



**2009 BMO Skate Canada Western Challenge and
2009 BMO Skate Canada Eastern Challenge
Mississauga, ON
December 3 - 7, 2008**

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Board of Directors
Competitors
Member Clubs
Section Offices
National Office

The announcement for the 2009 BMO Skate Canada Western Challenge and BMO Skate Canada Eastern Challenge to be held under the direction of Skate Canada and hosted by Skate Canada – Central Ontario is attached.

All competitions will take place in the Hershey Centre from Wednesday, December 3, 2008 to Sunday, December 7, 2008.

The technical information concerning eligibility and requirements coincides with BMO Skate Canada Sectionals at Pre-Novice to Senior levels. Skate Canada rules are found in Sections 5000 and 7000 of the Skate Canada Rulebook and Event Management Handbook.

The technical requirements and groups to be skated shall be as listed on the Skate Canada Members Only website.

Jackie Stell-Buckingham
Director of Events

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EVENT PHILOSOPHY

The BMO Skate Canada Western Challenge and BMO Skate Canada Eastern Challenge are elimination rounds for both the BMO Skate Canada Junior Nationals (Pre-Novice and Novice skaters) and the BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships (Junior and Senior skaters). BMO Skate Canada Challenge competitions are not considered championship events and therefore not presented in the same manner. These events are funded by Skate Canada in conjunction with the title sponsor, BMO Financial Group, and are planned, managed and executed by Skate Canada with the assistance of a local volunteer organizing team.

The event typically attracts approximately 550 skaters, 340 coaches/team leaders, 80 officials and 200 volunteers.

The purpose of this level of competition is to provide a developmental and cost-effective means for a large number of skaters from Sections, in each half of the country, to compete against each other for the privilege of advancing to the BMO Skate Canada Junior Nationals or the BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

Recently, to promote the development of consistent standards of performance across the country, these events have been held in the same location to foster the sharing of learning and training targets among athletes at the same level.

The focus for the athlete in these events is to perform well enough to qualify through to the next level of competition.

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ARENAS TO BE USED

Hershey Centre - Competition / Practice Arenas
5500 Rose Cherry Place
Mississauga, ON L4Z 4B6
905.502.9100

Rink dimensions:
85' x 200' for all 4 rinks

Spectator Rink
Community Rink 2
Community Rink 3
Community Rink 4

ACCOMMODATION

Marriott Toronto Airport

901 Dixon Road
Toronto, ON M9W 1J5
416.674.9400
www.marriott.com/yyzot

\$119/night + tax (13%) [Single to quad]
Team suites available at \$119 room rate.

A 10% discount will be offered on all food
and non-alcoholic beverage purchases in
the restaurant, lounge and room service
(excluding gift shop).

Overnight self-parking is discounted by
50% to \$7.50.
Complimentary airport shuttle.

Renaissance Toronto Airport Hotel

801 Dixon Road
Toronto, ON M9W 1J5
416.675.6100
www.marriott.com/yyzta

\$119/night + tax (13%) [Single to quad]
Team suites available at \$119 room rate.

A 10% discount will be offered on food
purchases in the Olio Restaurant &
Lounge (excluding gift shop).

A Grab and Go station will be made
available in the hotel for quick and
accessible food items.

Parking is discounted by 50% to \$7.50.
Complimentary airport shuttle and high
speed internet access.

Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Airport

231 Carlingview Drive
 Toronto, ON M9W 5E8
 416.675.0411, 1.800.791.9442 or
[416.675.0433](tel:416.675.0433)

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yyzap

\$119/night + tax (13%) [Single to double]

Team suites are available at \$175.

A 10% discount on all food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases in the Courtyard Café at the hotel (excluding Mr. Greek and “The Market”).

Parking/airport shuttle/high speed internet access is complimentary.

Carlingview Airport Inn

221 Carlingview Drive
 Toronto, ON M9W 5E8
 416.675.3303
 416.675.6524

\$109/night + tax (13%) [Single to double]
 Team suites are available for \$175.

