

ANNOUNCEMENT

2010 WESTERN ONTARIO – BOSTON PIZZA STARSkate CHAMPIONSHIPS and ADULT SHOWCASE

Dates: February 19 - 21, 2010
Location: Pyramid Recreation Centre,
317 James St. S., St. Marys, ON
Hosted By: Interclub North Region
Sanctioned By: Skate Canada – Western Ontario
Rink Sizes: Rink 1 85' x 185'
Rink 2 85' x 185'
Closing Date: January 5, 2010

Some categories at this event will qualify to compete at the
2010 HOMESENSE - Trillium STARSkate Championships,
INVISTA Centre, Kingston, ON (March 13-14, 2010)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2010 Skate Canada – Western Ontario (WO) Boston Pizza STARSkate Championships will be conducted in accordance with the regulations 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 and the Policies and Procedures Manual.

To be eligible to skate at the WO Boston Pizza STARSkate Championships, all Competitors must be Home Club members of a Skating Club within Western Ontario Section's nine Regions (Bluewater, Grand River, Hallwent, H.O.M.E., Interclub North, Kent, Niagara, SunParlour, and Tri-County).

The WO Boston Pizza STARSkate Championship event will provide a non-qualifying Showcase for the Adult Singles, Dance, Pairs and Interpretive categories. All Adult competitors are encouraged to attend this event. There is no qualifying required in these categories to attend the National Adult Championship.

Juvenile and Pre-Novice Competitive skaters MAY be eligible to enter equivalent STARSkate categories. Please refer to the explanation of Competitive vs STARSkate found in the ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE information in this announcement.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS and SPECIFICATIONS, INSTRUCTIONS for UNDERSTANDING the WELL BALANCED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS and DEFINATION of TERMS are detailed in the "Skate Canada STARSkate Technical Package – 2009/2010" and made available on the Skate Canada web site.

For the **Trillium Qualifying** categories please refer to the **HomeSense - TRILLIUM STARSkate Championships Announcement and Technical Package** as posted on the Skate Ontario web site – www.skateontario.org

For the **Adult non-qualifying** categories please refer to the Technical Package for the Adult categories to be held at the **2010 National Adult Championships** as posted on the Skate Canada website.

QUALIFYING SINGLES, PAIRS AND DANCE CATEGORIES: If there are more than **twelve (12) entries** in the category, flights will be created with the top skaters of each flight qualifying for the FINAL.

NOTE: Biathlon and Triathlon CATEGORIES will be run as one flight with no qualifying round.

For all categories the appropriate Skate Canada Well Balanced Program criteria shall be followed

CATEGORIES and ENTRY FEES		
CATEGORIES OFFERED EACH CATEGORY ENTERED REQUIRES A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM	1ST CATEGORY	"ADDITIONAL" CATEGORIES
STARSkate CATEGORIES		
Singles – STARSkate (Pre-Preliminary to GOLD)	\$65.00 per skater	n/a
Dance – STARSkate (Preliminary to Diamond)	\$95.00 per couple	\$85.00 per couple
Pairs – STARSkate (Open only)	\$85.00 per couple	\$75.00 per couple
Biathlon – STARSkate (Bronze to Gold) --- Non Qualifying	\$100.00 per team	n/a
Triathlon – STARSkate (Bronze to Gold)	\$110.00 per skater	n/a
STARSkate categories JUNIOR BRONZE and HIGHER will use the CPC judging system		
ADULT" SHOWCASE" CATEGORIES --- Non Qualifying		
Singles	\$65.00 per skater	n/a
Dance (2 comp)	\$95.00 per team	\$85.00 per team
Dance (free dance)	\$95.00 per team	\$85.00 per team
Pairs	\$85.00 per team	\$75.00 per team
Interpretive (all levels)	\$65.00 per skater	\$55.00 per skater
Adult categories will use the CPC judging system		

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 **“Interclub North Region”**.

Mail or Courier payment with entry forms to:

REGISTRAR – Interclub North Region
Registrar – Sandy Fielder
218 Eldon Street
Goderich, ON N7A 3R8

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

CALLS NOT ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 P.M.

