



WEST COAST CHALLENGE CUP

Synchro Competition

ANNOUNCEMENT

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REGISTRATION PACKAGE

March 3, 2012

Hosted by Coquitlam Skating Club

at

Planet Ice Maple Ridge

23588 – 105th Avenue

Maple Ridge, British Columbia

V2W 1B8

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS:

January 28, 2012

Sanctioned by Skate Canada & US Figure Skating

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The West Coast Challenge Cup Synchro Skating Competition is sanctioned by Skate Canada and US Figure Skating and will be conducted in accordance with the rules as set forth in the Skate Canada, 2000 Edition, Rulebook (as amended). All SC Rules found in Section 6000 will be followed along with those listed herein.

HOSTED BY: Coquitlam Skating Club

DATE: March 3, 2012

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Technical Representative: TBD

Synchro Chairman Lesley Morrison
Phone: 604-272-3234
lmorrison@richmond.ca

LOC Chairman Margaret Warwick
Phone: 604-274-4580
fourwarwicks@shaw.ca

EVENTS TO BE HELD AT:

Planet Ice Maple Ridge, 23588 – 105th Avenue, Maple Ridge, B.C., V2W 1B8

Arena Website: www.planetice.ca/mapleridge

ADMISSION: \$7.00 (6 years & under free).

COMPETITION ICE SURFACE: 85 feet x 200 feet.

REGISTRATION / ENTRY FEES:

Early Bird Registration: Due Jan 14, 2012: \$200.00 per team. Plus \$10.00 per skater (including alternates)

Regular Registration: Due Jan 28, 2012: \$250.00 per team. Plus \$10.00 per skater (including alternates)

Additional medals can be purchased for \$25.00 each for additional coach & manager.

PAYMENT IN CANADIAN FUNDS ONLY. Teams from the USA should pay by Canadian Dollar Money Order or Bank draft.

Entry fee must accompany each entry form. Cheques are to be made payable to “Coquitlam Adult Synchro”

Note: A \$35.00 service charge will be levied on any returned cheques.

Birth Certificates are not required to be submitted with entry forms. However, the **Team Manager** should carry a copy of all team members’ birth certificates with her/him at all times in case of an age challenge.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Midnight January 28, 2012. (full registration package must be received at this time)

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Technical Representative in charge, and will be subject to a \$70.00 late fee. The \$70.00 late fee must be included with the application and the entry fee when submitted.

REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS:

Entry fees shall be refunded only if the competition is not held or if the entry is withdrawn before the closing date of entry. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES OF THE COMPETITION FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER - SC RULE 7000 B 1.5(2)**

. When skating for an evaluation no medals will be awarded, the team will receive a report card for each skate, and \$10.00 per skater will be refunded. All teams will skate twice.

REGISTRATION AT COMPETITION: Planet Ice Maple Ridge

FORWARD ENTRIES TO:

Tanya Gordon
21012 80A Ave
Langley BC V2Y 0J4
Phone: 604-831-9150
Email: tanagordon@shaw.ca

NO COLLECT CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED

LIABILITY/ACCIDENTS

BC/YT Section - Skate Canada and the Host Committee accept no liability for bodily or personal injury, or for property loss or damage incurred by participants and officials. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in the West Coast Challenge Cup Synchro Skating Competition, all participants 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 West Coast Challenge Cup Synchro Skating Competition and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, Skate Canada and the 2012 Volunteer Team and their officers. Entries shall be accepted on these conditions.

The Host Committee will provide emergency medical services for all competitors and officials during competition times on the event date.

ELIGIBILITY

The West Coast Challenge Cup Synchronized Skating Competition is open to all teams from clubs registered with Skate Canada as per regulation B-4.4 of Section 6000 of Skate Canada Technical Handbook and meeting the requirements outlined in the description of events to be held. There is no qualification process to enter the event. Teams from ISU member countries are also eligible to enter this event.

RESULTS CALCULATION

The Cumulative Points Calculation System will be used for all categories.

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:
For 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:

- 2011/2012 Synchronized Skating Technical Package – rev Aug 9, 2011
- Technical clarifications
- CPC Rule Book
- 2009 Official Rule Book

AGE: The age for all competitors in all events shall be as of July 1, 2011

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 team'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: Teams 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 emailed to the registrar at tanagordon@shaw.ca BEFORE January 28, 2012.

SWEEPERS: Teams are responsible to provide sweepers for their own team.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice Ice Request Forms are to be completed by those teams wishing to have practice ice on the morning of March 3rd prior to the event. There is an additional cost for practice ice, and the availability of ice will be determined once registrations have been received.

