



## **COMMUNICATION #1**

The 2012 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 is available on the Games website <http://ontariowintergames.com/spectators/tickets.html>. All event tickets are \$25; single day tickets \$10; and youths 12 years and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

### **Hotel**

The Games Committee will provide accommodation for all participants. All skaters, team managers and coaches will be staying at the Holiday Inn (Fairview) – 20 Fairview Road, Barrie, Ontario.

### **Registration**

Registration for skaters, coaches and team managers will take place at the Holiday Inn (Fairview) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Skaters - remember your music, planned program sheets and mileage forms (if you are more than 300 km one way and have pre-approved travel plans).

### **Opening Ceremonies**

Athletes will eat dinner at the Holiday Inn (Fairview) beginning at 4:00 pm then prepare to board the bus at 5 pm. These buses will travel to Blue Mountain in Collingwood for the Opening Ceremonies. Dress warmly as the Opening will be outside!

Parents & Spectators:

This is a private event for accredited Games participants only. NO tickets will be available for sale to the general public.

### **Meals**

The Games Committee will provide all meals. Participants may want to provide their own snacks and extra beverages.

### **Transportation**

Bus transportation will be provided for athletes, team coaches, and team managers between the Holiday Inn (Fairview) and the Holly Community Centre. Buses will depart every hour on the hour from the hotel starting on Friday at 7 am and from the arena every hour on the half hour starting at 7:30 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 Tracey McCague-McElrea [tracey@skateontario.org](mailto:tracey@skateontario.org) 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 2012-2013 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 <http://www.skateontario.org/events/>.

**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 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 2012 Ontario Winter Games <http://ontariowintergames.com/> websites for future updates prior to the Games.

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