



2010 BMO Skate Canada “SECTIONALS” Western Ontario (WO) Championships

Dates: November 12-15, 2009
Location: RBC Centre (formerly Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre)
Hosted By: Bluewater Region Skating Council and
Skate Canada - Western Ontario
Rink Sizes: Main Rink 85' x 200'
Rink # 2 85' x 200'
Closing Date: October 1, 2009

The BMO Skate Canada Sectionals - Western Ontario Championships is a qualifying event to:

2010 BMO Skate Canada Challenge
2010 BMO Skate Canada Junior National Championships
2010 BMO Skate Canada Canadian Championships
2010 Ontario Winter Games

PURPOSE OF SECTIONALS

Sectionals identify the top skaters in each province (Ontario having four Sections) for advancement to the next round of qualifying events ultimately leading to Junior Nationals and the Canadian Championships. Sectionals is a skater's first exposure to competitive stream competition, and is to be organized from a technical perspective as closely as possible to the Canadian Championships in terms of rules and competitive experience.

Each Sectionals event is title sponsored by BMO, and may be sponsored locally in accordance with Skate Canada Marketing Guidelines. The planning and execution of each Sectional Championship is delegated to the Section and/or its host committee with support from Skate Canada nationally, and the event is under the technical supervision of a Technical Representative assigned by the Section. Skate Canada provides each Section with an orientation kit outlining the responsibilities associated with BMO's involvement.

Sectionals allow the Section to feature their talented skaters, train officials and volunteers, recognize sponsors, and provide entertaining skating for audiences at the provincial level.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2010 BMO Skate Canada Sectionals will be conducted in accordance with the regulations as set forth in the Skate Canada Rulebook. Refer specifically to Section 7400, Qualifying Competitions and Championships and to Section 5000 for specific technical information.

If there are four or fewer entries in the Sectional competition, the Section may elect to cancel the competition and may approve the entry of the relevant competitors to the BMO Skate Canada Challenge competition of the same category.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Technical Representative	Pat LeBlanc	905-309-3707	pleblanc003@sympatico.ca
Local Organizing Committee Chair (LOC)	Donna MacDonald	519-542-6936	dinasc@xcelco.on.ca
WO Championship / Events Chair	Keith Fishwick	519-458-4069	keithf@xplornet.com

For further information, contact the LOC (Local Organizing Committee) Chair.

ENTRY and CLOSING DATE INFORMATION

Competitors must register by fully completing the Skate Canada Sectional application form as posted on the Skate Canada – Western Ontario web site www.skating-wos.on.ca

Registration fees are to be submitted with each entry form by cheque or money order, made payable to **“2010 BMO SECTIONALS”** and received (not post marked) no later than the closing date of **October 1, 2009**

Cash is not the preferred method of payment. Postdated cheques will NOT be accepted. (NSF charges of \$40.00 will apply)

Mail or Courier to: 2010 BMO SECTIONALS
Attn: REGISTRAR
237 Consortium Court
LONDON, Ontario N6E 2S8

The Section in consultation with the Skate Canada National Office must verify the eligibility of all entries.

SKATER ON-LINE PROFILE UPDATE

Skaters are required to update their “skaters profile” on the Skate Canada Members Only web site.

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 Center must be updated:

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

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

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE See Skate Canada Rule # 5401

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY See Skate Canada Rule # 5402

RESTRICTIONS TO ENTRY See Skate Canada Rule # 5403

ENTRY FEES	
CATEGORIES OFFERED	ENTRY FEE
EACH CATEGORY ENTERED REQUIRES A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM	
Singles – Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile (non qualifying)	\$ 100.00 per skater
Singles – Pre-Novice to Senior	\$ 130.00 per skater
Pairs – Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile (non qualifying)	\$ 100.00 per team
Pairs – Pre-Novice to Senior	\$ 130.00 per team
Dance – Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile (non qualifying)	\$ 110.00 per team
Dance – Pre-Novice to Senior	\$ 130.00 per team
All competitors are expected to skate all parts of their category	

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 Chief Referee/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 are paid by cash or certified cheque to the competition.

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.

SKATER REGISTRATION (on site)

Competitors at Sectional Championships must register for the competition before their official practice session, which will be held immediately prior to the first portion of their event.

Music MUST be registered prior to Skater Registration. Skaters shall register ALL required music prior to receiving accreditation.

