

57th ANNUAL OKANAGAN REGION and PACIFIC SKATE QUALIFYING CHAMPIONSHIPS

JANUARY 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 2010

Hosted by Glengarry Figure Skating Club at South Okanagan Events Centre,
853 Eckhardt Avenue West, Penticton, BC

This competition is open to skaters who are registered members in good standing with Skate Canada and are home club members of an Okanagan Region Club. In the case of couples, at least one of the partners must be a member of an Okanagan Region Club. The competition is sanctioned by Skate Canada and shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the current Skate Canada Rule Book, except where modified in this announcement. PLEASE READ THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAREFULLY.

ENTRIES

Entries must be in the hands of the Registrar by **midnight December 15, 2009**. Eligibility for entries is governed by tests passed and age as of December 15, 2009, for all STARSSkate Qualifying Events. For Competitive Events, the age shall be as of July 1st, 2009 and the tests passed as of closing date of entries. **Planned program sheets must be completed and returned either with the registration form or no later than January 8, 2010 for Competitive events.** For Non-Qualifying STARSSkate and LOC events, the date shall be closing date of entries.

Should there be only one entry in any non-qualifying event, the competitor **may** choose to be evaluated by one judge, skate up one level or withdraw with a refund of the entry fee.

For Pair and Dance events, both competitors must complete separate entry forms. It is the responsibility of the skater and coach to correctly fill out the entry form. Placement of the skater in the correct event will be based on the information provided on the entry form and can be changed only at the discretion of the Competition Committee and Chief Referee.

Entries shall be **sent in duplicate** along with entry summary forms (separate form and cheque for LOC events) and the necessary fee(s) and shall be mailed to the Registrar (address Page 2 of this Announcement). Entries MUST be collected by each club and mailed in a group with CLUB CHEQUES to cover the total club entries (separate club cheque for LOC events). Cheques or money orders to be made payable to Glengarry Figure Skating Club. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the committee. A doubled fee penalty may apply.

FEES

The entry fees will be as follows:

Pre-Elementary, Elementary and Pre Preliminary Singles _____	\$50.00
Preliminary through Gold Singles _____	\$60.00
Pre Juvenile and Juvenile Singles _____	\$60.00
Competitive Singles (per part) _____	\$60.00
One Part Pair Events (per couple) _____	\$80.00
One Part Dance Events (per couple) _____	\$80.00
Biathlon (per couple) _____	\$85.00
Interpretive Events _____	\$60.00
Triathlon Events _____	\$90.00
Creative Events _____	\$25.00
Elements Events _____	\$25.00

NOTE: The entry fees must accompany the entry forms. Cheques must be dated no later than the closing date of December 15, 2009 or the entries will not be accepted. NSF Cheques are charged an additional \$15.00

REGISTRAR:

Trudy Van Kessel

P.O. Box 23045

Penticton, BC

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beach@vip.net (questions only)

250-492-8318 ext 0 (NO COLLECT CALLS, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE)

If sending entries by courier, please mark "No Signature Required"

Please enclose **your club fax number and/or email address** with the mailing of entries. This is mandatory in order to receive the competition schedule of events. Also enclose a **club contact person and phone number**. **Ensure all necessary signatures are on the entry forms and that they are all filled out clearly and completely. Forms not fully completed may not be accepted and/or you may be levied a fee for office charges.**

ONLINE REGISTRATION – You may now register for this competition using our on-line registration program. You will require a credit card to complete the registration on-line; all credit card transactions are handled securely. To begin the process please visit the site listed below or visit the Okanagan Region website at www.okregion.homestead.com and click the link available:

