



MEMORANDUM

To: All Skate Canada Competitive Judges

From: Elizabeth MacKay, Chair, Skating Programs Committee
Leanna Caron, Chair, Officials Coordinating Committee

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Subject: Program Component Bench Marks for Competitive Tests

At this time of year, when many skaters are trying to meet the final deadline for competitive tests for the 2008-09 season, the Skating Programs Committee and the Officials' Coordinating Committee would like to remind you that the recent revisions that took place with the competitive tests in competition rely heavily on the accuracy with which you assign program component scores, in particular Skating Skills, in competition.

The competitive tests have set bench mark program component scores as "entry level" standards for each level of competition. These benchmarks must be used in competition if the test results are to be accurate and valid. The benchmarks are as follows:

Juvenile: 2.00
Pre-Novice: 2.50
Novice: 2.75
Junior: 3.00
Senior: 3.50

As you are judging competitions, please remember to reference these benchmarks not only for competitive test purposes where it is critical, but also for each and every skater in the competition.. For each component score, if you determine that the skater/ team has met or exceeded entry level standards then you must ensure that the score you award is at or above this benchmark.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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