



INTRODUCING THE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Skate Canada has adopted Sport Canada's Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model and its philosophies and concepts. In recognition of this and the fact that Sport Canada does not support formal competition at the early stage of development, the BC/YT Section is adopting the pilot project of the BC Coast Region - the **Performance Program**.

The essential part of this new event lies in the title. **Performing** a routine to music is something that children are familiar with in other areas of their lives - they have Christmas concerts at school; many perform in dance festivals or year-end recitals. This fits our skating world into their realm of understanding and into the LTAD as adopted by Skate Canada.

In the Performance Program, skaters perform their regular one and half minute free skate program with the well balanced criteria matching that of the elementary event. The difference lies in the evaluation of the performance. Instead of being compared to the other skaters in the event and receiving a ranked placement order, the skaters will be evaluated on the three Program Components of Skating Skills, Transitions and Performance. Judges will make their assessment of each of these components and produce an overall evaluation of Gold, Silver or Bronze. At the end of the event, each skater will receive their own individual 'report card' with feedback on how they performed in each of the Program Components. There will also be general feedback on technical elements.

We encourage the Regions to introduce this event category in place of the Elementary 'judged' event. It is an evolving process and any feedback or questions are most welcome. Please direct them to Janice Hunter, BC/YT Section Technical Chairman.
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