A 10% discount on all food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases in the Courtyard Café at the Courtyard Marriot (excluding Mr. Greek and “The Market”).

Parking/airport shuttle/high speed internet access is complimentary.

- Note:**
- 1) Only the hotels listed above will be serviced by the event bus transportation.
 - 2) Hotels will only accept reservations by rooming lists submitted by Skate Canada. Please contact your “Section Accommodation Contacts” to make a reservation and be included on the rooming list.
 - 3) Discounts on food and non-alcoholic beverages, as listed above, will be available to all participants by showing their accreditation ID.

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ENTRY INFORMATION

All entries must qualify through their BMO Skate Canada Sectionals and be approved by the Section Executive, Rule 7404 (1). Challenge entries must be submitted online by the Section within 48 hours of completion of BMO Skate Canada Sectionals.

The Section is responsible for confirming the athlete, coach and team manager online and also the collection and submission of the following forms to the Skate Canada National Office by mail:

- Waivers
 - Medical History Forms
 - Entry Fee Calculation Sheet (byes included)*
 - Cheque (byes included)*
- *One per Section

The following fees are payable at the first point of qualification after Sectionals and apply to Pre-Novice, Novice and Junior:

Singles:	\$200.00 /entry
Dance:	\$300.00 /entry
Pairs:	\$300.00 /entry

Each Section is responsible for collecting the fees from their skaters and remitting these fees **IN ONE CHEQUE FROM THE SECTION** made payable to Skate Canada.

Please ensure that the names of all skaters granted byes either from Skate Canada or the Section are included on all entry lists. Skaters granted a bye through the Challenge level of competition are still responsible for the entry fee.

Please send all completed waiver and medical history forms by courier service (accompanied by cheque payable to Skate Canada) within 24 hours of completion of your Sectionals to:

Skate Canada
865 Shefford Road
Ottawa, ON K1J 1H9
Fax 613.748.5718 or 1.877.211.2372
Attn: Diane Vanier, Event Operation Coordinator
2009challenge@skatecanada.ca

Skater Online Profile Update

When registering for Sectional events and above, all athletes must update their “Personal Profile” online (Skate Canada website- Members Only). Please note that the following menu items found in the Member Information Centre must be updated:

1. General Information
2. Alternate Address
3. Contact Information
4. Athlete Profile
5. Skating Profile (Music and Planned Program sheets)

All updates must be completed within 48 hours of completion of the Sectional event (with exception to Planned Program Sheets which can be modified up to 1 week prior to the start of the Challenge events- November 25, 2008).

Please note that all byed skaters are responsible for completing this section as well.

REGISTRATION/ACCREDITATION

Registration will begin at the Hershey Centre – Accredited Entrance on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 from 14:00 - 23:00. Skaters, officials, coaches, team managers or media arriving at the hotel may ask at the Transportation/Information Desk for a one-way shuttle voucher to enable them to access transportation to the Hershey Centre for the purpose of registering. Registration for Referees, Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers and Judges will take place before the Officials Meetings.

Skaters

- Skaters must register before their official practice session immediately prior to the first portion of their event, in accordance with Skate Canada Rule 7410.
- Once registered, only the official practice ice may be used as per Skate Canada Rule 7410.

Coaches

As per the Skate Canada Accreditation for Events Policy, in order to receive accreditation at the 2009 Skate Canada Western and Eastern Challenge, coaches must:

- Be at least NCCP Level 2 or IS/PC certified
- Be current Professional Coaching Members of Skate Canada
- Hold a valid First Aid Certificate
- Register in person and show their Section photo identification

A maximum of two coaches per entry will be accredited. Only two people will be allowed at ice level as determined by the skater/team (e.g. one coach and one team manager or two coaches).

Foreign Coaches must apply directly to the Skate Canada Coaching Department by email at coaching@skatecanada.ca or by phone at 613.747.1007 or 1.888.747.2372 extension 2532. They will only be accredited if they qualify in accordance with Skate Canada Policies and Procedures.

Team Managers

Team Managers must be current registered members of Skate Canada. If a Team Manager is a coach, then he/she must be NCCP Level 2 or IS/PC certified or higher and must hold a valid First Aid Certificate and be currently registered as a Skate Canada Professional Coach.

The number of Team Managers permitted is as follows:

- Two (2) Team Managers per Section are automatically permitted for up to ten (10) skaters
- One (1) additional Team Manager is permitted for every additional five (5) skaters

1 - 10 skaters = 2 Team Managers

11 - 15 skaters = 3 Team Managers

16 - 20 skaters = 4 Team Managers

Etc...

MUSIC

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

Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, are responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and/or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights societies.

ENTRIES WILL BE REFUSED IF THE MUSIC INFORMATION ON THE ONLINE SKATING PROFILE FORM IS NOT COMPLETE, PARTICULARLY THE NAMES AND COMPOSERS OF THE MUSIC SELECTIONS.

Dance competitors: The ISU compulsory dance music to be used for all practices and events is the 2001 Revised Version produced by the ISU.

Please note that there will be no program music played during practices.

Music Requirements

Each entry must provide two CDs or cassettes for the competition upon registration, one for competition (marked "Master") and one for back up (marked "copy"). If two CDs are provided, it is recommended that a back-up cassette be available.

Standard Specifications for CDs or Cassettes

- (1) Only one (1) program shall be recorded on each CD or cassettes.
- (2) The start of the music shall be recorded on the CD or cassettes at least 3 seconds following the head leader and not more than 5 seconds.
- (3) Music shall be recorded at equal levels on both left and right channels in stereo.
- (4) Competitor's name followed by music time (not skating time) shall be clearly printed on side one of the CD or cassettes.
- (5) Each CD or cassettes shall be enclosed in its plastic container marked with the skater's name, event and total music time.
- (6) Music recording levels shall be a maximum of 0VU and a minimum of -8VU.

Post-Event

Music can be picked up from the Operations Room at the Hershey Centre approximately 30 minutes after the completion of each discipline.

AWARDS

Medals will be presented to the top three finishers of each discipline. In the case of only two entries, each entry shall be awarded a prize. In the case of only one entry in an event an exhibition shall be performed but no prize shall be awarded. The presentation schedule will be available at registration on the main concourse.

MEETINGS

Data Specialists Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Time: 13:00

Location: Hershey Centre – Data Specialists Room

Referees/Controllers Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Time: 19:00

Location: Marriott Toronto Airport – Salon E

Technical Panel Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Time: 20:00

Location: Marriott Toronto Airport – Salon B

Judges' Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Time: 21:00

Location: Marriott Toronto Airport – Salon E

Team Managers Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Time: 9:00

Location: Hershey Centre - Volunteer Lounge

Coaches Meetings (LTAD) Update and Competition Restructure

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2008,

Thursday, December 4, 2008

& Friday, December 5, 2008

Time: Following last event

Location: Hershey Centre – Community Room C

***Note:** Meeting times are subject to change.

ACCIDENTS/LIABILITY

Skate Canada and the Volunteer Team undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in these Challenges, 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, Skate Canada, the Volunteer Team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

TICKET INFORMATION

All Team Managers, skaters and their official coaches will receive accreditation for the event. All event and day tickets for the general public will be available at the Hershey Centre Box Office on the day of the event.

The box office will open 1 hour prior to the first competition event and will close approximately 30 minutes after the start of the final event on each day of the competition. Ticket sales schedule is subject to change. All updated ticket information will be posted on www.skatecanada.ca.

Practice tickets will not be sold. All Event Tickets or Daily Event Tickets must be purchased for access to all practices and events.

Ticket prices are outlined in the chart below. Tickets are one price and general admission. Children 12 and under are free and must be accompanied by an adult.

All events	Includes Wednesday through to Sunday	\$30.00
Daily Tickets	Wednesday / Thursday	\$5.00
	Friday / Saturday / Sunday	\$10.00

** Prices do not include service charges.*

CAMERA POLICY

Ticket holders 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.

- Absolutely no video cameras or digital cameras using video are allowed
- 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

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The tentative competition schedule will be posted on the Skate Canada Members Only website and the Skate Canada website (www.skatecanada.ca). The final schedule will be posted in the same location following the completion of the BMO Skate Canada Sectionals.

Warm-up Groups

Warm-up groups will be based on the draw for the first portion of each event. Please note that there will be no program music played during practices and practice groups will be determined by skating order. The start order will be available at registration.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE (Skate Canada Rule 5401)

Entrants in Canadian Championship events, or qualifying events for Canadian Championships shall be:

- (1) **Eligible Person Status:** Be eligible persons as defined in Skate Canada Rule book Section 2100.
- (2) **Associate Member:** Be Associate members in good standing of the Association.
- (3) **CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP:** Be Canadian citizens within the meaning of the Citizenship Act, RSC 1985. If the individual is not a Canadian citizen, such individual must have permanent resident status and have resided in Canada for at least one year prior to the date of the Championships they wish to enter. Also, if the entrant is of legal age, the entrant must file a declaration to indicate that he intends in good faith to become a Canadian citizen. If the entrant is an alien minor, he and the living parents (or guardians if both parents are deceased) must have also filed a sworn statement with the Chief Executive Officer of Skate Canada that said minor intends to become a citizen as soon as legally possible.

In the case of a pair or an ice dance couple, at least one partner must be a Canadian citizen. The other partner may be a citizen or resident of a country of any other ISU Member and need not reside in Canada.

- (4) **Anti-Doping Policy and Doping Control Policy:** Agree to be subject to Association rules and regulations regarding doping controls, on an announced or unannounced basis, as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Such rules and regulations shall be entitled “Skate Canada Anti-Doping Policy and Doping Control Program” and shall be made available to potential entrants upon request to their Section or the National Office. (See Skate Canada Policies and Procedures.)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY (Part of Skate Canada Rule 5402)

- (1) **Test Requirements:** Competitors wishing to enter qualifying events leading to, and the Junior Nationals and Canadian Championships shall have passed the tests as listed in Skate Canada Rule 5404 (see below) by October 1 preceding the Championships. A skater may also be considered qualified having passed a higher test or parts thereof as long as the minimum test requirement is fulfilled. For example, a skater who has completed the Junior Free Program but no other competitive test parts is considered eligible for the Novice category also if other eligibility requirements are also met.
- (2) **Age Prerequisites:** Competitors wishing to enter qualifying events leading up to, and including the Junior Nationals and Canadian Championships shall meet the age requirements to compete as listed in Rule 5404 (see below).

RESTRICTIONS TO ENTRY (Part of Skate Canada Rule 5403)

- (1) **Junior National Championships:**
 - (a) **Competing in the same event discipline:** No one shall compete in the same discipline (Singles, Pairs, Dance) in the same event (Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Novice) at Junior Nationals more than three times.
 - (b) **Winner of an event discipline:** The winner or the winning pair or dance couple of an event discipline shall not be eligible for the same event discipline again.

TEST AND AGE PREREQUISITES FOR COMPETING (Part of Skate Canada Rule 5404)

(1) PRE-NOVICE EVENTS:

(a) Singles:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Pre-Novice Competitive Singles test or higher.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

(b) Pairs:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Pre-Novice Competitive Pair test or higher.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

(c) Dance:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Pre-Novice Competitive Dance test and the complete Senior Bronze Dance test or higher.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

(2) NOVICE EVENTS:

(a) Singles:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Novice Competitive Singles test or higher.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

(b) Pairs:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Novice Competitive Pair test or higher.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

(c) Dance:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Novice Competitive Dance test or higher.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

(3) JUNIOR EVENTS:

(a) Singles:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Junior Competitive Singles test or higher.
- (ii) **Age:** Shall meet ISU Junior age criteria.