WARM UP TIME: Each team will be allowed 1 minute of warm-up on the competitive ice surface immediately prior to their performance. Warm up time will commence when the team is announced. Prior to being announced, the next team to skate must enter the ice surface at the signal of the Assistant Referee Ice and stand quietly near the barrier. The team is then announced and the warm up time (1 minute) is reckoned from this point. A team must not take more than 30 seconds for exiting from the ice surface.

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.

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 officials or 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 with more than one entry in the competition.

CONDUCT: The BCYT Section Rules of Conduct are to be adhered to at this Championship.

COACHES CERTIFICATION: According to SC By-law 2403, coaches must be enrolled in the National Coach Photo ID Program and must bring their current Photo ID with them. Only two certified coaches per entry will be accredited. Please have your coach check with the Section Office regarding accreditation procedures should you have any further questions.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Sandman Hotel - Langley
8855 202nd St
Langley BC
V1M 2N9
Tel: 604 888 7263
Fax: 604 888 7271

We are very pleased to partner with the Sandman Hotel as our exclusive official hotel for this event. Please contact the Sandman Hotel at 604 888 7263 or toll free 1 800 726 3626 with event code: **248026**. Special event rates and a variety of room types are available for synchro teams and their supporters. This hotel features two restaurants on site, and is within minutes of the arena. Please book by Feb 2, 2012 to get this special rate.

EVENTS TO BE HELD

There are no test requirements. All categories are based on age and number of skaters. See Rule 6301 and 6403 (qualifying categories) and Regulation B-3.1 and 4.2 of Section 6000 of Skate Canada Technical Handbook. ***Requirements for these categories are outlined in the Skate Canada Rule Book under Rules 6501.*** All programs must meet the well balanced program requirements established by Skate Canada stated in the 2011-2012 Synchronized Skating Program requirements document. Details for all categories may also be downloaded from the BC/YT Section website under the Technical Synchro link. The document is titled: 2011-2012 Skate Canada Synchro Technical Requirements - revised August 9/11

- BEGINNER I** A team of 8 - 16 skaters.
No age limit (recommend skaters working on CanSkate Stage 4 or higher).
PROGRAM LENGTH - maximum 2:10 minutes (may be shorter and will receive no penalty)
- BEGINNER II** A team of 8 - 16 skaters.
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.
PROGRAM LENGTH - maximum 2:40 minutes (may be shorter and will receive no penalty)
- ELEMENTARY** A team of 8 - 16 skaters.
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.
PROGRAM LENGTH - maximum 2:40 minutes (may be shorter and will receive no penalty)
- JUVENILE** A team of 8 - 16 skaters.
Skaters must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1st preceding the competition.
PROGRAM LENGTH - maximum 3:10 minutes (may be shorter and will receive no penalty)
- PRE-NOVICE** A team of 8 - 16 skaters.
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.
PROGRAM LENGTH - maximum 3:10 minutes (may be shorter and will receive no penalty)
- NOVICE** A team of 12 - 16 skaters.
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.
PROGRAM LENGTH - 3:30 minutes (+/- 10 seconds)
- INTERMEDIATE** A team of 12 - 16 skaters.
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.
PROGRAM LENGTH - 4:00 minutes (+/- 10 seconds)
- OPEN** A team of 12 - 16 skaters.
Skaters must have reached the age of 12 as of July 1st preceding the competition.
PROGRAM LENGTH - 4:00 minutes (+/- 10 seconds)
- JUNIOR** A team must consist of 16 skaters.
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.
SHORT PROGRAM LENGTH - 2:50 minutes maximum
FREE SKATING PROGRAM LENGTH – 4:00 minutes (+/- 10 sec)
- SENIOR** A team must consist of 16 skaters.
Skaters must have reached at least the age of 14 as of July 1st preceding the competition.
SHORT PROGRAM LENGTH - 2:50 minutes maximum
FREE SKATING PROGRAM LENGTH – 4:30 minutes (+/- 10 sec)
- ADULT CLASS I** A team of 8 - 20 skaters.
Skaters must have reached the age of 19 as of July 1st preceding the competition.
PROGRAM LENGTH - maximum 3:40 minutes (may be shorter and will receive no penalty)
- ADULT CLASS II** A team of 8 - 20 skaters.
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.
PROGRAM LENGTH - maximum 3:40 minutes (may be shorter and will receive no penalty)
- ADULT CLASS III** A team of 8 - 20 skaters.
Skaters must have reached the age of 19 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.
PROGRAM LENGTH - maximum 3:40 minutes (may be shorter and will receive no penalty)

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE