



ANNOUNCEMENT

2012 Skate Canada Manitoba STARSKATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: March 2nd – 4th, 2012

Location: Winkler, MB

Hosted by: Winkler FSC

Sanctioned by: Skate Canada

Held in Conjunction with: Skate Canada Manitoba

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2012 Skate Canada Manitoba STARSkate Championships will be conducted in accordance with the regulations as set forth in the Skate Canada Rulebook. If not specifically stated otherwise in this document, the normal regulations governing skating will apply as indicated in Section 4000 and 7000 of the Skate Canada Rulebook, the Technical and Event Management Handbooks, the Policies and Procedures Manual and CPC Regulations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ARENA(S) TO BE USED

Arena Name: Winkler Arena

Address: 600 Park St Winkler, MB

Ice Surface Size:

200' x 85'

ACCOMMODATION(S)

Days Inn

395 Boundry Trail Winkler, MB
(204)325-8888
\$99.00 + tax

Super 8 Motel

3010 Thornhill St Morden, MB
(204)822-2003

Heartland Inn

851 Main St. Winkler, MB
(204)325-4381
\$99.95-\$109.95 + tax

Morden Motor Inn

780 Thornhill St Morden, MB
(204)822-6272

Note: You are responsible for making your own reservations and rates are subject to change!

REGISTRATION

Skaters must register by completing the application form attached to this announcement and returning it to the address below by **January 31st, 2012**. The acceptance of late entries is at the discretion of the Section in consultation with the Technical Representative.

Return application forms to:

***Skate Canada Manitoba
C/o STARSkate Championships
145 Pacific Ave
Winnipeg, MB
R3B 2Z6
Fax: (204)925-5924***

All skaters and coaches must register on-site at the Winkler Arena.

REGISTRATION FEES

Pre-Preliminary & Preliminary - \$60.00/entry
Junior Bronze & Up: - \$70.00/entry

COACH ACCREDITATION

Coaches must be NCCP Primary STARSkate or Level 1 certified or working on the Primary STARSkate practical assignment, must hold a valid First Aid Certificate, and must be registered professional coaching members in good standing with Skate Canada. Coaches must carry a valid Coach Photo ID card to be permitted to coach at any event. Coaches failing to provide the proper Coach Photo ID will not be permitted into any restricted or designated coaching areas.

MUSIC

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

CD's will be the only format used at Manitoba Competitions for the 2012 season

- (1) **REGISTRATION OF MUSIC:** Music must be turned in at the time of registration. CD's and their cases must have the competitor's name and event clearly printed on them. The music information as required on the Entry Form must be completed in detail (as applicable).

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights societies.

Competitors who have music composed especially for their program either wholly or in part, shall be responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights society.

- (2) **DANCE MUSIC:** For the information of Dance competitors, 2001 Skate Canada Series 8 music (or ISU music when applicable) will be used for all compulsory dance events.
- (3) **MUSIC REQUIREMENTS:** Each entry must provide 2 CD's for the Competition upon registration. One for competition (marked "Master") and one for back-up (marked "copy"). It is recommended that a backup CD be carried by the skater. Please place phonetic spelling of first and last name on the CD cases to aid the announcer with pronunciation.

Standard Specifications

1. Only one (1) program (using one track only) shall be recorded on each CD.
2. Music shall be recorded onto the CD so that it starts within no less than 0.5 seconds and not more than 2 seconds after the play button is pressed on the CD player.
3. CD recording level shall be normal consistent listening level. Music shall be recorded at equal levels on both left and right channels in **stereo**.

Each Compact Disc shall:

- ❖ Be on a standard CR-R and enclosed in a single transparent plastic case. **Do not use CD-RW**
- ❖ Have the music recorded in Compact disc audio (**CDA**) or **WAV** format. (**Not MP3, iTunes or DVD format**)
- ❖ Be in good clean playable condition.

Labeling

Skater's name, category name, total music time (not skating time) and Home Club shall be clearly printed on:

1. Label on the CD case back insert only. The CD must be visible in front of case.
2. Identify CD by writing on the front of the CD using a fine or medium Sharpie type marker. Do not use a ballpoint pen.
3. Do not apply stick on labels to the CD
4. Label disc with Master or Backup copy clearly on the front.

AWARDS

Medals will be presented to the top three finalists of each discipline. In the case of only two entries, each entry shall be awarded a prize. The presentation schedule will be available at registration.

The Dodie Wardle Award will be presented to a skater demonstrating a positive and encouraging approach towards the sport of figure skating.

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.

ACCIDENTS / LIABILITY

Skate Canada, the host Section/Club and the Local Volunteer Team undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in these Championships, all competitors 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 competitions and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, the Association, the Section, the Volunteer Team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

EVENT SCHEDULE

A finalized schedule of events and practices will be provided to each skater on-site at registration.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE (From Skate Canada Rule 5401)

- (1) Be eligible person(s) as defined in Skate Canada Rule Book Section 2100 (Rule 5401).
- (2) Be Associate member(s) in good standing of the Association (Rule 5401).
- (3) For eligibility in a Sectional STARSkate competition, please note the following restrictions:
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 Sectional STARSkate Championships in any category at any level. Skaters registered to compete in the Juvenile and 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 below for the qualifications for entry.

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 (registered for at Sectionals or Sectional qualifying event)	Events that may be entered at the Sectional STARSkate Championships (or qualifying event)
Novice and higher in Singles, Pairs and Dance	No events
Juvenile / Pre-Novice Competitive Dance	Free Skate, Pairs, Interpretive, Skating Skills, Triathlon
Juvenile / Pre-Novice Competitive Singles	Pairs, Dance, Interpretive, Biathlon, Skating Skills
Juvenile/Pre-Novice Competitive Pairs	Free Skate, Dance, Interpretive, Skating Skills, Biathlon, Triathlon
Competitive Synchronized Skater	All events

- (4) **WINNER OF A PREVIOUS QUALIFYING EVENT LEADING TO THE SECTIONAL STARSKATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** A previous winner of a qualifying event for the Sectional STARSkate Championships is eligible to re-enter the same

qualifying event provided that the competitor is still eligible to enter the corresponding category.

- (5) **TEST AND AGE PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter the 2012 Skate Canada Manitoba STARSkate Championships and events leading to it shall meet the test requirements to compete before **November 15th** preceding the competition. Age requirements shall be met before **October 1st** preceding the competition.
- (6) **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 = Junior Silver Free Skating Test
Pre-Novice Competitive Singles Test = Senior Silver Free Skating Test
Novice Competitive Singles Test = Gold Free Skating Test
Junior or Senior 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.

Please note: The above equivalences are for tests passed after July 1, 2011. If a skater passed the competitive test in question prior to July 1, 2011, they will be granted the test equivalences that were used in the 2010/2011 skating season. Please refer to Members Only for more information.

- (7) Skaters may participate in either the 2012 Skate Canada Manitoba STARSkate Championships or the 2012 Adult Figure Skating Championships, but not both.
- (8) In the case where the test requirements deadline for the event is **November 15th**, skaters may skate up in the free skate categories if desired. Skating up is not permitted in the Triathlon, Biathlon, Skating Skills and Interpretive events.
- (9) 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 Skill, Bronze Interpretive and Senior Silver Free Skate must compete in Silver Triathlon and cannot skate in Bronze Triathlon.

- (10) Should a Free Skate, Interpretive or Skating Skills event have only one entry, the skater will be given the option to skate at the next level or skate an exhibition. In the case of a dance category with only one entry, there will be no option to skate at the next level. An exhibition may be done.

EVENT SPECIFICATIONS

- (1) **EVENT COMPOSITION:** In normal circumstances, each category at the competition must be held for men and women separately. It is permissible for events that do not progress skaters on to a subsequent level of STARSkate Interclub competition to combine events as follows:
- (a) Combine two or more categories in the same event when each category has fewer than three entries;
 - (b) Combine two or more categories in the same event when one category has insufficient entries to hold the event;

The decision to combine events is at the discretion of the technical representative and the host committee.

In any of the above cases, categories may be combined – only with full prior knowledge and agreement of all competitors affected.

- (2) **GROUPING SKATERS BY AGE:** The following guideline is suggested for grouping skaters:
- (a) For events that require grouping because of a large number of entries, the following procedure may be used:
 - (i) In a category that does not progress skaters on to a final round, skaters may be divided and grouped according to age.
 - (ii) In an event that progresses skaters on to a final round, skaters in the same category must be divided and grouped by random draw.
- (3) **GROUPING SKATERS BY TEST LEVEL:** Due to a large number of entries in the Pre-Introductory Interpretive, skaters may be divided and grouped according to Free Skate test level.
- (4) **LARGE ENTRY EVENTS:** Events with over 18 skaters in the event shall be divided by random draw into preliminary rounds (1-18 entries = 1 group, 19-36 entries = 2 groups, etc.). If the numbers are not evenly divisible the last group shall contain one more competitor. The final round of the event shall include 12 skaters with an equal number of top placements advancing from each group.

- (5) **COMPOSITION OF PARTNERS:** Couples for Dance and Biathlon events may be comprised of two women (one performing the man's steps), one woman and one man or two men. Similar and mixed couples may compete against each other. Dance couples must represent one section.

RESULTS CALCULATION

The CPC judging system will be used for Junior Bronze and up. Preliminary and Pre-Preliminary will use OBO.

EVENT MARKING CRITERIA, TIE BREAKING AND FACTORS

CPC:

EVENT	MARKING CRITERIA	TIE BREAKER
Free Skate (Junior Bronze and higher)	Technical Score, Program Components	Components
Pairs	Technical Score, Program Components	Components
Dance (Junior Bronze and higher) • Pattern 1 & 2	Technical Score, Program Components	Technical

OBO:

EVENT	MARKING CRITERIA	FACTOR	%	TIE BREAKER
Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary)	Technical Merit, Presentation	1.0	100	2 nd mark
Dance (Preliminary) • Pattern 1	Technique, Timing/Expression	0.5	50	1 st mark
• Pattern 2	Technique, Timing/Expression	0.5	50	1 st mark

EVENTS TO BE HELD

Well Balanced Program Criteria can be found on the Skate Canada Members Only website.

