



## Competition and Programs Update

March 1, 2017

### Amalgamation Impact

The amalgamation of skating in Ontario is one month away. There are still many projects that are being worked on for Day 1 and post Day 1 of this new organization. This newsletter is to update you on the impact this amalgamation will have on Competitions and Programs for 2017-18 season.

### Competitions

In January 2017, the Competition and Programs committee informed the coaches, clubs and schools that competitions for the 2017-18 season would run as status quo. Status quo was referring to timelines and locations of the competitions, so all involved could move forward in planning of their year. The exceptions to the status quo events were the Sectional qualifying events and the STARSkate qualifying events. Ontario as a collective group has over 70 competitions dispersed throughout the province. The status quo for the year in terms of locations and timelines insures that all areas will continue to be serviced, as they have been accustomed.

### Bid Forms

Bid forms for all events in the province will be available March 1, 2017 with a deadline to submit by March 31, 2017. The bid forms will provide information that is important for the scheduling of each event in the province. Competitions that are held on a rotational basis or were up for bid in the past will remain up for bid in their current areas in the province. Clubs in the location or region with which the events are normally held will be bidding to host the events again in 2017-18 season. The bid forms will be available on your current section website and the Skate Ontario website to be completed by the bid club or clubs. Competitions that are located in permanent locations historically will continue to host the event for the 2017-18 season. These events will also fill in the bid form and submit it. The bid form will be sent to your club directly by the Competition and Programs Committee.

All bid forms will be directly sent to your section representatives and the results of these bids will be released by April 15, 2017.

### Hosting Agreements

At the completion of the bid process, hosting agreements will be sent to all successful applicants with the details of the hosting specifics. **The financial model for section and club hosted events will be released by March 8, 2017.** Signed copies will be completed between the Local Organizing Committee and Skate Ontario with all of the hosting details within each agreement.

**Competition Manual**

The Competition and Programs committee has begun the task of developing a competition manual to ensure consistent delivery of all competitions throughout the province. The manual will be available in the Spring of 2017.

**Competition Registration**

The Competitions and Programs committee is considering the registration platform for all competitions. We are in the process of harmonizing the registration of events and are looking into key IT solutions that will best serve our stakeholders. Further communication regarding the registration system will be available after April 1, 2017.

**Development Programs**

Skate Ontario will be conducting a full audit of all development programs. The staff of Skate Ontario will be creating a development strategy and this programming will be communicated after April 1, 2017.

**Event Sanctions**

Event sanctions will be directed to the current Section offices until March 31, 2017 for any events that require a Skate Canada sanction. Event sanctions after April 1, 2017 will be directed to Skate Ontario for any event that requires a Skate Canada sanction.

If you have any questions regarding competitions or programs, please forward all email inquiries to [competitions@skateontario.org](mailto:competitions@skateontario.org). Please visit the Skate Ontario website, [www.skateontario.org](http://www.skateontario.org) to view all of the transition committee communications.

Thank you,

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