The Registration Desk for Skaters and Coaches will be located at the RBC Centre (formally Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre – GATE 5, Sarnia, Ontario. Opening time for the Registration Desk will be one hour prior to the beginning of each day of the competition. Accreditation **MUST** be worn for entry to restricted areas. Officials' will register at the Officials Meeting.

The following procedure shall be implemented for all competitions. This complete procedure is the SKATER'S responsibility and as such **ONLY** the SKATER can register and receive the Report Cards.

The LOC shall provide an efficient collection and return method for the Music, Planned Program sheets and the Report Cards.

Registration Process

- ALL Music for all categories (including competitive Planned Program sheets) **SHALL** be registered **FIRST**. The SKATER'S signature is required for both items.
- The skater will be given a ticket when they have completed the registration of **ALL** their music (this includes Competitive Long and/or Short Program and/or Original Dance and/or Free Dance music as well as the required Planned Program sheets).
- 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 and "REPORT CARDS" Process

CPC JUDGED Categories (new scoring system) - Report Cards will be available at Music Registration upon posting of the Segment and/or Category results. Skaters may sign out **SHORT** program music at any time after their skate, provided the "Report Card" is available or has been received at the Open Draw. **LONG** program music will not be returned to the SKATER until the "Report Card" is available.

There will only be **ONE** copy of a "REPORT CARD" produced and this may only be received by the SKATER and must be signed for. Report cards not picked up by the skaters at the competition, shall be available from the Chief Data Specialist for a period of 30 Days.

TEST and AGE PREREQUISITES See Skate Canada Rule # 5404

SPECIFICATIONS for EVENTS at the BMO SKATE CANADA – WESTERN ONTARIO SECTIONALS

The **JUVENILE** (Non-Qualifying), **PRE-NOVICE**, **NOVICE**, **JUNIOR** and **SENIOR** categories shall be conducted as defined in the Skate Canada rulebook. These Announcement Packages describe in detail, the Technical Requirements for Singles, Dance, and Pairs categories and are made available on the Skate Canada web site www.skatecanada.ca

BMO Skate Canada Canadian Championship Announcement and Technical Package.
BMO Skate Canada Junior National Championship Announcement and Technical Package.

The **WO PRE-JUVENILE Non-Qualifying** categories shall be conducted as per the 2009-2010 WO Technical Package and is made available on the Western Ontario web site www.skating-wos.on.ca

SELECTION of ENTRIES to the CHALLENGE, JUNIOR NATIONALS and CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS See Skate Canada Rule # 7407

REGISTRATION for the CHALLENGE EVENT

Western Ontario Section will forward entry forms from the qualified skaters from Sectionals to Skate Canada for the BMO Skate Canada Challenge. Skaters with a BYE shall submit an application form for this event, which will also be forwarded to Skate Canada.

Entry fee is payable to the Skate Canada - Western Ontario following the posting of results at Sectionals.

Please look for the Skate Canada - Western Ontario Registration room at Sectionals.

The following fees are payable after qualification to the national events (Skate Canada Board of Directors' Policy)

- \$200.00 per Singles entry (Pre-Novice / Novice / Junior / Senior)
- \$300.00 per Pair / Dance entry (Pre-Novice / Novice / Junior / Senior)

SELECTION of ENTRIES to the ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

The **Ontario Winter Games Announcement and Technical Package** describe in detail, categories and technical requirements for the events offered and is made available on the Skate Ontario web site www.skateontario.org.

REGISTRATION for the 2010 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

Information will be available for the skaters who qualify for this event and they will be required to complete the appropriate application form. Please look for the Skate Canada - Western Ontario Registration room at Sectionals.

MUSIC

ALL MUSIC MUST BE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN OR COVERED BY THE PERFORMING RIGHTS SOCIETY.

Competitors who have music composed especially for their programs, either in wholly or in part, shall be responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and television, or appropriate clearance from the Performing Rights Society.

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 **CD AUDIO** format (**cda** file). **(NOT mp3, iTunes or DVD)**. For quality it is recommended to burn only music files that are in **WAV** format.
 - iii) Skaters should keep a CD in a safe place for use at **COMPETITIONS ONLY**.
2. Music Information
Music information shall be completed in detail as required on Entry Form for each skater or team.
3. Music Registration
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. 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.
5. Labeling
Each CD will require a **VERSION #** (Ver. #1) and date solo was created (month/year) on CD **ONLY**. {When a skater's music is changed the Version # will change and the date will reflect the date (month/year) of the change}

NO STICK ON LABELS SHALL BE ATTACHED TO EITHER SIDE OF CD's. (Labels cause CD to jam in CD players)

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.

