



ANNOUNCEMENT

2010 FUTURES – CENTRAL INVITATIONAL COMPETITION

Dates: March 6 - 7, 2010
Location: Galt Arena Gardens,
98 Shade St., Cambridge, ON
Hosted By: Grand River Region
Sanctioned By: Skate Canada – Western Ontario
Rink Sizes: 85' X 185'
Closing Date: January 20, 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION

All Skate Canada – Western Ontario (WO) sanctioned skating competitions will be conducted in accordance with the regulations set forth by Skate Canada. All rule amendments passed at the Skate Canada Annual Meeting, and taking affect July 1st of each year will be applied.

A FreeSkate category is considered the first (1st) category when entering any WO sanctioned competition. If entering more than one category, all other categories entered (i.e. Skills, Dance etc) should be considered as "Additional" categories. **Each category entered requires a separate entry form to be submitted with appropriate entry fees.**

For all categories (except CanSkate) the appropriate Skate Canada Well Balanced Program criteria shall be followed (this includes all Western Ontario defined Recreational (Limited) and STARSkate categories).

ENTRY FEES

CATEGORIES OFFERED EACH CATEGORY ENTERED REQUIRES A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM	1ST CATEGORY	"ADDITIONAL" CATEGORIES
Singles – CanSkate	\$55.00 per skater	
Singles – WO Recreation (Pre-Preliminary "A" Limited to Preliminary "B" Limited)	\$55.00 per skater	
Singles – STARSkate (Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary)	\$55.00 per skater	
Special Needs (CSO rules) – Singles (Level 1-5) Freeskate	\$55.00 per skater	n/a
Pairs (Level 1 & 2)	\$55.00 per team	\$50.00 per team
Dance (Level 1 – 3)	\$55.00 per team	\$50.00 per team

Competitors must register by fully completing the entry form as posted separately on the WO Competition Schedule on the Skate Canada – Western Ontario website (www.skating-wos.on.ca). Registration fees are to be submitted with each entry form by cheque or money order. **Cash is not the preferred method of payment. Postdated cheques will NOT be accepted. (NSF charges of \$40.00 will apply)**

Make payable to **"Grand River Skating Council"**.

Mail or Courier payment with entry forms to:

REGISTRAR – Futures Central
Grand River Skating Council,
Brandie Gairns,
110 Turnbull Court, Unit 1,
Cambridge, Ontario
N1T 1K6

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Technical Representative	Sheri Bradshaw	N/A	
LOC Contact	Fred Germann	(519) 746-6544	ger5@rogers.com
LOC Registrar	Brandie Gairns	(519) 302-0353 fax (519) 302-0352	sbtmac@rogers.com
WO Championship Chair	Keith Fishwick	(519)458-4069	keithf@xplornet.com

CALLS NOT ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 P.M.

For further information, please contact the LOC (Local Organizing Committee) Chairs as listed above.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

Skaters must ensure that their Skate Canada / U.S.F.S.A. membership fees have been paid by their Home Club for the current skating year. Please refer to the Skate Canada Rule Book for the Home Club rule.

Skaters must be eligible persons and members in good standing with their Home Club and Skate Canada or the U.S.F.S.A. to be eligible to compete at any Skate Canada – Western Ontario sanctioned Event.

ELIGIBILITY & TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Please refer to the general notes included in the 2009-2010 WO Competition Technical Package for additional technical requirements and entry / qualification restrictions.

AGE PREREQUISITES:

For all NON-QUALIFYING categories (WO, STARSkate and Competitive) – AGE qualifications are as of the Closing Date of the competition. For changes of category and withdrawals before the Closing Date, the Host Committee reserves the right to charge an administration fee of \$20.00. Entry fees will not be refunded for withdrawals after the Closing Date. See also REFUNDS below.

Any skater entered in an age-restricted category for which they are not age-qualified shall be disqualified and not allowed to change categories after the start of the competition. Entry fees shall not be refunded.

PROOF OF AGE MAY BE REQUESTED AT REGISTRATION FOR ENTRIES WITH AGE RESTRICTIONS.

