

ANNOUNCEMENT

2010 BC COAST WINTERSKATE&STARSKATE QUALIFYING

PLEASE CHECK THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAREFULLY AND ENTER EVENTS ACCORDINGLY

Sanctioned by Skate Canada and held under the Rules of Skate Canada

DATE: February 5 – 7, 2010

HOST CLUBS: Maple Ridge Skating Club

VENUE: Planet Ice – Maple Ridge
23588 – 105 Avenue
Maple Ridge, BC.

REGISTRATION: Registration will commence at least one hour prior to the first scheduled event of each day. The registration desk will remain open for the duration of each day's events and, where possible, competitors are encouraged to register a minimum of two hours prior to their first event.

NOTE: Scheduling times may fluctuate and competitors should be aware that events COULD BEGIN UP TO ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE those posted on the official bulletin board. A schedule of events will be provided to participants as soon as it is available.

REGISTRATION VENUE: Planet Ice – Maple Ridge
23588 – 105 Avenue
Maple Ridge, BC

NOTE:

1. The skating order shall be drawn by lot for the initial round for the first or only portion of an event. Except as noted, draws will be made in accordance with Skate Canada Rules.
2. **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.
3. **AWARDS:** Presentation of awards shall be as posted in the arena lobby. Elementary and Pre-Prelim Events will receive Medals for 1st place to 6th place. Preliminary and higher events will receive Medals for 1st to 3rd places in the finals.
4. A tentative schedule of events will be posted on the BC/YT Section website at www.skatinginbc.com and on the BC Coast Region website at www.skatebccoast.com. There will be an official bulletin board in the Arena (Planet Ice – Maple Ridge) listing the starting time of all events. This schedule will supersede all other schedules. The posting of notices on this board will be considered sufficient notification.
5. Persons wishing to take photographs of on ice performances are reminded that use of flash cameras is forbidden. The use of video cameras must be restricted to areas that do not hamper the skaters or the judges. Video cameras **must** be battery operated and not require electrical connections.
6. **ATTENTION ALL COACHES:** It is mandatory for all participating coaches to register at competitions and show their accreditation at all times during the competition in order to be at ice level during the events. Temporary accreditation will be issued by showing current Skate Canada membership and First Aid information; cost \$25, payable to BC Coast Region Coaches Committee.
7. Because the parents are not allowed in dressing rooms, the competition host club committee will provide a "common area" where parents can be with their skaters before they compete to put on their skates.

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, 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. PRACTICE ICE: NO OFFICIAL ICE

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 Championships in any category at any level. Skaters registered to compete in the Pre-Novice level at a Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition may register to compete in event categories at the STARSkate level other than those competed in at a Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition. Please see the table following for the qualifications for entry. **Note that Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Singles 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)	STARSkate 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, Triathlon
Pre-Juvenile / Juvenile / Pre-Novice Competitive Singles	Pairs, Dance, Interpretive, Biathlon
Juvenile/Pre-Novice Competitive Pairs	Free Skate, Dance Interpretive, Biathlon, Triathlon
Competitive Synchronized Skater	All events

8. 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.

9. 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.
10. All skaters must qualify through their Region in order to proceed to the BC/YT Section Pacific STARSkate Championships. All **Elementary** and **Pre-Preliminary** Events and the **Pre-Introductory Interpretive** 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.
11. 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.
12. Each region may advance four (4) skaters in all Free Skate events and the Triathlon and Biathlon events. Three skaters will advance in Interpretive events. All male skaters competing in FreeSkate 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.

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
 #2 – 6501 Sprott Street
 Burnaby, B.C., V5B 3B8
 Phone 604-205-6960
 Fax 604-205-6962

Region Team Leader
 Lori Oxland
 5829 Grousewoods Crescent
 North Vancouver, B.C., V7R 4V3
 Phone 604-985-7897

E-mail: bcytsection@attglobal.net

E-mail: skatingmom2@shaw.ca

ENTRY FEES:

Freestyle	-	Elementary, Pre-Preliminary	\$50.00
	-	Preliminary, Junior Bronze, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Senior Bronze, Junior Silver, Senior Silver & Gold	\$60.00
Dance	-	Preliminary, Junior Bronze, Senior Bronze, Junior Silver, Senior Silver, Gold, & Diamond	\$60.00
(per couple)			
Pairs (per couple)-		Introductory & Open	\$60.00
Interpretive	-	Pre-Introductory, Introductory, Bronze, Silver & Gold	\$60.00
Biathlon & Triathlon			\$90.00

ON-LINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

THE DEADLINE FOR ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS 28 DECEMBER 2009.

The BC Coast Region has developed an online registration system with the company Karelo.com. To register online please follow the link below or visit BC Coast Region website at www.skatebccoast.com and click the link available there.

NOTE: All registrations must be entered using the on-line system. Mailed in entries will no longer be accepted! You may still pay the entry fee using a cheque but the registration must be entered into the on-line registration program first.

<http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=366&BT=10#Ev8403>

Below are the steps to help you with the online registration process.

Using Karelo for the first time

The first time you use Karelo.com to register for an event, you will be asked to choose a login name & a password, and to enter your contact information.

**When entering contact information
 please use the skater’s name and not the parent’s name!**

Your Skate Canada number must be entered as per your Skate Canada Card (i.e. 10 digits including all zeros.). This is a very short and simple step that will enable you to avoid the hassle of re-entering your information for each event registration!