(1) FREE SKATE EVENTS

- (a) **PRE-PRELIMINARY FREE SKATE 8 & UNDER & PRE-PRELIMINARY 9 & OVER FREE SKATE**
 - (i) **TEST:** Must not have passed the complete Preliminary Free Skate test
 - (ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 1:30 minutes in length (+ / - 10 seconds)
- (b) **PRELIMINARY FREE SKATE 9 & UNDER & PRELIMINARY 10 & OVER FREE SKATE**
 - (i) **TEST:** May have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test but no higher complete Free Skate test
 - (ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 1:30 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)
- (c) **JUNIOR BRONZE 10 & UNDER & JUNIOR BRONZE 11 & OVER FREE SKATE**
 - (i) **TEST:** May have passed the Jr. Bronze Free Skate test but no higher complete Free Skate test
 - (ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 2:00 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)
- (d) **SENIOR BRONZE FREE SKATE**
 - (i) **TEST:** May have passed the Sr. Bronze Free Skate test but no higher complete Free Skate test
 - (iii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 2:30 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

- (e) **JUNIOR SILVER FREE SKATE**
 - (i) **TEST:** May have passed the Jr. Silver Free Skate test but no higher complete Free Skate test
 - (ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 3:00 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

- (f) **SENIOR SILVER FREE SKATE**
 - (i) **TEST:** May have passed the Sr. Silver Free Skate test but no higher complete Free Skate test
 - (ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 3:00 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

- (g) **GOLD FREE SKATE**
 - (i) **TEST:** May have passed the Gold Free Skate test
 - (ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 3:30 (women) or 4:00 (men) minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

- (h) **JUVENILE FREE SKATE**
 - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Juvenile Competitive Singles test or higher
 - (ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 2:30 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)
 - (iii) **AGE:** Shall be under the age of 12 (women) and 13 (men) as of July 1 preceding the event

(2) DANCE EVENTS

Note: Dances are to be skated in the order listed. The number of dance patterns to be skated shall be the same as for Evaluated Tests. Please refer to the Skate Canada Technical Handbook Figure Skating Terms Defined – 3.15 (2).

(a) PRELIMINARY DANCE

(i) **TEST:** At least one partner must have passed the complete Preliminary Dance test and not the complete Junior Bronze Dance test

(ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:**

- Dutch Waltz and Baby Blues

(b) JUNIOR BRONZE DANCE

(i) **TEST:** At least one partner must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Dance test and not the complete Senior Bronze Dance test

(ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:**

- Swing and Fiesta Tango

(c) SENIOR BRONZE DANCE

(i) **TEST:** At least one partner must have passed the complete Senior Bronze Dance test and not the complete Junior Silver Dance test

(ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:**

- Ten Fox and Fourteenstep

(d) JUNIOR SILVER DANCE

(i) **TEST:** At least one partner must have passed the complete Junior Silver Dance test and not the complete Senior Silver Dance test

(ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:**

- Harris Tango and Rocker Foxtrot

(e) **SENIOR SILVER DANCE**

(i) **TEST:** At least one partner must have passed the complete Senior Silver Dance test and not the complete Gold Dance test

(ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:**

- Starlight Waltz and Kilian

(f) **GOLD DANCE**

(i) **TEST:** At least one partner must have passed the complete Gold Dance test and not the complete Diamond Dance test

(ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:**

- Blues and Quickstep

(3) PAIR EVENTS

Please refer to Members Only for more information.

(a) **OPEN PAIR**

(i) **TEST:** Each partner must have passed at least the Preliminary Free Skate test

(ii) **SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 2:30 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

Compositions of Partners: The pair must be composed of a man and a woman.

TICKET INFORMATION

Admission	
Adults	\$5.00
Students	\$3.00

INFORMATION/LOST AND FOUND

Throughout the Championships, information will be available at the Registration/Information table. Lost and found items will be kept there.

SKATE CANADA MANITOBA CAMERA POLICY

Flash photography is not permitted. Skate Canada Manitoba restricts the use of cameras and video equipment during Skate Canada sanctioned events out of respect for the safety and to protect the privacy of competing athletes.

Spectators are permitted to use cameras at the event for personal use only and are subject to the following conditions. Anyone who does not abide by these rules risks having their camera confiscated by authorized personnel.

- No flash photography is allowed
- Camera lens must not be larger than 200mm in order to avoid obstructing the view of other spectators
- Any resale of photography or posting photos on websites is strictly prohibited
- Video cameras can only be used by the parent(s) of their own skater during their performance

Coaches are only permitted to video tape their own skater from the boards during that skater's practice or performance. Coaches cannot video tape from the spectator area

Images by PW will be the on-site photographer.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE