



Special Olympics Event Criteria and Judging

For those involved in Special Olympics Figure Skating competition events, please note that there have been major changes in the [Technical Package](#) and the way the events are judged. The following points provide a brief description of the changes. Prior to judging a Special O competition, be sure to read the complete Technical Package and familiarize yourself with the new assessment standards that are in place for Levels 1 – 5 Free Skate, Levels 1-3 Pairs and Introductory Dance, posted on the [Skating in BC website/Technical/Special Olympics](#). There is also an [important clarification](#) from Skate Canada posted with useful reminders and technical information.

- SO categories in Singles Levels 1-5, and Pairs Levels 1-3 are assessed
- Levels 1-3 use assessment charts as posted on website
- Level 4 Free Skate uses the assessment charts for STAR 2
- Level 5 Free Skate uses the assessment charts for STAR 3
- Level 6 and Open Free Skate categories are judged using CPC
- All pairs and singles levels consist of a program to music - there is no longer an individual elements portion
- All singles and pairs entries must complete the Special O planned program sheet and hand it in at registration
- Singles Levels 1-5 and Pairs Levels 1-3 will be ranked similar to STAR 4. All skaters will receive a report card showing the assessment of individual elements. Medals are awarded to the top three ranked skaters.
- All dance categories with the exception of Introductory Dance, are judged in CPC with medals awarded for first, second and third.
- Introductory Dance category is assessed using the assessment charts posted on the website. Each skater receives a report card and a ribbon corresponding to the overall assessment.
- Medals are awarded in all single entry categories

Please email [Janice Hunter](#) if there are any questions regarding the judging of Special O Figure Skating events.