Technical Representative	Sandra Wickett	N/A	
LOC Contacts	Sue Fowler	519-284-1567	sue@suefowler.ca
LOC Registrar	Sandy Fielder	(519) 524- 2452	cfielder@cabletv.on.ca
WO Championship Chair	Keith Fishwick	(519)458-4069	keithf@xplornet.com

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

QUALIFICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE (From Skate Canada Rule 5401)

- (1) Be eligible persons as defined in Skate Canada Rule Book Section 2100 (Rule 5401).
- (2) Be Associate members in good standing of the Association (Rule 5401).
- (3) For eligibility in a Sectional STARSkate competition, please note the following restrictions:

WO PRE-JUVENILE SKATERS: Skaters who have competed in the WO Pre-Juvenile categories are **NOT** restricted and may register to compete in the STARSkate category for which they are otherwise qualified at this event.

COMPETITIVE SKATERS: Skaters registered to compete in any event at the Novice or higher level at Sectionals, do not qualify to compete in the STARSkate Championships in any category at any level. Skaters registered to compete in the Juvenile and Pre-Novice level at the Sectional competition may register to compete in categories at the STARSkate level other than those competed in at Sectionals. Please see the table below for the qualifications for entry.

NOTE: For the purposes of interpretation of this regulation, registration for Sectionals is defined as the submission of a registration form for such event.

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

- (1) **WINNER OF A CATEGORY AT A PREVIOUS SECTIONAL Boston Pizza STARSKATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** A previous winner of a Sectional STARSkate Championship category is eligible to re-enter the same category provided that the competitor is still eligible to enter that category.

NOTE: A Winner of a category at a previous HOMESENSE - TRILLIUM STARSkate CHAMPIONSHIPS is not eligible to re-enter the same category.

- (2) **STARSkate TEST PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter the 2010 HOMESENSE – Trillium STARSkate Championships and events leading to it shall meet the test requirements to compete before November 15 preceding the competition
- (3) **ADULT TEST PREREQUISITES:** Competitors entering the Adult Showcase categories shall meet the test requirements to compete as of the closing date of this competition.

Note: Test qualifications for the National Adult Competition shall be as detailed in the Technical Package for the national event posted on the Members Only pages of the Skate Canada Website.

- (4) **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 = Senior Bronze Free Skating Test
 Pre-Novice Competitive Singles Test = Junior Silver Free Skating Test
 Novice Competitive Singles Test = Senior Silver 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.

- (5) In the case where the test requirements deadline for the event is November 15, skaters may skate up in the Free Skate and Dance categories if desired.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Skating up is **not permitted** in the Triathlon and Biathlon events.
- (8) Should a Free Skate 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.
- (9) Skaters may participate in either the STARSkate Sectional Championships or in the National Adult Competition, but not both.
- (10) **ILLEGAL ELEMENTS/MOVEMENTS IN ANY STARSKATE PROGRAM:**

1. Somersault type elements including cartwheels, back flips and rolling on the ice.
2. Lying and/or prolonged stationary kneeling on both knees on the ice at any moment including the splits on the ice.
3. Kneeling or sliding (two knees, legs or combination of body parts) or supporting oneself on the ice with a hand(s).
4. PROPS - Props may not be used. Any item that is held in the hand or removed during the performance is considered to be a prop. Thus, for example, a hat worn throughout the program is not considered to be a prop, but becomes one if it is intentionally removed during the performance. If an item falls off on its own, it is not a prop.

The safety of the skater must be a major consideration in the selection of clothing. Tails, boot covers, and trailing fabric that could trip the skater should be avoided.

There will be a 2.0 point deduction for every illegal element/movement included in the program in CPC or a 0.2 deduction under the 6.0 system.

RESULTS CALCULATION

The "OBO" (one-by-one) results calculation method will be used for PRE-PRELIMINARY and PRELIMINARY Singles and PRELIMINARY Dance categories.

ALL other category elimination flights and FINALS will be judged using the "CPC" System (Cumulative Points Calculation Judging System).

ALL Adult categories will be judged using the CPC system.

