be payable to the respective Section.

Each Section shall submit one cheque from the Section payable to: "NIAGARA SKATING COUNCIL".

FORWARD ENTRIES TO:

REGISTRAR – Niagara Skating Council
c/o Sherry Towers
13 Timber Lane,
St. Catharines, Ontario L2N 7R7

For further information, please contact the LOC (Local Organizing Committee) Chairs as listed:

Laurie Primeau 905-358-9175 pprimeau4@cogeco.ca



ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE and QUALIFICATIONS

Competitors for *the 2013 Skate Ontario Cup* must qualify through their Section qualifying events by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Juvenile Singles - Under 11 and Under 14 Women and Men, Juvenile Dance, Juvenile Pairs, Pre-Novice Women and Men and Novice Women and Men categories.

In the event that a competitor cannot compete in the Skate Ontario STARSkate Championship, the next placed skater from the same Section will fill the vacancy, until the vacancy is filled. There will be **no backfilling** from other Sections of any categories.

Entrants shall:

- (1) Be **eligible persons** as defined in Skate Canada Rule Book Section 2100.
- (2) Be **associate members** in good standing of the Association whose home club is in one of the four Ontario sections.
- (3) Be **age eligible before July 1** preceding the event.
- (4) Be **test eligible** as of the **November 1** preceding the event.

Note: - Couples for pair and dance events must be comprised of one woman and one man as well each individual in the partnership must satisfy all eligibility requirements.
- Skaters must compete in the category for which they qualified.

CATEGORIES TO BE OFFERED

The Section qualifying events technical details including test requirements, prerequisites and specifications shall be the same as in this document.

Free skating singles, pairs and free dance programs should meet the requirements for a Well Balanced Program as outlined in the Skate Canada Competition Technical Packages for 2012-2013 found in the member's only section of the Skate Canada website.

1) SINGLES EVENTS

NOTE: Short Program Elements to be skated will be those elements listed for the **2013-2014** skating season (next season elements).

JUVENILE - Under 11 years - Women and Men

TEST: Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skate Test or higher.
AGE: Competitors shall be under the age of 11 before July 1 preceding the event.

Free Skating program to music of 2.5 minutes in duration (+/- 10 seconds)

JUVENILE - Under 14 years - Women and men

TEST: Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skate Test or higher.
AGE: Competitors shall be under the age of 14 before July 1 preceding the event.

Free Skating program to music of 2.5 minutes in duration (+/- 10 seconds)

PRE-NOVICE - Women and Men

TEST: Each partner must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skate Test or higher.
AGE: Competitors shall be under the age of 16 before July 1 preceding the event.

Short Program to music which shall not exceed 2.5 minutes in duration.

Free Skating program to music of 3.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. The requirements for this program shall be as communicated each season.

NOVICE - Women and Men

TEST: Each partner must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skate Test or higher.
AGE: Competitors shall be under the age of 17 before July 1 preceding the event.

Short Program to music which shall not exceed 2.5 minutes in duration.

Free Skating program to music. The requirements for this program shall be as communicated each season. The length of the program is as follows:

Women: 3.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds)
Men: 3.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds)



2) **JUVENILE PAIR EVENT - Mixed couples only**

TEST: Each partner must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skate Test or higher.
AGE: Competitors shall be under the age of 18 before July 1 preceding the event.

Free Skating program to music of 2.5 minutes in duration (+/- 10 seconds).

3) **JUVENILE DANCE EVENT - Mixed couples only**

TEST: Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Dance test or higher.
AGE: Competitors shall be under the age of 18 before July 1 preceding the event.

Pattern Dances: Two dances to be skated in the order listed
Willow Waltz and Ten Fox

Free Dance: Free Dance to music of 2.0 minutes in duration (+/- 10 seconds).

JUVENILE Pattern Dance sequences to be performed is included in the Figure Skating Terms Defined section of the Skate Canada Rule Book and as indicated by the Skate Canada 2012-2013 COMPETITIVE pattern dance draw as posted on the Skate Canada website.

COACH / CHOREOGRAPHER ACCREDITATION

In order to be accredited at *The 2013 Skate Ontario Cup*, all coaches / choreographers must meet the standards for coaches/choreographers set out in Skate Canada Rule 2402 and in the Skate Canada Policies and Procedures.

All coaches shall be paid Skate Canada coaching members, hold a valid First Aid certificate and Primary STARSkate Coach (NCCP Level 1) certification or higher.

All coaches must wear the current prescribed Skate Canada accreditation / Photo ID at all times. Coaches must register in person and show their photo ID card.

PRACTICE ICE

There will be no official practice ice. Please note the ice surface size and plan your programs accordingly. Ice prior to the event may be available to be rented on an individual basis by contacting - the **Fort Erie Leisureplex**.

BARBARA GRAHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Barbara Graham Memorial Trophy shall be awarded to the Section with most points earned by the Skaters based on individual placing in the categories skated at the event. Specific details of the point system will be available at the Championship.

JUDGES, REFEREES AND DATA SPECIALISTS (from Rule 7504)

Judges referees and data specialists shall be selected from the official Association judges and data specialists list of the four Ontario Sections. Judges and referees must be eligible persons. All officials shall be eligible to officiate without conflicts at the levels assigned. A panel of at least five judges is recommended for all events.

MUSIC

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights societies.

Competitors, who have music composed especially for their program either wholly or in part, shall be responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights societies.

- (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) **DANCE MUSIC:** Skate Canada Series 8 music (or ISU music when applicable) will be used for the pattern dance events.
- (3) **MUSIC REQUIREMENTS:** Each entry must provide 2 cassettes or one CD and 1 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.

RESULTS CALCULATION

The CPC judging system with video replay as applicable will be used for all categories.

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 the top 3 placing of each category. The presentation schedule will be available at registration.

All skaters are required to wear their competition attire for medal presentations

ACCIDENTS / LIABILITY

Skate Canada, Skate Ontario, the host Section/Club 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 these Championships, 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, the Association, the Section, the Volunteer Team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Skaters, parents and coaches will be required to book accommodations directly with the hotel of their choice.

Hotels in the area:

Clarion
1485 Garrison Rd
Fort Erie, On L2A 1P8
(905) 871-8333

Cairn Croft Best Western
6400 Lundy's Lane
Niagara Falls, On
(800) 263-2551

Ramada Coral Inn
7429 Lundy's Lane
Niagara Falls, On
(800) 663-6399

Day's Inn Lundy's Lane
7280 Lundy's Lane
Niagara Falls, On
(905) 358-3621

Americana Resort
8444 Lundy's Lane
Niagara Falls, On
(800) 263-3508

EVENT SCHEDULE

The preliminary event schedule will be posted on Skate Ontario's website www.skateontario.org.

A final schedule of events will be provided to each skater on-site at registration and will be posted on the website as soon as available after the completion of all four Section qualifying events.

TICKET INFORMATION

General admission:	\$8.00 per day.
Children (4 to 12 years) and seniors:	\$5.00 per day.
Children (3 years and under)	FREE

No weekend passes will be available

INFORMATION and OTHER SERVICES

Video and boutique services will be available at the Championships. Snack bar facilities will also be available at the arena.

MAP and DIRECTIONS

Reference Internet Map Sites (i.e. arenamaps.com, mapquest.com, mapblast.com etc.) for view of map and directions.
<http://www.arenamaps.com/arenas/>

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www.skateontario.org