<http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=412&BT=10#Ev8365>

The on-line registration system is the preferred method of registration and will be made available for all of the Okanagan Region sanctioned competitions this coming season. Please save your profile during your registration for this competition as it will make registration for the next one quicker and easier.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **EVENT COMPOSITION:** In normal circumstances, each category at the competition must be held for ladies and men separately. However, at the discretion of the Technical Representative/ Chief Referee and the Host Committee, a decision to combine events may be made as follows:
 - (a) Combine two or more categories in the same event when each category has fewer than three entries.
 - (b) Combine two or more categories in the same event when one category has insufficient entries to hold the event.The decision to combine events is at the discretion of the Technical Representative/Chief Referee and the Host Committee.
In any of the above cases, categories may be combined only with full prior knowledge and agreement of all competitors affected. **Note that in BC/YT Section competitions, men and women will compete against one another in Interpretive events.**
2. The skating order shall be drawn by lot and may be drawn by computer for the initial round for the first or only portion of an event. Except as noted, draws will be made in accordance with SC Rules.
3. Skaters who move on to a final event will be awarded finalist ribbons. In final events, medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All competitors in Pre-Elementary events will receive a medal. If groups are necessary in Region Championship and STARSkate Qualifying Events, skaters will proceed to a final round to determine the Okanagan Region Champion in each category and the medallists. Ribbons for skaters proceeding to finals will be available from the Registration Desk.
4. CPC marking system will be used for Competitive singles events. Closed marking & 6.0 marking system will be used for all other events. As per Skate Canada Regulation Change 9, April 2003, only the final result will be posted.

5. The competition ice surface of the arena is 85' X 200' with slightly rounded corners.
6. No collect telephone calls will be accepted and some long distance calls may not be returned dependent upon the nature of the query.
7. A Team Trophy will be awarded to the club with the highest total points as follows:

(a)	4 or more entries	- 1st place	5 points
		- 2nd place	3 points
		- 3rd place	2 points
(b)	3 Entries	- 1st place	3 points
		- 2nd place	2 points
(c)	2 Entries	- 1st place	2 points
8. Attention All Coaches: It is now mandatory for all participating coaches to register at competitions and to show their accreditation at all times during the competition in order to be at ice level during the events. Temporary accreditation will be issued for a fee of \$25.00 (payable to Okanagan Region coaches Committee) by showing current Skate Canada membership and First Aid information.
9. As parents are not allowed in the dressing rooms, the host club will endeavor to provide a "common area" where parents can be with their skaters to put on their skates before they compete

OTHER INFORMATION

MUSIC

Music: Music will not be accepted unless it complies with this announcement.

Music must be turned in at least one hour prior to the start of the event

Upon Registration, each entry must provide 2 CD's, one for competition marked "Master" and one for backup marked "Copy".

Standard Specifications for CDs:

- Only one (1) program shall be recorded on each CD.
- The start of the music shall be recorded on the CD at least 3 seconds following the head leader and not more than 5 seconds.
- Music shall be recorded at equal levels on both left and right channels in stereo.
- Music recording levels shall be a maximum of OVU and a minimum of SVU.
- CDs must be marked with the skater's name, home club, event and total music time (not skating time) and enclosed in their integral container, also marked accordingly.

The Competition Committee will accept no responsibility against damaged or lost tapes or CDs, but will take every precaution to safeguard them.

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.

REFUNDS

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES OF THE COMPETITION FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER - SC RULE.

ADMISSIONS

Admission will be free to all. There will be no reserved seats.

Warm Up Times:

Pre-Elementary, Elementary, Pre-Preliminary	3 minutes
Preliminary to Senior Bronze Free Skate	4 minutes
Pre-Juvenile, Junior Silver to Gold Free Skate	5 minutes
Juvenile to Junior Competitive Free Skate	6 minutes
All interpretive events	3 minutes
Starskate Pair events	3 minutes
Special Olympic	6 minutes
Skating Skills warm-up for Triathlon Events	3 minutes

The duration of the warm up periods may be reduced at the discretion of the referee to a minimum of three minutes. All warm up periods for one event must be equal.

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in event finals will take place throughout each day of the competition to accommodate the skaters. Please look for the time of presentations on the official bulletin board and throughout the arena and keep in mind that presentation time and place is subject to change. Medals will be awarded in accordance with SC Rules. Ribbons for skaters proceeding to finals will be distributed at the Registration Desk. The Team Trophy will be presented at the close of the competition to the club that has accumulated the most points.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

A list of competitors with their groupings and event, along with a tentative competition time schedule, will be sent by e-mail to each club having participants and will also be posted on the Skating in BC website – www.skatinginbc.com

BULLETINS AND NOTICES

There will be an official bulletin board at the arena listing the starting time of all events. This schedule will supersede all other schedules. The posting of notices on this official bulletin board will be considered sufficient notice to competitors.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the lobby of the arena for ALL SKATERS and will be open for the duration of the competition. Skaters must register personally at least one hour prior to their scheduled event. **Events may start up to one half hour ahead of schedule.**

PRACTICE ICE

There will be no official practice ice available.

