



ANNOUNCEMENT

2013 SKATE ONTARIO STARSkate CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 STARSkate Championships 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 Section STARSkate Championships. Each competitor is entitled to be accompanied by one accredited coach or 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
Triathlon	\$145.00 per skater

FILING of ENTRIES

Each qualified skater shall provide a copy of their **Section qualifying event entry form** (as determined by the 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 the Skate Ontario STARSkate registrar.

All entries from the Section shall be filed on the Skate Ontario STARSkate Championship master entry list. The complete package (entry forms, waivers and code of conduct forms) shall be forwarded to registrar IMMEDIATELY following the completion of the Sectional STARSkate Championships. Use of courier 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 STARSkate Championship** must qualify through their Section STARSkate Championships by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the STARSkate Singles - Women and Men (Junior Bronze thru Gold), Triathlon - Women and Men (Bronze, Silver and Gold), STARSkate Pattern Dances (Junior Bronze thru Diamond), STARSkate Open Pair, Pre-Juvenile Singles - Under 11 and Under 14 Women and Men, Pre-Juvenile Pair and Pre-Juvenile Pattern Dance 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 **November 1** preceding the event

Notes: - A winner of a previous Skate Ontario STARSkate category is NOT eligible to re-enter the same category in a future year.
- 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.

Skaters registered to compete in the INVITATIONAL portion of the their 2013 Sectional Championship event (November 2012) shall NOT be restricted, as these are not qualifying categories, and may enter the 2013 Skate Ontario STARSkate Championship.

COMPETITIVE SINGLES TEST EQUIVALENCIES IN THE STARSkate PROGRAM

As regulation 4000 states, skaters passing Free Skating tests in the competitive test system are granted equivalencies for regular free skating tests.

Skaters who have passed any of the competitive test equivalencies must enter the STARSkate Championships at the level corresponding to their highest STARSkate test passed or at the level which they received the equivalency in the STARSkate Program, whichever is higher.

Entrants in the Triathlon events must register to compete in the highest level that their test qualification qualifies them for. For example, a skater who has passed the Senior Silver Skating Skill, Bronze Interpretive and Senior Silver Free Skate must compete in Silver Triathlon and cannot skate in Bronze Triathlon.

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 triathlon 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 CATEGORIES

STARSkate JUNIOR BRONZE FREE SKATING to GOLD FREE SKATING - Women and Men
- as per current STARSkate requirements.

PRE-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 before July 1 preceding the event.

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

PRE-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)



2) PAIR CATEGORIES

STARSkate OPEN PAIR - Mixed couples only

- as per current STARSkate requirements.

PRE-JUVENILE PAIR - 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) DANCE CATEGORIES

STARSkate JUNIOR BRONZE DANCE to DIAMOND DANCE - Mixed couples only

- as per current STARSkate requirements.

Pattern Dances: Two dances to be skated as listed in the STARSkate Dance draw chart skated in the order listed.

STARSkate Pattern Dance sequences to be performed shall be the number of dance sequences (patterns) to be completed consistent with the evaluated test requirements as indicated by the Skate Canada 2012-2013 STARSkate pattern dance draw as posted on the Skate Canada website.

PRE-JUVENILE DANCE - Mixed couples only

TEST: Each partner 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: **FIESTA TANGO and WILLOW WALTZ**

PRE-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.

4) TRIATHLON CATEGORIES

STARSkate BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD - Women and Men

- as per current STARSkate requirements.

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**.

RESULTS CALCULATION

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

COACH / CHOREOGRAPHER ACCREDITATION

In order to be accredited at the **2013 Skate Ontario STARSkate Championships**, all coaches/choreographers must meet the standards for coaches and 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.

MARY WILSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Mary Wilson Team 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.

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 placing in each category. The presentation schedule will be available at registration. All skaters are required to wear their competition attire for medal presentations

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.

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.

EVENT SCHEDULE

A 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 Skate Ontario website as soon as available after the completion of all four Sectional 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

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

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

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, maps.google.com etc.) for view of map and directions.

<http://www.arenamaps.com/arenas/>

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www.skateontario.org