TEST PREREQUISITES:

For all NON-QUALIFYING categories (WO, STARSkate and Competitive) – All Competitors shall have passed the test requirements as presented in the Skate Canada Rule Book before the Closing Date of the competition.

ENTRY & CLOSING DATE INFORMATION

All should be advised that categories / events may close prior to the announced date should maximum numbers be reached.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:

All entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by midnight **January 20, 2010** (not postmarked).

Please ensure that forms are fully completed and signed or they may not be processed. In order to guarantee entry, applications should be mailed as soon as possible. Categories will be filled on a 'first come reservation basis', as determined by the date of receipt of the application and category entered.

The Technical Representative in consultation with the Host Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any category or cancel a category for insufficient entries. Competitors that have entered such a category will be notified of their options through their coach.

Competition categories may be cancelled if "qualified" judges are not available. This is at the discretion of the Technical Representative in consultation with the Host Committee. A category with less than 4 skaters may be combined or cancelled.

LATE ENTRIES: Entries will close as of the closing date of the event. No late entries will be accepted. At the sole discretion of the Technical Representative, a late entry may be accepted in extenuating circumstances and be subject to receipt of the late entry fee of \$50.00 per category entered.

NSF Cheques – a charge of \$40.00 will be applied to all returned NSF cheques. The skater will not be allowed to skate until all entry fees and NSF charges have been paid by cash or certified cheque.

REFUNDS: Entry fees shall be refunded ONLY in the following circumstances:

- If the entry is withdrawn in writing **before** the Closing Date (subject to a \$20.00 administration fee)
- If the category is not held (no administration fee).
- If the category is full when your application is received (no administration fee).
- Medical Refund – the skater must notify the Host committee of their withdrawal prior to the start of the first skate of the competition and provide the host committee with a medical certificate within 14 days of the completion of the competition (no administration fee).

Changing of categories after application has been received will be subject to a \$20.00 administration fee.

CONFIRMATIONS & SCHEDULES

FLIGHT LISTS (showing skaters in alphabetical order by last name) and a Tentative Competition Schedule will be posted as soon as possible after the Closing Date of the Competition on the Skate Canada – Western Ontario website: www.skating-wos.on.ca

After reviewing the lists, all questions and/or concerns should be directed to the Registrar immediately.

No other form of confirmation will be provided to the skaters or coaches.
Changes to the posted Flight Lists or Schedule will NOT be reflected on the website.

Skaters and Coaches are responsible for verifying their latest skating times upon registration.

Unaccepted applications will be returned by the host committee.

REGISTRATION

The following procedure shall be implemented for all competitions. This complete procedure is the SKATERS' responsibility and as such ONLY the SKATER can register.

The LOC shall provide an efficient collection and return method for the Music.

Registration Process

- ALL Music for all categories SHALL be registered FIRST. The SKATER'S signature is required.
- The skater will be given a ticket when they have completed the registration of ALL their music.
- All music shall be registered at the same time.
- Then the Skater may present themselves to be accredited and receive ID and other papers and info.

RETURN of MUSIC Process

OBO Judged Categories (6.0 system) – Music may be picked up immediately after the result is posted.

PRACTICE ICE

PRACTICE ICE: Will not be available.

WO MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: Information regarding the appropriate software programs to use in order to ensure CD's are compatible with the WO music equipment is available from the Skate Canada – Western Ontario (WO) Audio Personnel. wosaudio@execulink.com
OR www.skating-wos.on.ca

1. General
 - i) Each compact disc shall be a standard CD-R compact disc and enclosed in a single transparent plastic CD case. (**DO NOT use CD-RW**)
 - ii) Music on CD must be in **wav** format. (**NOT** mp3, iTunes or DVD format)
 - iii) Skaters should keep a CD in a safe place for use at **COMPETITIONS ONLY**.
2. Music Information
 - i) Music information shall be completed in detail as required on Entry Form for each skater or team.
3. Music Registration
 - i) Each skater or team shall register ALL music at the music registration desk.
 - ii) Each skater or team shall register 1 copy of each program.
(**Recommendation:** Each skater or team to carry a **second** copy of his or her music at rink side.)
4. Labeling

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

 - a) Label on CD case back insert **ONLY**. CD must be visible in front of case.
 - b) IDENTIFY CD by writing on front of CD using an approved pen. Do not use ballpoint pen.
(Use of a fine or medium point Sharpie is OK)
 - c) **DO NOT** write on recorded side of CD **OR** apply STICK ON Labels to CD.
5. Recording Specifications
 - i) Only one program (using one track only) shall be recorded on each CD.
 - ii) Music shall be recorded on CD so that it starts within not less than **.25 second** and not more than **.5 second** after PLAY button is pressed on CD player
 - iii) CD recording level shall be a normal, consistent listening level.