PROTOCOLS

Protocols: Protocols are no longer produced as all results are available on the Okanagan Region website at www.okregion.homestead.com and the BC/YT Section Website at www.skatinginbc.com. Please allow for two days post competition completion.

LIMITING OF ENTRIES

LOC Events will only be held if time permits. As well, Elementary and Pre Preliminary Events may have to be limited if time does not allow and they will be limited as follows – First the Elementary Event and then the Pre Preliminary Event.

ARTISTIC AWARDS

Competitors in the following events will be included in the competition for the noted Artistic Awards. Only initial rounds of competition will be assessed. Where there is a final round in an event, it will not be

considered in the judging. When an event has two parts, only the freeskate (long program) will be assessed.

Men's Artistic Award – Preliminary Singles and Up

Preliminary Ladies' Artistic Award – Preliminary Singles

Bronze Ladies' Artistic Award – Junior Bronze and Senior Bronze Singles

Silver Ladies' Artistic Award – Junior Silver through Gold Singles

Gold Ladies' Artistic Award – All competitive stream skaters to the highest level

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: REGION STARSkate CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. There is no skating up in this competition (except in non-qualifying events and STARSkate Free Skate as per event specifications) as it will advance skaters to the Section Pacific STARSkate Championships to be held in Kamloops, on March 11-14, 2010.
2. With the exception of Triathlon, Biathlon and Gold events, the winners of events at the Pacific STARSkate Championships may not enter the same event in subsequent seasons. They must advance to a higher test category regardless of age.
3. **At the STARSkate Qualifying competitions skaters entering the Triathlon categories may not enter individual Free Skate or Interpretive categories.**
4. There will be no official practice ice available.

Upon registration, competitors are not permitted to skate on any ice surface other than the official practice ice (if held) or competition ice as is scheduled for the event. This rule takes effect as soon as a skater has registered for any Pacific STARSkate Qualifying event. Therefore, a registered skater competing in more than one event may not practice for the subsequent event even if they have not yet registered for the second event.

5. Tests passed as of December 15, 2009 shall qualify the competitor for each event.
6. Age restrictions, if any, shall be as of December 15, 2009.
7. **COMPETITIVE SKATERS:** Skaters registered* to compete in any event at the Novice or higher level at a Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition, do not qualify to compete in the STARSkate Qualifying Championships in any category at any level. Skaters registered to compete in the Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile and Pre-Novice level at a Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition may register to compete in event categories at the STARSkate qualifying other than those competed in at a Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition. Please see the table below for the qualifications for entry. **Note that Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile events are being offered at Pacific Skate. Skaters must qualify at this competition to enter Pacific Skate - top 4 skaters advancing to Pacific Skate Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Singles. Juvenile Pairs and Dance teams may enter Pacific Skate directly without any qualification round.**

* For purposes of interpretation of this regulation, registration for a Sectional or qualifying event is defined as the submission of a registration form for such event.

Competitive Category (competed in at Sectionals or Sectional qualifying event)	Events that may be competed in at the Pacific STARSkate Championships
Novice and higher in Singles, Pairs and Dance	No events
Juvenile/Pre-Novice Competitive Dance	Free Skate, Pairs, Interpretive, Skating Skills, Triathlon

Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile/Pre-Novice Competitive Singles	Pairs, Dance, Interpretive, Biathlon, Skating Skills
Juvenile/Pre-Novice Competitive Pairs	Free Skate, Dance Interpretive, Skating Skills, Biathlon, Triathlon
Competitive Synchronized Skater	All events

9. COMPETITIVE SINGLES TEST EQUIVALENCIES IN THE STARSkate PROGRAM:

As regulation 4000-E-3.1 states, skaters passing free skating tests in the competitive test system are granted equivalencies for regular free skating tests as follows:

- Juvenile Competitive Singles Test = Senior Bronze Free Skating Test
- Pre-Novice Competitive Singles Test = Junior Silver Free Skating Test
- Novice Competitive Singles Test = Senior Silver Free Skating Test
- Junior Competitive Singles Test = Gold Free Skating Test

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 skills, bronze interpretive and senior silver free skate must compete in the silver triathlon and cannot skate in bronze.

10. Should entries in any event be exceedingly large, the event will be divided into smaller groups, grouped by random draw, and the competitors shall skate an elimination round(s). All events that qualify a competitor to the Section STARSkate Championships will have a final round.
11. All skaters must qualify through their Region in order to proceed to the BC/YT Section Pacific STARSkate Championships. **Elementary** and **Pre-Preliminary** Events, **Pre-Introductory Interpretive and Introductory Pairs** Event are **non-qualifying** STARSkate Events and skaters entered in these events **will not advance** to the Section STARSkate Championships. Elementary, Pre-Preliminary and Pre-Introductory Interpretive groups will be determined by the number of entries and divided by age, if necessary, by the Chief Referee, Chief Accountant or the local organizing committee. Each resulting group shall be considered a final event.
12. In events that progress skaters on to a subsequent competition or when a final round is held, skaters in the same category must be divided and grouped by random draw.
13. Each region may advance four (4) skaters in all STARSkate Free Skate events, Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Free Skate events and the Triathlon and Biathlon events. Three skaters will advance in all Interpretive events. All male skaters competing in Free Skate and triathlon events will qualify for Pacific Skate.

Where there are only the minimum eligible entries or less allotted in the Region STARSkate events, skaters must skate in order to qualify to advance to the Section STARSkate Championships.

14. In the event of only one entry in any of the categories, the skater(s) may apply to the Region Executive Board for a "Bye" directly to the BC/YT Section Pacific STARSkate Championships.

Registration for the BC/YT Section Pacific STARSkate Championships and planned program submission will be done online. Skaters who qualify, please look for notices posted in the arena for the time and place to meet with your Team Leader re the filing of entries and other information.

- For further information regarding the BC/YT Section Pacific STAR Skate Championships, please contact:
BC/YT Section, Skate Canada or Joan Omasta – Okanagan Team Leader
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EVENTS TO BE HELD (Omission of event numbers is intentional)

For event requirements and specifications, please refer to the 2009-2010 BC/YT Section Technical Packages for STARSkate and Competitive, posted on your club bulletin board and also on the Technical page of the Skating in BC website. www.skatinginbc.com

STARSkate events to be skated

Elementary Ladies
Elementary Men
Pre-Preliminary Ladies
Pre-Preliminary Men
Preliminary Ladies 10 & Under
Preliminary Ladies 11 & Over
Preliminary Men
Junior Bronze Ladies 12 & Under
Junior Bronze Ladies 13 & Over
Junior Bronze Men
Senior Bronze Ladies
Senior Bronze Men
Junior Silver Ladies
Junior Silver Men
Senior Silver Ladies
Senior Silver Men
Gold Ladies
Gold Men
Introductory Pairs
Open Pairs
Preliminary Dance
Junior Bronze Dance
Senior Bronze Dance
Junior Silver Dance
Senior Silver Dance
Gold Dance
Diamond Dance
Pre-Introductory Interpretive
Introductory Interpretive
Bronze Interpretive
Silver Interpretive
Gold Interpretive
Bronze Triathlon
Silver Triathlon

Gold Triathlon
Bronze Biathlon
Silver Biathlon
Gold Biathlon

Competitive Events to be Skated

Pre-Juvenile Ladies
Pre-Juvenile Men
Juvenile Ladies
Juvenile Men
Pre-Novice Ladies – Short Program
Pre-Novice Ladies – Freeskate Program
Pre-Novice Men – Short Program
Pre-Novice Men – Freeskate Program
Novice Ladies – Short Program
Novice Ladies – Freeskate Program
Novice Men – Short Program
Novice Men – Freeskate Program
Junior Ladies – Short Program
Junior Ladies – Freeskate Program
Junior Men – Short Program
Junior Men – Freeskate Program

Please note that for this competition only Competitive skaters may enter a Short Program and Freeskate Program in the same or different competitive categories.

