



SPECIAL OLYMPICS - WEST

2017

December 3, 2017

SPORTSWORLD Arena
35 SPORTSWORLD Crossing Rd
Kitchener, ON

Sanctioned by Skate Ontario



An invitation is extended to all eligible figure skaters to participate in the 2017 Skate Ontario Special Olympic West Qualifier.

Special Olympic and Skate Canada rules and regulations will apply throughout the competition unless otherwise specified.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY skaters from the WEST can compete in the WEST and skaters from the EAST can compete in the EAST

The following communities are required to compete in Kitchener for a chance to qualify to the Provincial Games being held in Sault St. Marie January 31 – February 3, 2019:

Hamilton (Hamilton SC)	Kincardine (Kincardine SC, Ripley SC)
St. Catharines (Skate Niagara)	Wingham (Wingham SC)
Thunder Bay (Thunder Bay SC)	Toronto (Toronto Gliders)
London (Ilderton SC, London SC)	North Wellington (Arthur SC)
York South (King City SC)	Mississauga (Mississauga SC)
Woolwich (Woolwich SC)	Leamington (Leamington SC)
Orillia (Orillia FSC)	

REGISTRATION:

Registration for this event is an online submission and must be completed in full, including payment, for the entry to be finalized. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

The detailed registration instructions are included on the Special Olympic West Registration site at:

<https://registration.skateontario.org/pages/events/section-events/Special-Olympics-West/>

CLOSING DATE:

Access to online registration will cease at **10:00 pm** on **October 18, 2017.** Registrations will be accepted on a first come - first serve basis with restrictions in certain categories to accommodate the scheduling of categories. Please review your entry information before submitting.

CATEGORIES:

For event requirements and specifications, please refer to the 2017-2018 Special Olympic Ontario Technical Handbook and the 2017-2018 STARSkate Program Technical requirements.

For technical requirements for Special Olympics categories, please link to:

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/85-2017-2018-special-olympics-figure-skating-competition-program-requirements-skate-canada-domestic.html>

For technical requirements for all Interpretive, please link to:

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/55-2017-2018-star-competition-program-requirements.html>

The following categories are to be held at the 2017 Special Olympic West Qualifier:

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SINGLES FREE SKATE ONLY:

Women / Men Levels 1 - 6 & Open

DANCE:

Women / Men Introductory, Levels 1 – 6
Couples Introductory, Levels 1 – 6

PAIRS:

Levels 1 – 3 Free Skate Program Only

MASTERS:

Level 1 / 2 Free Skate
Level 3 / 4 Free Skate

INTERPRETIVE:

Pre-Introductory
Introductory
Bronze
Silver
Gold

CANSKATE ELEMENT EVENT

Stage 1 – Stage 6

ENTRY FEES

Payable by VISA or MasterCard only. No other form of payment will be accepted.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

SINGLES, MASTERS, INTERPRETIVE & SOLO DANCE
\$60 per person

PAIRS & COUPLES DANCE
\$60 per couple

INTRODUCTORY SOLO DANCE, CANSKATE ELEMENT EVENT
\$30 per person

FOR INQUIRIES CONTACT:

Local Organizing Committee Co-Chairs:

Alison Sims and Stefanie Wright competitions@kwsc.org

Event Registrar:

Alison Sims president@kwsc.org

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Registration is finalized only when all information and payment is complete. Your receipt of payment is your registration confirmation. Please print your receipt and retain for your records.

REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS: Full refunds will be given for any cancelled categories. If an entry is withdrawn prior to October 18, 2017, a refund (less an administrative fee of \$35.00 per skater) will be granted. **NOTE: NO REFUNDS** (including medical) will be granted after October 18, 2017.

RESTRICTIONS: In the case of a very large entry in any category, the entries will be drawn into groups. All drawn groups are final and cannot be changed. Singles skaters are permitted to enter only one singles category.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION: All competitors and Skate Canada registered coaches are required to register upon arrival at the arena. Registration and music registration will commence one hour prior to the first category of the day. Each competitor will receive an accreditation tag that must be retained and used as a pass for the duration of the competition. All skaters **MUST** have their music and planned program content sheet will be required for all Free Skate and Pair events when registering.

All Ontario Coaches must carry their Skate Ontario Coach Accreditation Tag.

MUSIC: Each entry must provide two CDs of the correct music for the competition upon registration, one for competition - marked "Master" and one for back up - marked "Copy". These must be registered with music registration at least one hour prior to the posted start time of the category and may not be removed for any reason until after the category is completed. CD Audio Discs are the only music format accepted. iPhones, iPods or other digital sources will not be accepted as backups. Music must be picked up within 30 minutes after completion of the category.

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights societies. Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, are responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and/or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights societies.

Standard Specifications for Music:

- (1) Only one program shall be recorded on each CD
- (2) Competitor's name followed by home club, category, program type-short or free and music time shall be printed on
front of the CD label using a black Sharpie pen

- (3) Each CD shall be enclosed in a plastic case in good repair marked with the skater's name, home club, category, program type – short or free, and total music time

Technical Guidelines for Music CDs:

- (1) Music on CD must be burned in CD Audio Format (NOT mp3;.acc or DVD)
- (2) Music should be burned on CD-R discs of good quality that provide legible space for the skater information to be printed on
- (3) It is recommended that CDs be burned at speeds 16Xs or less
- (4) Skater or Team should keep a set of CDs for COMPETITION USE ONLY. It is recommended that this set be used for each competition unless the music has been changed

AWARDS: Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for each category. Medal presentation information will be available at the competition.

RIBBON CATEGORIES: Introductory Dance, Pre-Introductory, Introductory Interpretive, and CanSkate Element event recipients will be called to the presentation area by their skating order and presented their ribbon and report card.

COACH ACCREDITATION: To be accredited at the Skate Ontario Special Olympic West Invitational 2017, coaches must be Primary STARSkate trained or Regional Coach in Training or higher. Coaches must present their Skate Ontario issued Coach's Accreditation Tags. These tags will be available at the coaches' registration table for all coaches who have not yet received them.

EVENT INFORMATION

Ice Dimensions: 85' x 200'

SPORTSWORLD Arena 35 Sportsworld Crossing Rd, Kitchener, ON N2P 0A4

Schedule: Schedule, Entries and Start Orders will be posted on the Skate Ontario website at: <http://www.skateontario.org>

Refreshments: the concession booth will be open during competition

Admissions: No admission charge

HOTEL INFORMATION

Official Hotel:

Holiday Inn Kitchener
30 Fairway Rd. South (at Hwy 8),
Kitchener, ON N2A 2N2
Phone: 519-893-1211