(b) Pairs:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Junior Competitive Pair test or higher.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

(c) Dance:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Junior Competitive Dance test or higher.
- (ii) **Age:** Shall meet ISU Junior age criteria.

ISU Junior Age Requirements

Junior	Women: must not be 19 before July 1 preceding the competition	Men: must not be 19 before July 1 preceding the competition	Pair: no age requirement	Dance: must not be 19 for Women and 21 for men before July 1 preceding the competition
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(4) SENIOR EVENTS:

(a) Singles:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Senior Competitive Singles test.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

(b) Pairs:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Senior Competitive Pair test.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

(c) Dance:

- (i) **Test:** Must have passed the Senior Competitive Dance test.
- (ii) **Age:** No age requirement.

SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM 13 BMO SKATE CANADA SECTIONALS TO WESTERN AND EASTERN CHALLENGE EVENTS (Part of Skate Canada Rules 7403 AND 7407)

(1) **PRE-NOVICE, NOVICE AND JUNIOR SKATERS TO SKATE CANADA WESTERN OR EASTERN CHALLENGE:**

- (a) **PRE-NOVICE, NOVICE AND JUNIOR EVENTS EXCEPT QUEBEC:** Pre-Novice, Novice and Junior competitors who place first, second, third and fourth in each of the Sectional qualifying events, except Quebec Section, may be selected to represent the Section in the respective Skate Canada Challenge competition, but the selection of fewer than four entries shall be at the discretion of the Section Executive.
- (b) **PRE-NOVICE, NOVICE AND JUNIOR EVENTS IN QUEBEC:** Pre-Novice, Novice and Junior competitors who place first through eighth in the Quebec Sectional qualifying event, may be selected to represent the Section in the respective Skate Canada Challenge competition, but the selection of fewer than eight entries shall be at the discretion of the Section Executive.

(2) **SENIOR SKATERS TO CHALLENGE:**

- (a) **ALL SENIOR EVENTS:** Senior competitors who place first, second, third and fourth (first through eighth inclusive in Quebec) in the Sectional qualifying event, may be selected by the relevant Section to represent the Section in the Challenge competition without further qualification.
- (b) **SPECIAL SITUATION FOR SKATERS WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:** Competitors who register for Senior events at Sectionals, and who have been assigned a Senior Grand Prix or Junior Grand Prix Final event shall be granted an automatic entry into the Senior Canadian event of the same discipline in the same competitive season.

Competitors who register for the Senior events at Sectionals, and have been assigned a Junior Grand Prix or Senior International competition shall be granted an automatic entry into the Senior Challenge event of the same discipline in the same competitive season.

- (c) **SENIOR AUTOMATIC BYES:** Senior competitors who placed first, second or third at the previous Canadian Championships will be granted an automatic entry into the Canadian Championships.

(3) **BYED SKATERS:**

Those who have been granted byes through Sectional qualifying events (see Byes Policy in **Policies and Procedures**) may enter their Skate Canada Challenge event or Canadian Championship event applicable without further qualification. Any such entries will be in addition to those defined previously.

(4) **ALTERNATES:**

The next placed competitor in each Sectional event may be nominated as an alternate entry and may replace an entrant who has withdrawn before the start of the event.

SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM BMO SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS TO JUNIOR NATIONALS AND CANADIANS (Part of Skate Canada Rule 7407)

- (1) **FINAL RESULT:** The final result in each Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge event shall determine the competitors eligible to enter the equivalent Junior National Championships event as follows:

- (a) **PRE-NOVICE:** Each Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge is entitled to enter the top third, rounded to the next whole number, or top eight placed skaters (whichever is greater) in each Pre-Novice event at the Junior National Championships. The number will be calculated based on the number of skaters receiving marks and a placement in at least one part of the competition.