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

CONFIRMATIONS

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.

A copy of the **planned program sheets** must be handed in to the music registration desk at the event. A skater will not be accredited for the event without registering the planned program sheet for each portion of their category. These forms are available on the WO website.

EXHIBITIONS

Skaters who are the only competitor in their category will be required to skate an exhibition in one or all parts of their category and will be evaluated by the panel of judges for that category.

PRACTICE ICE

Upon registration or attendance at an officially scheduled practice session competitors are not permitted to skate on ice other than the official practice or competition ice as scheduled for the event. Violators of this rule shall be subject to suspension from the competition in question.

Practice sessions Pre-Juvenile to Novice will be of 20-minute duration with the Junior and Senior practice sessions being 25 minutes duration. Music will NOT be played at practice sessions except for the Compulsory Dance music.

ACCREDITATION FOR COACHES

See Skate Canada By-law # 2403 (Skate Canada Policies and Procedures).

Two coaches per entry will be accredited. Only two people will be allowed at ice level – determined by the skater/team.

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.

JUDGING SYSTEM

The Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) Judging System will be used for all event categories.

AWARDS

Skate Canada Sectional Medals will be presented to the top 3 finishers of each final category.

The BMO Award of Merit will be presented to the skater with the most outstanding performance of the competition as defined by the award criteria.

It is the responsibility of any skater attaining a medal at WO competitions to wear their skates and skating attire for medal presentations and photos. Medal winners are expected to wait for the Awards presentations to receive their medal. Medals will not be handed out prior to the posted awards presentation times. **Unclaimed awards will not be forwarded.**

The presentation schedule will be available at registration.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is the responsibility of the skater and their family.

CAMERA AND VIDEO CAMERA POLICY

Flash photography is NOT permitted, as it can be detrimental to a skater's performance.

Skate Canada would encourage you to not use cameras or video equipment during Skate Canada organized events out of respect for the safety of competing athletes. Although for the BMO Skate Canada Sectionals – Western Ontario Championships, parents and coaches will be allowed to videotape their skater's performances using personal video cameras from the seating area (no power connections will be available).

A Professional Videographer will be available for your convenience.

SKATE SHARPENING

Skate sharpening will NOT be available on site. Blades should be in good condition before arrival.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical Services are supplied for the skaters only for emergency or accidental occurrences.

Further reference to the **WO Medical Coverage Guidelines** is made available on the Western Ontario web site www.skating-wos.on.ca.

PUBLICITY WAIVER

The athlete, upon acceptance of registration for an event, hereby acknowledges and 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.

BOUTIQUE

Boutique items will be available for sale during the event.

TICKET INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS	
General Admission	\$ 5.00 per day
Children (5 & Under, accompanied by an adult)	FREE

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS

The Arena concession stand will be open at all times during the Competition. There are many well-recognized restaurants in the area. Please consider supporting our sponsors listed in the program.

INFORMATION / LOST & FOUND

Throughout the Competition, information will be available at Operations. Lost and found items will be kept in this area.

ACCOMMODATION

Skaters, parents, coaches will be required to book accommodations directly with the hotels of their choice as required.

Area Hotels:

Best Western - Guildwood Inn

1400 Venetian Blvd.
Sarnia, ON N7T 7W6
519-337-7577 1-800-528-1234
(Restaurant on site)

Comfort Inn

751 North Christina St
Sarnia, ON N7V 1X5
519-383-6767 1-800-434-6423
(Continental Breakfast)

Super 8 Motel

420 North Christina St.
Sarnia, ON N7T 5W1
519-337-3767 1-866-337-3760
(Restaurant on site)

Harbourfront Inn

505 Harbour Rd.
Sarnia, ON N7T 5R8
519-337-5434

Holiday Inn

1498 Venetian Blvd.
Sarnia, ON N7T 7W6
519-336-4130 1-800-465-4329
(Restaurant on site)

Village Inn

751 North Christina St.
Sarnia, ON N7V 1X5
519-344-1157 1-800-669-7907

This ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE – Any Rules or Communications published by the Skate Canada and/or ISU over the summer may have an impact on the Sectional announcement.

WATCH SKATE CANADA – WESTERN ONTARIO WEB SITE FOR CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

www.skating-wos.on.ca