WO Music Guidelines are also posted on the WO website www.skating-wos.on.ca.

ACCREDITATION FOR COACHES

Each competitor is entitled to be accompanied by accredited coach and/or choreographer. Coaches are required to register as soon as possible upon arrival.

CURRENT Skate Canada Photo Accreditation **MUST** be worn for entry to restricted areas. A \$20.00 fee will be charged for a temporary pass for coaches who have forgotten their Skate Canada Accreditation.

As of July 1, 2009, there will be a \$20.00 fee for coaches coming to WO Competitions with their Skate Canada Western Ontario Accreditation tag that is **NOT** up-to-date.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is the responsibility of the skater and their family.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place skaters as well as a gift for all participants. Presentations for each category will be in the auditorium approximately 15 minutes following the posting of results.

Medal winners are expected to wear skating attire at the medal presentations. Medals will not be handed out prior to the posted awards presentation times. Medal winners are expected to wait for the Awards presentations to receive their medal.

Unclaimed awards will not be forwarded.

PUBLICITY WAIVER

The athlete hereby acknowledges and hereby consents to the use of his or her name, biography and likeness on or in connection with any television or radio program, video/DVD, print media or the advertising and publicizing of such program as may be designated by Skate Canada - WESTERN ONTARIO and waives all rights to remuneration or otherwise in connection with the above. The foregoing is subject to assurance that the eligible status of the athlete will be fully protected by Skate Canada.

MEDICAL

Medical Services for emergency or accidental occurrences will only be provided for skaters. Further reference to the **WO Sport Sciences Medical Coverage Guidelines**. – posted on the Skate Canada – Western Ontario website www.skating-wos.on.ca.

OTHER INFORMATION

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.

MARKING: Closed marking in the 6.0 Judging system will be used for all categories.

SKATE SHARPENING: Skate sharpening will NOT be available ON-SITE. Blades should be in good condition before arrival.

PHOTOGRAPHER & VIDEO CAMERA POLICY: Parents and coaches will be allowed to videotape ONLY their skater's performance using personal video cameras from the seating area. Flash Photography is NOT ALLOWED.

A Professional Videographer and/or Photographer may be available at the competition for your convenience. Please check with registration for further information.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS: A Snack Bar will be available during the Competition. Local restaurants are available in the area. We encourage you to patronize the local businesses / restaurants that have supported each specific event by sponsoring Program advertising.

INFORMATION / LOST & FOUND: Throughout the Competition, information will be available at the Registration / Information Desk. Lost and found items will be kept in this area.

TICKET INFORMATION:

General Admission	\$ 3.00 per day
Children (5 & Under, accompanied by an adult)	FREE

ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Skaters, parents and coaches will be required to book accommodations directly with the hotel of their choice as required.

Hotels in the area:

Super 8
650 Hespeler Road
Cambridge, Ontario N1R 6J8
(519) 622-1070 from \$60

Travelodge
605 Hespeler Road.
Cambridge, Ontario, N1R 6J3
(519) 273 1150 from \$73

Comfort Inn
220 Holiday Inn Drive.
Cambridge, Ontario N3C 1Z2
(519) 658-1100 from \$83

See also --- www.city.cambridge.on.ca

MAP & DIRECTIONS

Reference Internet Map Sites (i.e. arenamaps.com, mapquest.com, mapblast.com etc.) for view of map and directions.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Refer to the 2008-2009 WO Competition Technical Package as posted on the Skate Canada – Western Ontario web site www.skating-wos.on.ca, and the Skate Canada Technical Handbook for all category requirements.

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www.skating-wos.on.ca