

# **SUPERSERIES FEEDBACK SERVICE OVERVIEW**

## **What is the feedback service?**

This is a program of the BC/YK Section's Skaters Development Committee established in conjunction with the new Superseries competitions. The program objectives are:

- To provide useful and accurate feedback to skaters in the competitive stream (Pre-juvenile through to Novice) and their coaches
- To raise awareness among skaters, coaches and parents of the criteria for assessment by Technical and Judging Panels.
- To develop a cadre of technical specialists, controllers, referees and judges who can provide useful feedback to skaters and their coaches in a timely, accurate and appropriate way.
- To raise funds to support skaters' development programs.

## **How does it work?**

Skaters or coaches make their request to have feedback on their scores and performances at the competition through the Section office. For each program requested, there are three different assessments:

- Technical Assessments (2 parts):
  - Technical Calls: Levels of Difficulty of elements called by the Technical Panel (e.g. lifts, step sequences, spins) as well as details about other aspects of the technical scores such as downgraded jumps.
  - Technical GOE's: Grades of Execution or GOE's, which are the scores on each element awarded by the judges on the quality of the elements executed.
- Program Components Assessments: these are the five scores which deal with overall aspects of the performance: Skating Skills, Transitions and Linking Movements; Performance and Execution; Choreography and Composition; Interpretation.

The assessments can be conducted **on-site at the competitions or after the competitions**. The goal is to promote a common understanding and use of the actual criteria used in establishing the scores on the skater's report card. Sample assessments can be found on the Skating in BC website.

Skaters and coaches can also request feedback prior to competitions by filling out the same registration form and sending this along with videotapes of the programs. Call the Section office at 604 205- 6960 for more information on the format required for the videos. Note that this request must reach the Section office no later than 3 weeks before the competition.

## **Is there a cost to skaters?**

Each program costs \$35 for all three assessments (technical calls, GOE's and PC's). For Pre-juvenile and Juvenile the cost is \$25. This fee goes towards programs for developing skaters and administrative costs.

## **Who are the assessors?**

Assessors are drawn from the list of Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Referees and Judges of the BC/YK Section. They are assigned by the Judges' and Technical Committees with input from the Skaters' Development Committee. Working from the report card and video of the skater's performance, the assessor addresses each score with relation to the criteria for evaluation. The objective is to enrich the understanding of both coach and skater with regards to improvement for the future, within the established criteria.