ADDITIONAL LOC EVENTS

PRE-ELEMENTARY LADIES

PRE-ELEMENTARY MEN

Skaters must not have passed any Skate Canada test and must be 8 years of age or younger. Jumps must be no higher than a toe loop (no loop, flip, lutz or axel). These jumps, if attempted, will receive no credit. In addition, a deduction of 0.1 will be taken in the first mark for each forbidden jump. Skating Time: 1.5 minutes (+/- 10 seconds) to music.

ELEMENT PROGRAM EVENTS

***Please note that this event is different than previous element events.**

In the individual element events skaters will each skate four elements in any order in the separate categories below to be completed within a one minute time period. The elements may be linked together with any combination of steps, turns, crossovers, etc. but no extra elements may be added.

There will be a warm up of 3 minutes for Preliminary and Bronze categories and 4 minutes for the Silver, Gold and Diamond categories.

The event will be judged based loosely on the CPC judging system in that each element will have the value of the element taken from the CPC Scale of Values and the judges will award a GOE. Under rotated jumps will be identified and called by the referee. All spins and footwork will receive no higher than a Level 1.

Open to Men and Women who will compete together.

PRELIMINARY ELEMENTS

Skaters must not have passed any freeskate test or part thereof. Elements to be skated:

1. Loop
2. Toe Loop/toe loop combination
3. Upright spin, Sit spin or Camel spin
4. Sequence of 2 spirals (base value of 1.2, one-third of a full sequence)

BRONZE ELEMENTS

Skaters must not have passed any higher than the Junior Bronze freeskate test. Elements to be skated:

1. Axel
2. Two jump combination consisting of 2 singles or 1 double and 1 single jump
3. Change Combination Spin
4. Spiral Sequence(men do Step Sequence)

SILVER ELEMENTS

Skaters must not have passed any higher than the Senior Bronze freeskate/Juvenile Competitive test. Elements to be skated:

1. Double jump (skater has the choice but it cannot be used in the combination)
2. Two jump combination consisting of two doubles or one single and one double (the double jump must be performed as the second jump)
3. Flying spin in one position without a change of foot.
4. Spiral Sequence (Men do Step Sequence of any nature i.e. Straight line, Serpentine or Circular)

GOLD ELEMENTS

Skaters must have passed the Starskate Junior Silver freeskate test or higher (this category does not include competitive skaters). Elements to be skated:

1. Axel or Double Axel
2. Two jump combination consisting of 2 doubles or 1 triple and 1 double jump (no Axel)
3. Layback spin (men do a Crossfoot spin)
4. Step sequence of any nature

DIAMOND ELEMENTS

Skaters must have passed the Pre-Novice competitive test or higher. Elements to be skated:

1. Any double jump
2. Two jump combination consisting of 2 doubles or 1 triple and 1 double jump
3. Layback spin (men do a Crossfoot spin)
4. Step sequence of any nature

CREATIVE

In the Creative events skaters will skate a creative, improvisational program. Music which is age appropriate for each event group will be selected by an Okanagan Region board designated person. Costuming for this event is to be simple and of a neutral color so as not to detract from either music theme or body line. Judging for the events will have an emphasis on the variety of creative movement to the music and will not be solely reliant on the level of skating ability of the skater nor the difficulty of skating elements performed. This event is offered as a developmental tool to assist skaters of all levels in improving their artistic skating and improving their Program Component scores.

The skaters will hear their group's music selection once for the first time in their dressing room prior to warm-up. On-ice warm up will be one minute without music followed by the music selection being played twice. Any time remaining in the warm up will be without music. Total warm-up time to be 4 minutes. After the warm-up the skaters will go back to the dressing room. Skaters will not be allowed to discuss the content of their program with their coach or parent. Groups will be small enough that all skaters can warm-up together so as not to disadvantage earlier skaters.

Open to ladies and men who will compete together.

PRELIMINARY CREATIVE

Competitors who are 9 years of age and under as of the date of closing of entries. SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One program **45 seconds** in length.

BRONZE CREATIVE

Competitors who are 10 & 11 years of age as of the date of closing of entries. SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One program **45 seconds** in length.

SILVER CREATIVE

Competitors who are 12 & 13 years of age as of the date of closing of entries. SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One Program **1.0 minutes** in length.

GOLD CREATIVE

Competitors who are 14 years of age and older as of the date of closing of entries. SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One Program **1.0 minutes** in length.