



ANNOUNCEMENT & REGISTRATION PACKAGE

January 16 - 17, 2010

**Hosted by Vernon Skating Club
at
Wesbild Centre
3445 43rd Ave
Vernon, BC**

**THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS:
November 20th, 2009**

Sanctioned by Skate Canada & the USA Figure Skating Association

2010 BC/YT SECTION OPEN SYNCHRO SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2010 BC/YT Section Open Synchro Skating Championships is sanctioned by Skate Canada and the USFSA and will be conducted in accordance with the rules as set forth in the Skate Canada, 2000 Edition, Rulebook (as amended).

HOSTED BY: Vernon Skating Club

DATE: January 16 - 17, 2010

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Technical Representative: Janette Moran (403) 335-1945

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Synchro Chairman Lesley Morrison (604) 272-3234

lmorrison@richmond.ca

LOC Chairman Nancy Dennis (250) 540-6501

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EVENTS TO BE HELD AT: Wesbild Centre

3445 43rd Ave
Vernon, BC

ADMISSION: \$10.00 for the weekend
6 years & under free
Skate Canada members will be admitted free by showing current membership card.

COMPETITION ICE SURFACE: 85 feet x 200 feet

REGISTRATION / ENTRY FEES: \$150.00 per team (includes official practices)

Plus all teams: \$15.00 per skater / team (Alternates as well if they wish to receive a medal. Additional medals can be purchased for \$15.00 each for additional coach & manager)

Birth Certificates are not required to be submitted with entry forms. However, the Club test chairman is required to verify the age of all competitors and the **Team Manager** should carry a copy of all team members' birth certificates with them at all times in case of an age challenge.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Midnight November 20th, 2009.
All late entries to the Section Open Synchro Skating Championships will be assessed double the entry fee. (Approved at the 1987 BC/YT Section AGM)

All SC Rules found in Section 6000 will be followed along with those listed herein.

In the event of only one entry, the team may withdraw with a full refund or the team may skate for an evaluation. When skating for an evaluation no medals will be awarded and the \$15.00 fee per skater will be refunded. All teams will skate twice.

REGISTRATION AT COMPETITION: Wesbild Centre

FORWARD ENTRIES TO: Nancy Dennis
#904 – 9400 Heritage Drive
Vernon, BC V1T 2J8
Phone: (250) 540-6501
Email: ndennistk@hotmail.com

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM OR IT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

NO COLLECT CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED

GENERAL REGULATIONS

AGE PREREQUISITES (Rule 6403)

The age requirements for Synchronized skating team members participating in qualifying events are as follows:

BEGINNER I: No age limit (recommended skaters working on Canskate 4 or higher).

BEGINNER II: Skaters must not have reached the age of 12 as of July 1st preceding the competition. At least 75% of the skaters must not have reached the age of 10 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

ELEMENTARY: Skaters must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1st preceding the competition. At least 75% of the skaters must not have reached the age of 12 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

JUVENILE: Skaters must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

PRE NOVICE: Skaters must not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1st preceding the competition. At least 75% of the skaters must have reached the age of 10 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

NOVICE: Skaters must have reached the age of 10 as of July 1st preceding the competition. 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 15, and up to 25% must not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

INTERMEDIATE: Skaters must have reached the age of 12 as of July 1st preceding the competition but must not have reached the age of 25 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

OPEN: Skaters must have reached the age of 12 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

JUNIOR: Skaters must have reached the age of 12 as of July 1st preceding the competition but must not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

SENIOR: Skaters must have reached at least the age of 14 as of the July 1st preceding the competition.

ADULT SYS I: Skaters must have reached the age of 19 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

ADULT SYS II: Skaters must have reached the age of 19 as of July 1st preceding the competition. At least 75% of the skaters must have reached the age of 25 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

ADULT SYS III: Skaters must have reached the age of 25 as of July 1st preceding the competition. At least 50% of the skaters must have reached the age of 35 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENTS (Rule 6301)

BEGINNER I: Beginner I teams consist of eight – sixteen skaters. The teams shall perform a free skating program of 2.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

BEGINNER II: Beginner II teams consist of eight – sixteen skaters. The teams shall perform a free skating program of 2 minutes, 30 seconds (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

ELEMENTARY: Elementary teams consist of eight – sixteen skaters. The teams shall perform a free skating program of 2 minutes, 30 seconds (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

JUVENILE: Juvenile teams consist of eight – sixteen skaters. The teams shall perform a free skating program of 3.0 minutes in duration. Music may contain vocals.

PRE NOVICE: Pre Novice teams consist of eight – sixteen skaters. The teams shall perform a free skating program of 3.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

NOVICE EVENTS: Novice teams consist of twelve to sixteen skaters. The team shall perform a free skating program of 3.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS: Intermediate teams consist of twelve to sixteen skaters. The teams shall perform a free skating program of 4.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

OPEN EVENTS: Open teams consist of twelve to sixteen skaters. The team shall perform a free skating program of 4.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

JUNIOR EVENTS: Junior teams consist of sixteen skaters. The team shall perform a short program of a maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds in duration and a free skating program of 4.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

SENIOR EVENTS: Senior teams consist of sixteen skaters. The team shall perform a short program of a maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds in duration and a free skating program of 4.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

ADULT SYS I: Adult SYS I teams consist of eight – twenty skaters. The team shall perform a free skating program of 3 minutes, 30 seconds (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

ADULT SYS II: Adult SYS II teams consist of eight – twenty skaters. The team shall perform a free skating program of 3 minutes, 30 seconds (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

Adult SYS III: Adult SYS III teams consist of eight – twenty skaters. The team shall perform a free skating program of 3 minutes, 30 seconds (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals.