- (b) **NOVICE:** In addition to any Novice individual byes, each Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge is entitled to enter the top third, rounded to the next whole number, or top eight placed skaters (whichever is greater) in each Novice event at the Junior National Championships. The number will be calculated based on the number of skaters receiving marks and a placement in at least one part of the competition.
- (c) **JUNIOR:** In addition to any Junior individual byes, each Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge is entitled to enter the top half, rounded to the next whole number, or top ten placed skaters (whichever is greater) in each Junior event at the Canadian Championships. The number will be calculated based on the number of skaters receiving marks and a placement in at least one part of the competition.
- (d) **SENIOR:**
- (i) **SENIOR SINGLES:** The maximum number of competitors in the Senior singles events shall be 18. Such entries shall be filled in accordance with subsection (e) below.
- (ii) **SENIOR PAIR:** The maximum number of competitors in the Senior Pairs event shall be 12. Such entries shall be filled in accordance with subsection (e) below.
- (iii) **SENIOR DANCE:** The maximum number of competitors in the Senior Dance events shall be 15. Such entries shall be filled in accordance with subsection (e) below.
- (e) **DETERMINING SENIOR ENTRIES:** The Senior events at the Canadian Championships shall be filled in accordance with the following priority until such time as the maximum number of competitors for the relevant event has been reached:
- (i) firstly, those competitors who have received an automatic or individual bye; and
- (ii) the balance of the entries shall be determined in accordance with the results of the Skate Canada Senior Challenge event, as applicable.
- (f) **NORMAL QUOTA AT JUNIOR NATIONALS AND CANADIANS NOT EXCEEDED:** When an event capacity at Canadians is not exceeded (i.e. 20 in Junior; 18 for Senior Singles, 12 for Senior Pair and 15 for Senior Dance) after the total number of entries from the Western and Eastern Challenge are combined, that event will be held but may not be compulsory at either Challenge competition even if the maximum event quota at one of the Challenge competitions is exceeded.

- (g) **ALTERNATES:** The next placed Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge entry may replace an entrant who has withdrawn before the start of an event.

Please see eligibility, test and age prerequisites and specifications for events details in the Skate Canada Rule Book (Rulebook Section 5000, and the Event Management Handbook) for the Canadian Championships and Junior Nationals.

SERVICES

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical services for athletes competing at the Western and Eastern Challenge include rink-side emergency coverage during all practices and competition. There will also be a medical clinic at the Hershey Centre and physiotherapy services available for limited hours during the day.

SKATE SHARPENING

Skate sharpening will be available on call through Operations at all times throughout the week. Blades should be in good condition before arrival.

TRANSPORTATION

Airport

Each hotel listed in this package provides free airport shuttle to transport officials and teams to and from Pearson International.

Event Transportation

Transportation will be provided for all team leaders, skaters and their accredited coaches from the hotels listed in this package to registration at the Hershey Centre and to the Hershey Centre for practices and competition. Accreditation badges must be shown upon boarding the shuttle. A schedule will be available at registration.

A Transportation/Information desk will be open at the Toronto Airport Marriott and the Hershey Centre.

Event Shuttle Access for Non-Accredited Persons

Bus passes for parents/chaperones can be purchased at the transportation/information desk located at the Hershey Centre - Accredited Entrance for the cost of \$25.00. In the event that a bus pass is lost or stolen, a replacement fee of \$25.00 will be required.

Skaters and officials have priority seating on the shuttle buses and pass holders may be asked to wait for the next shuttle in order to accommodate accredited participants.

VIDEOGRAPHER

The official videographer for this event is **Occipital Productions**.

Occipital Productions
2548 Marquette
Longueuil, QC J4K 0A3
Email: masse.eric@videotron.ca

Video order forms will be available on Members Only at a later date.

SKATING LOUNGE

Minimal refreshments and snacks will be available in the Skating Lounge at the Hershey Centre.

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