

2024 OKANAGAN REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

February 9-11, 2024

Hosted by the Armstrong/Enderby Skating Club

**Armstrong Spallumcheen Sports Centre (NorVal Centre)
3351 Park Dr, Armstrong, BC**



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[Online registration](#) must be completed by 11:45 PM Tuesday January 2, 2024

Entry in this competition is limited by the ice time available and priority will be given to Okanagan Region skaters. If there is insufficient ice time due to a large number of registrations, Individual and/or Group Showcase 1 & 2 and/or Creative 1 & 2 events may be eliminated. In this case all registrants will be informed by Jan. 5, 2024, and their registration fee will be refunded.

NOTE: 48 hours following the closure of online registration, a list of all registrants will be posted on the Okanagan Region website and the Okanagan Interclub competition page of Skating in BC website. Everyone then has 48 hours to notify the Registrar of any changes. Beyond this time period, no changes will be permitted. This is to facilitate a faster turn-around time for the competition schedule to be published and for the Tech Rep to organize officials for the competition.

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HOST: Armstrong/Enderby Skating Club

VENUE: Armstrong Spallumcheen Sports Centre (NorVal Centre)
3351 Park Dr
Armstrong, BC V0E 1B0

ICE SURFACE: 85ft x 200ft with slightly rounded corners

REGISTRAR: Dani Valgardson skateokregion.registrar@gmail.com

TECHNICAL INQUIRIES: Janice Hunter janicedhunter@gmail.com
(Janice only answers technical questions and not logistics regarding the competition. Coaches may contact Janice with their technical questions. All other inquiries must be sent to the Registrar.)

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION:

[Holiday Inn Express Vernon](#)

4716 34th Street
Vernon, BC V1T5Y9

Room rate is \$139 plus tax, includes breakfast

Must be booked by Jan 11th

REGIONAL POSTER CONTEST THEME:

The poster theme for the 2024 Regional Championships will be:

Where we come from: A Tribute to our Town!

Bring your club's poster and have it displayed at the arena throughout the competition with a chance to win a prize for the best poster.

EVENTS TO BE HELD & ENTRY INFORMATION

STAR 1			\$55.00
STAR 2			\$80.00
STAR 3			\$85.00
STAR 4	Girls U10	Boys	\$95.00
STAR 4	Girls U13		\$95.00
STAR 4	Girls 13&O		\$95.00
STAR 5	Girls U10	Boys	\$95.00
STAR 5	Girls U13		\$95.00
STAR 5	Girls 13 &O		\$95.00
STAR 6 Free Skate	Women	Men	\$100.00
STAR 7 Short Program	Women	Men	\$100.00
STAR 8 Free Skate	Women	Men	\$100.00
STAR 9 Short Program	Women	Men	\$100.00
STAR 10 Free Skate	Women	Men	\$100.00
GOLD Free Skate	Women	Men	\$100.00
Star 5 Artistic			\$95.00
Star 7 Artistic			\$95.00
Star 9 Artistic			\$95.00
Gold Artistic			\$95.00
Juvenile	Women U10	Men	\$100.00
Juvenile	Women U12		\$100.00
Juvenile	Women U14		\$100.00
Pre-Novice Short	Women	Men	\$100.00
Pre-Novice Free	Women	Men	\$100.00
Creative Improv 1			\$57.00
Creative Improv 2			\$57.00
Creative Improv 3			\$57.00
Creative Improv 4			\$57.00
Elements – Star 2			\$57.00
Elements – Star 3			\$57.00
Elements – Star 4			\$57.00
Elements – Star 5			\$57.00
Elements – Star 6			\$57.00
Elements – Star 7/8			\$57.00
Elements – Star 9/10			\$57.00
Elements – Gold			\$57.00
*Elements – Open			\$57.00
Showcase 1 – Individual			\$75.00
Showcase 1 – Group			\$85.00
Showcase 2 – Individual			\$75.00
Showcase 2 – Group			\$85.00
Showcase 3 – Individual			\$90.00
Showcase 3 – Group			\$100.00
Showcase 4 – Individual			\$90.00
Showcase 4 – Group			\$100.00
Special O Level 1			\$75.00