Your contact information is never shared with third parties. Please review Karelo’s ‘Privacy Policy’ for more details.

Entering your registration

If you have never used Karelo.com before, go to 'I am new to Karelo.com' and select a login name and a password; enter your contact information. Then follow these steps:

1. Log in
2. Select the event that you want to register for from the Event List
3. Enter your registration information using the drop down selections where possible.
4. Enter your credit card information (Visa or MasterCard). This is a secure transaction. Your credit card is charged immediately. You may also pay by cheque or money order. Cheques are made payable to Maple Ridge SC and should be mailed to the registrar at:

Sandi Westhaver, c/o Maple Ridge FSC, Box 325, Maple Ridge, B.C, V2X 7G2
Phone 604-466-9924
Email: admin@MapleRidgeSkating.com

Cheques must reach the registrar by January 10, 2010 or registration will be cancelled.

5. Please note the skater's name and category on the cheque.
6. You are registered! Check your email for the confirmation email with your registration details.

IMPORTANT: If you DO NOT receive an email confirmation from Karelo.com or receive a confirmation number, then you are NOT REGISTERED for the competition. Please call the registrar if this does occur.

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.

ICE SURFACE: The arena has two ice surfaces. Both are 85' x 200'.

PRACTICE ICE: NO OFFICIAL ICE

EVENT MARKING: All events will be **CLOSED** marking (as per Skate Canada Regulation Change 9, April 2003, only the final result will be posted). **For all Competitive events the CPC marking system will be used.** For all StarSkate events the OBO marking system will be used.

ADMISSION: Admission will be free to all

REGISTRATION: SKATERS MUST REGISTER PERSONALLY at least ONE HOUR before their scheduled event. Please note that scheduling times may fluctuate and competitors should be aware that events COULD BEGIN UP TO ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE those posted on the official bulletin board.

OFFICIAL HOTEL: Ramada Inn – Pitt Meadows
19267 Lougheed Highway
Pitt Meadows, B.C.

Alternate Hotels: Maple Ridge Inns & Suites
21735 Lougheed Highway
Maple Ridge, B.C.

Maple Ridge Travel Lodge
21650 Lougheed Highway
Maple Ridge, B.C.

Due to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games being held in Vancouver accommodation in the Maple Ridge area is very expensive this year. It may be necessary to find accommodation in Mission or Abbotsford.

PRESENTATIONS: The times of award presentations will be announced in the Competition schedule. Medals will be awarded in all final events.

WARM UP TIME FOR SINGLES & PAIRS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Elementary, Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	3 minutes
Preliminary to Senior Bronze Free Skate	4 minutes
Pre-Juvenile, Junior Silver to Gold Free Skate	5 minutes
Juvenile to Senior Competitive Free Skate	6 minutes
All Interpretive events	3 minutes
STARSkate Pairs events	3 minutes

All dance events will be governed by Skate Canada Rules.

Skills events will have a warm up of 3 minutes per skill.

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.

EVENTS TO BE HELD:

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

STARSSkate Freeskate

- EVENT # 1 Elementary Women 9 & Under (non-qualifying)
- EVENT # 2 Elementary Women 10 & Over (non-qualifying)
- EVENT # 3 Elementary Men (non-qualifying)
- EVENT # 4 Pre-Preliminary Women 10 & Under (non-qualifying)
- EVENT # 5 Pre-Preliminary Women 11 & Over (non-qualifying)
- EVENT # 6 Pre-Preliminary Men (non-qualifying)
- EVENT # 7 Preliminary Women- 10 and Under
- EVENT # 8 Preliminary Women- 11 and Over
- EVENT # 9 Preliminary Men
- EVENT # 10 Junior Bronze Women-12 and Under
- EVENT # 11 Junior Bronze Women-13 and Over
- EVENT # 12 Junior Bronze Men
- EVENT # 13 Senior Bronze Women
- EVENT # 14 Senior Bronze Men
- EVENT # 15 Junior Silver Women
- EVENT # 16 Junior Silver Men
- EVENT # 17 Senior Silver Women
- EVENT # 18 Senior Silver Men
- EVENT # 19 Gold Women
- EVENT # 20 Gold Men

StarSkate Dance

- EVENT # 21 Preliminary Dance
- EVENT # 22 Junior Bronze Dance
- EVENT # 23 Senior Bronze Dance
- EVENT # 24 Junior Silver Dance
- EVENT # 25 Senior Silver Dance
- EVENT # 26 Gold Dance
- EVENT # 27 Diamond Dance

StarSkate Pairs

- EVENT # 28 Introductory Pairs
- EVENT # 29 Open Pairs

Interpretive

- EVENT # 30 Pre-Introductory Interpretive (non-qualifying)
- EVENT # 31 Introductory Interpretive
- EVENT # 32 Bronze Interpretive
- EVENT # 33 Silver Interpretive
- EVENT # 34 Gold Interpretive

Triathlon

- EVENT # 35 Bronze Triathlon
- EVENT # 36 Silver Triathlon
- EVENT # 37 Gold Triathlon

Biathlon

EVENT # 38 Bronze Dance Biathlon

EVENT # 39 Silver Dance Biathlon

EVENT # 40 Gold Dance Biathlon

Competitive Events

EVENT #41 Pre-Juvenile Ladies

EVENT #42 Pre-Juvenile Men

EVENT #43 Juvenile Ladies

EVENT #44 Juvenile Men