RESULTS CALCULATION

The Cumulative Points Calculation System will be used.

MARKING/JUDGING SYSTEM

Judging of free programs will be as follows:

- Each team will skate their free program twice, each time with a different panel of Judges. Final results will be based on the combined results of both skates as per the following factors:
 - The first portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5. In the second portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 1.0.
- The draw for the second free program will be seeded, based on the results of the first program, in the same manner as an event with a short and free program component.
- The second mark (program components) will be used to break a tie in both free programs. (Note: for the Junior and Senior categories, if two or more teams have the same result, the total technical score will break the tie in the short program. The program component score will break the tie in the free skating. If these results are also equal, the teams concerned will be considered as tied (Skate Canada CPC Rule Book)).

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The following documents will be available through the BC/YT Section Website, skatinginbc.com under Technical – Synchro and on the Skate Canada Members Only website under Technical & Programs:

- 2009/2010 Synchronized Skating Technical Package
- Technical clarifications
- CPC Rule Book
- 2009 Official Rule Book

GENERAL INFORMATION

AGE: The age for all competitors in all events shall be as of July 1, 2009.

Photostat copies of birth certificates for all team members must be with the team manager during the competition in case of an age challenge.

MUSIC: Refer to SC Rule 6000 C (3.1 (5)) & (4.1 (4) (5))

MUSIC REGISTRATION: 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 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 CDs, but will take every precaution to safeguard them.

NOTE: Competitors who have music composed for their program shall submit written copy of release 90 days prior to competition.

PLANNED PROGRAM SHEETS: Planned program sheets must be turned in to the Registration Desk prior to the first practice.

PRACTICE ICE: (SC RULE 7703 (1) will apply)

One free 10 minute practice session per team is included in the registration fee as per SC Rule 7703 (2). Junior and Senior teams will get one 10 minute practice for each part of their event.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE ICE: Additional practice ice will be offered Friday evening prior the competition. Cost is \$45.00 per ½ hour.

Off ice practice in the Gymnasium is available anytime. Cost is \$30.00 per hour.

Contact: Nancy Dennis (250) 540-6501 or ndennistk@hotmail.com for further information.

WARM UP TIME: Each team shall be allowed one (1) minute of warm up immediately prior to their performance. SC Rule 7704 (1-3). For Novice, Junior & Senior teams the warm up timing commences from the moment the first skater enters the ice surface. For Adult and all Festival events, SC Rule 7000 G 3.3 (1) (2) shall still apply. (The team has 30 seconds to enter the ice surface and a one minute warm up.)

ALTERNATES: Once a program has started, no substitution of personnel will be permitted. Registered team alternates may be substituted only if the team's program is stopped by the Referee due to injury or equipment failure. No more than 4 alternates are allowed per team.

HOTELS: See attached information at the end of this Announcement.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: The schedule of events listing all events and times, including practice times for all teams, will be prepared in final form and posted on the BCYT Section website (www.skatinginbc.com).

VIDEO TAPING: It is permitted anywhere in the arena, however cameras must be self powered. Operators must not interfere with spectators.

AWARDS: Medals shall be awarded to the winning teams as per SC Rule 7000 E 1.5. Medals will be awarded in all events in the competition.

Millenium Cup - MSA Figure Skating Club Trophy – awarded to the Team that most exemplifies the spirit of Synchronized Skating as voted upon by the teams, officials and volunteers.

TEAM PHOTOS: See attached brochure information. Photos must be pre ordered.

CONDUCT: The BCYT Section Rules of Conduct are to be adhered to at this Championship. This form must be returned with entry package.

COACHES CERTIFICATION: Coaches must be certified according to SC By-law 2403 and they must complete an accreditation package or they will not be permitted to coach from the boards or come into the dressing rooms. Please have your coach check with the Section Office re accreditation procedure.

ACCIDENTS: The Association and Committee of the Host Club undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in this Championship, all competitors and their parents or guardians shall be deemed to agree, to assume all risks or injuries to the competitor's person and property resulting from, or caused by, or connected with the conduct and management of the Championships and to release any and all claims that they may encounter.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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HOTEL INFORMATION

PRESTIGE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

4411 32nd St

Vernon, BC

Phone: (250) 558-5991

Email: Vernon@PrestigeHotels.ca (Jessica Bustard – guest services manager)

Twin Deluxe (2 queen beds for up to four people) \$89.95 plus taxes

Loft Suite (2 queen beds on 2 levels) \$109.95 plus taxes

Loft Kitchen (same as loft with small kitchen) \$129.95 plus taxes

Quote: Skate Canada BCYT Section Open Synchro Championships

Restaurant on site

Best Western Vernon Lodge

3914 32nd Ave

Vernon, BC

Phone: (250) 545-3385

Rate: \$85.00 plus taxes per night based on double occupancy

Quote: Skate Canada BCYT Open Synchro Competition

Restaurant on site Indoor Pool

Holiday Inn Express

4716 48th Ave

Vernon, BC

Phone: (250) 550-7777

Rate: \$79.00 plus taxes per night based on double occupancy