Special O Level 2			\$75.00
Special O Level 3			\$75.00
Special O Level 4			\$75.00
Special O Level 5			\$75.00
Special O Level 6			\$75.00
Star 3 Synchronized Skating			**see below
Star 4 Synchronized Skating			**see below
Adult Introductory Artistic Free Skate			\$95.00
Adult Bronze Artistic Free Skate			\$95.00
Adult Silver Artistic Free Skate			\$95.00
Adult Gold Artistic Free Skate			\$95.00
Adult Free Skate Intro Open	Women	Men	\$100.00
Adult Free Skate Bronze	Women	Men	\$100.00
Adult Free Skate Silver	Women	Men	\$100.00
Adult Free Skate Gold	Women	Men	\$100.00

For event requirements and specifications, please refer to the 2023-2024 Skate Canada Podium Pathway and the 2023-2024 STAR Technical Requirements Guide, posted on the technical page of the [Skating in BC website](#).

***Elements – Open** will only be offered if there are not enough entries in Elements Star 6 and up. Skaters will be informed if numbers warrant a change of category due to number of entries.

****Synchronized Skating Events:** Registration fees are \$192.50 per team and \$25 per skater. However, for the 2024 Okanagan Regional Championships, these registrations fees will be waived in order to assist with development of this discipline in the Okanagan Region.

Adult category specifications and age will follow the [2023-2024 Adult Program Requirements Guide](#)

Young Adult	18-27 years
Adult Class I	28-37 years
Adult Class II	38-47 years
Adult Class III	48-57 years
Adult Class IV	58-67 years
Adult Class V	68 years and older

An additional \$7.50 per entry has been included to offset the costs of live streaming.

Entry fees shall be refunded only if the competition is not held or if the request to withdraw is received before the closing date of entry. No refunds will be given after the close of entries (January 2, 2024) for any reason.

LATE ENTRIES MAY BE ACCEPTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LOC AND TECH REP AND WILL BE CHARGED DOUBLE THE ENTRY FEE.

[Online Registration](#) must be completed by 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Instructions for entering online can be found on page 7 of this announcement.

For all categories age shall be the age of the skater before July 1, 2023, and tests passed shall be as of January 2, 2024 (closing date of entries). **Age categories may be combined if there are insufficient entries in an individual category.**

INFO FOR PLANNED PROGRAM SHEETS: ALL STAR 5-Gold Free Skate, Artistic, Adult Free Skate, Podium Pathway, and STAR 4 Synchro entries must submit a completed Planned Program sheet as part of their registration. The registration cannot be submitted for any the events listed above if the PPS is not completed.

A tentative schedule of events and groups will be posted on the [2024 Okanagan Region Championships](#) page of the Skating in BC website and on the Okanagan Region website [Skateokregion](#).

Any last-minute changes to schedules will be posted on the websites and at the arena. **Please note that events may start up to one half hour earlier than scheduled.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BC/YT SAFESPORT POLICY: Phone, video, and/or mobile devices must be turned off and put away in bags while in dressing rooms. Parents and coaches are not permitted in dressing rooms; a common area will be provided for skaters who require assistance.

1. Skaters may enter only one event per discipline of singles and Artistic. If short and free programs are listed as separate events, skaters may enter one short program and one free program. **Depending on scheduling, skaters should be prepared to skate two programs on the same day. 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.**
2. All categories: Should entries in an event be exceedingly large, the event will be divided into smaller groups. Each group will be considered a final. Note that in BC/YT Section competitions, men and women will compete together in all STAR Events except free skating.
3. If an event has only one competitor or there is a last-minute withdrawal in an event that only had 2 entries, the skater will be informed and have the option of skating up an event, skating for an evaluation only, or withdrawing with a refund. Skating for evaluation is only applicable to Podium Pathway and STAR Free Skate categories. Medals will be awarded according to the '[Benchmark Scores](#)' (for STARSkate only). If a technical panel is not available, the evaluation will be for Program Components only. Competitors may skate up one category higher than they are qualified for.
4. REGISTRATION: Skaters must register/check-in at least one hour before they are scheduled to skate. Please note that events may start up to 30 minutes earlier than scheduled.
5. SIZE of WARM-UP GROUPS: The maximum number of skaters on warm-up for all STAR categories except STAR 1, will be 8.
6. WARM-UP TIMES:

STAR 2	3 minutes
STAR 3, STAR 4 & STAR 5	4 minutes
Star 6–Star 10, Gold Free	5 minutes
Juvenile, Pre-Novice	6 minutes
Artistic	3 minutes
Adult Free Skate	5 minutes
Individual Elements	3 minutes
Creative Improv	3 minutes
Individual Showcase	3 minutes

* At the discretion of the Referee, the warm-up periods may be reduced to a minimum of 3 minutes. All warm-up periods for one event must be equal.

7. MUSIC REQUIREMENTS:

- **ALL SKATERS except for STAR 1 Free Skate, STAR 3 Synchro, Creative, and Elements must submit music online when they register.**
 - Music will only be accepted electronically via MP3 format. Do not begin the registration process until you have your music file **correctly marked** and ready to load.
 - All MP3 files to be uploaded and must include the **Skater's first name, last name, and the event the music is for in the file name. e.g. Sally Smith – Star 5 U13.mp3. If the event is age specific that must also be included as in example above.** Without all of this information it is impossible for us to ensure the music links to the correct event.
- Music files are **NOT** kept for the next competition. Skaters must submit their music for each individual competition.
- **A backup USB flash drive must be at the boards with the coach when the skater is competing. The backup USB flash drives will no longer need to be turned-in or picked-up at registration.**
- **No alternate music backup formats such as CDs, iPhones, tablets, MP3 players etc. will be accepted.**
- **Should no back-up USB flash drive be provided,** the skater will be required to skate to a piece of music to be selected by the event referee and music playing team.

8. COACHES: To be at ice level during the events, it is **mandatory for all participating coaches to be wearing their 2023/24 BC/YT Section Coach Card Accreditation and register in person at the competition.** These Coach Card Accreditations can be purchased through the BC/YT Section Office and must be purchased at least 2 weeks prior to the competition. Temporary accreditation will be issued for \$25 per day by showing current Skate Canada membership and First Aid information. ***Please note that 2 Coaches per skater/team will be permitted at the boards for competition and warm up (subject to change due to ongoing COVID-19 protocols).***

9. ADMISSION will be free to all.

10. AWARDS will be presented as soon as possible following the posting of results for each category.

11. 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 officials. **PLEASE NOTE:** you may only take pictures or videos of your own skater.

12. **Protests:** [Skate Canada Protest Rule](#) will be followed. In addition, if there is an event using manual calculation where the results are not posted within one hour of the completion of the last event of the day, the protest must be made to the Event Referee within the first hour of the following day's competition. If the Event Referee is unavailable, the protest may be made to the Technical Representative.

13. ASSESSMENTS: **STAR Assessments will not be offered at this competition.**

Yvette Delcourt Memorial Award: This award will be presented to the Okanagan Region skater who receives the **highest Podium Pathway Free Skate Score at the 2024 Okanagan Region Championships.**

Online Registration Instructions

Okanagan Region has an online registration system with the company Karelo.com. All registrations must be completed using this online system. **To begin the process please visit the site listed below:**

[LINK TO ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

NEW: The registration system will generate an automatic email to the skater's coach. Coaches are encouraged to check the confirmation email to ensure their skater(s) is registered in the correct event.

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 [log in 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.** Skate Canada Number must be entered as per your Skate Canada Card (ie. 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. Select the event that you want to register for from the Event list.
2. Enter your registration information.
3. Enter your credit card information (Visa or MasterCard). This is a secure transaction. Your credit card is charged immediately.
4. You are registered! Check your email for the confirmation email with your registration details.

IMPORTANT: If you and your coach DO NOT receive an email confirmation from Karelo.com or receive a confirmation number, then you are NOT REGISTERED for the competition. Please contact the registrar if this occurs. REGISTRAR: Dani Valgardson at skateokregion.registrar@gmail.com.