

## 28th SNOWBALL INVITATIONAL FREESKATE COMPETITION

November 28 & 29, 2009

Hosted by South Okanagan FSC and held at the Oliver Arena in Oliver, 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. A special invitation is extended to skaters registered with the Grand Forks FSC. 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, October 16, 2009**. Eligibility for entries is governed by **tests passed and age as of October 16, 2009** for all STARSkate Events. For Competitive Stream Events **the age shall be as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and tests passed as of date of closing of entries**.

If a LOC (Local Organizing Committee) event has only one competitor, the skater will be informed and have the option of skating up an event or withdrawing with a refund of the entry fee. In the case of all other events, if only one competitor is entered, the skater will have the option of skating up an event, skating for an evaluation only, or withdrawing with a refund.

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 the SNOWBALL FREESKATE COMPETITION. 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
One Part Pair Events (per couple)_____	\$70.00
One Part Dance Events (per couple)_____	\$80.00
Solo Dance_____	\$65.00
Interpretive Events_____	\$60.00
Fourteenstep Fours (\$15.00 per skater)_____	\$60.00
Individual Element Events_____	\$25.00
Creative Events_____	\$25.00

NOTE: The entry fees must accompany the entry forms. Cheques must be dated no later than the closing date of October 16, 2009 or the entries will not be accepted. NSF Cheques are charged an additional \$15.00

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

Please enclose **your club email address (preferably) or fax number** with the mailing of entries. This is mandatory in order to receive the 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. Entries MUST be collected by each club and mailed in a group with one CLUB CHEQUE to cover the total club entries. Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to SNOWBALL FREESKATE COMPETITION.** 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.

**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](http://www.okregion.homestead.com) and click the link available:**

<http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=412&BT=10&PrivEv=8277>

**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.**

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.

**Due to time constraints, entries will be limited to approximately 300 entries, so please get your entries in early to avoid disappointment.**

Skaters may enter only one event in each discipline of Singles, Pairs, Dance, and Interpretive. LOC Events may also be entered as added events in any discipline. Skaters choosing to enter more than one event do so with the understanding that there may be scheduling conflicts that are unable to be resolved.

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.

EVENT COMPOSITION: In normal circumstances, each category at the competition must be held for women and men separately. It is permissible for events that do not progress skaters on to a subsequent level of STARSkate Interclub competition to combine events 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.

If any of the above cases, categories may be combined only with the 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 Skating Skills and Interpretive events.

Should entries in any StarSkate event be exceedingly large groupings will be divided according to age; interpretive events will be divided by free skate test level first and then if further grouping is required, by age.

Should it be necessary to divide STARSkate Events into groups, each group shall be considered a final.

Medals shall be awarded in each group for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place with the exception of Fourteenstep Fours where ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placements.

Closed marking shall be used for all events. As per Skate Canada Regulation Change 9, April 2003, only the final result will be posted.

The competition ice surface of the arena is 80' x 180' with slightly rounded corners.

Competitors may "skate up" one category above their qualifications in this competition. Please indicate on the registration form by checking the appropriate box.

No collect telephone calls will be accepted and some long distance calls may not be returned, dependent upon the nature of the query.

**Attention All Coaches:** It is 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 by showing current Skate Canada membership and First Aid information.

As parents are not allowed in the dressing rooms, the host club will provide a "common area" where parents can be with their skaters to put on their skates before they compete.

**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 FOR SINGLES & PAIRS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

Pre-Elementary, Elementary, Pre Preliminary	3 minutes
Preliminary to Sr. Bronze	4 minutes
Interpretive (all)	3 minutes
Junior Silver, Senior Silver, Gold	5 minutes
Starskate Pair Events	3 minutes

ALL DANCE EVENTS WILL BE GOVERNED BY SC RULES.

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

**AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation of medals / ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in events 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/ ribbons will be awarded in accordance with SC Rules.

**BULLETINS & NOTICES**

An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the arena. All official announcements and schedules will be posted thereon. The starting time for each event will be posted on this board and this schedule will supersede all other schedules. The posting of notices on this board will be considered sufficient notification to competitors.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

A list of competitors with their groupings and event, along with a tentative competition time schedule, will be sent to each club having participants. Please check with your club secretary or competition chairman for the arrival of these papers. Please note that, should there be any changes from the ISU that may affect events in this competition, you will be notified at time of confirmation of entries.

**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](http://www.okregion.homestead.com) and the BC/YT Section Website at [www.skatinginbc.com](http://www.skatinginbc.com). Please allow for two days post competition completion.

**LIMITING OF ENTRIES**

LOC Events will only be held if time permits. All other events will be on a first come, first served basis. Clubs should ensure that they send their entries in early to avoid disappointment.

**EVENTS TO BE HELD**

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  
 Pre-Introductory Interpretive  
 Introductory Interpretive  
 Bronze Interpretive  
 Silver Interpretive  
 Gold Interpretive

**OTHER EVENTS – LOC (LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE)****SINGLES****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 0.4 will be taken in the first mark for each forbidden jump. Skating Time: 1.5 minutes (+/- 10 seconds ) to music.

**LADIES SOLO DANCE****JUNIOR BRONZE SOLO DANCE**

Skaters **must not** have passed any higher complete test than Junior Bronze Dance Test. Two dances will be skated. One dance will be drawn from the Fiesta Tango or Willow Waltz and one dance from the Ten-Fox or Fourteenstep

**SENIOR BRONZE SOLO DANCE**

Skaters **must not** have passed any higher complete test than Senior Bronze Dance Test. Two dances will be skated. One dance will be drawn from the European Waltz or Fourteenstep and one dance from the Harris Tango or Keats Foxtrot.

**JUNIOR SILVER SOLO DANCE**

Skaters **must not** have passed any higher complete test than Junior Silver Dance Test. Two dances will be skated. One dance will be drawn from the Harris Tango or Rocker Foxtrot and one dance from the Kilian or Starlight Waltz

**SENIOR SILVER & GOLD SOLO DANCE**

Skaters **may** have passed the complete Gold Dance Test. Two dances will be skated. One dance will be drawn from the Paso Doble or Blues and one dance from the Viennese Waltz or Argentine Tango

**FOURTEENSTEP FOURS****FOURTEENSTEP FOURS**

- Each team is comprised of any combination of four skaters. Four skaters perform a modified version of the 14 Step in various formations. Each team must complete at least two full rounds (four sequences) of the dance and no more than six sequences. Teams may include an entry and an exit. A club may enter more than one team.
- Teams must provide their own tape of any SC Fourteenstep music.
- At least two skaters on the team must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Dance Test.
- This is meant to be a fun event. Costumes are encouraged and skaters are to be creative in their formations with minimal help from coaches.

**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.