EVENT MARKING CRITERIA, TIE BREAKING AND FACTORS

EVENT	MARKING CRITERIA	FACTOR	%	TIE BREAKER
STARSkate CATEGORIES				
Free Skate	Technical Merit, Presentation	1.0	100	2 nd mark
Pairs	Technical Merit, Presentation	1.0	100	2 nd mark
Dance				
Compulsory Dance 1	Technique, Timing/Expression	0.5	50	1 st mark
Compulsory Dance 2	Technique, Timing/Expression	0.5	50	1 st mark
TRIATHLON CATEGORIES **				
Free Skate	Technical Merit, Presentation	1.0	33.3	Components
Skating Skills	Technique, Pacing/Performance	1.0	33.3	Technical
Interpretive *	Skating, Performance	1.0	33.3	IN, PE, CH, SS, TR*
BIATHLON CATEGORIES				
Compulsory Dance 1	Technique, Timing/Expression	0.5	25	Technical
Compulsory Dance 2	Technique, Timing/Expression	0.5	25	Technical
Creative Dance	Composition – Presentation	1.0	50	Components
ADULT CATEGORIES				
Free Skate	Technical Merit, Presentation	1.0	100	2 nd mark
Pairs	Technical Merit, Presentation	1.0	100	2 nd mark
Dance				
Compulsory Dance 1	Technique, Timing/Expression	0.5	50	1 st mark
Compulsory Dance 2	Technique, Timing/Expression	0.5	50	1 st mark
Interpretive *	Skating, Performance	1.0	100	2 nd mark

* Interpretive Events: ties are broken based on the individual component scores in priority according to the order listed.

** Triathlon Events: A tie will be broken after each event part. For example, after the Interpretive program the tie is broken by the Interpretive Program, and after the Free Skate, the Free Skate program result breaks the tie.

ENTRY & CLOSING DATE INFORMATION

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:

All entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by midnight **January 5, 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.

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.

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 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 if applicable) SHALL be registered FIRST. The SKATER'S signature is required for both items.
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- The skater will be given a ticket when they have completed the registration of ALL their music (this includes STARSkate Free, 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.
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- Then the Skater may present themselves to be accredited and receive ID and other papers and info.

RETURN of MUSIC and "REPORT CARDS" Process

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

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 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.

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

Coaches must be a minimum of NCCP Level 1 / Primary STARSkate Certified' and must meet the following accreditation standards:

- be a current professional coaching member of Skate Canada
- hold a valid First Aid Certificate

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.

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.

AWARDS

1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons will be presented for all flights. Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place skater for **FINAL** results in all categories.

Awards presentations will take place 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.

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.

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 ACTION Photographer will 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. Many recognized 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	\$ 5.00 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.

For St Mary's see: www.townofstmarys.com For info on Stratford see: www.city.stratford.on.ca

Hotels in the area:

River Garden Inn

10 Romeo St. N.
Stratford, Ontario N5A 5M7
(519) 271-4650 1-800-741-2135

Arden Park Hotel

552 Ontario St.
Stratford, Ontario N5A 6W4
(519) 275-2936 1-877-788-8818

Festival Inn

1144 Ontario St.
Stratford, Ontario N5A 6Z3
(519) 273-1150 1-800-463-3581

For additional information: London is 30 minutes to the south of St Marys via # 7 and Highbury Avenue or # 4 hwy
Many other hotels exist in the Hwy #401 area of south London
Kitchener / Waterloo is 45 minutes east via # 7 hwy

FILING of ENTRIES for the HOMESENSE – TRILLIUM STARSkate Championships

Please proceed to the Skate Canada – WESTERN ONTARIO Registration Room at the arena immediately following the AWARDS presentation to complete the process of Sign-Up for the next level of qualifying competition. The fees for entry are stated in the TRILLIUM STARSkate Announcement.

Please bring your parent or guardian with their chequebook to the Sign-Up room.

2010 HOMESENSE – TRILLIUM STARSkate Championships:

Top placements, as detailed in the Trillium STARSkate Championship announcement, for all final Trillium qualifying categories will advance to the 2010 HOMESENSE – TRILLIUM STARSkate Championships. Trillium qualifying categories with only one entry will be required to skate an exhibition "FOR COMMENTS" and these skaters will automatically advance to the 2010 HOMESENSE – Trillium STARSkate Championships.

Those skater/teams who have **QUALIFIED** should be willing to enter the **2010 HOMESENSE - Trillium STARSkate Championships to be held at the INVISTA Centre, Kingston, ON, March 13-14, 2010**. Registration for this event must be completed within 24 hours of the completion of the WOBP event; failure to do so may result in the acceptance of the alternate.

NOTE: Changes have been made in the 2010 QUALIFYING CATEGORIES that qualify for this event. Please refer to the announcement of the **2010 HOMESENSE - Trillium STARSkate Championships** for specific details.

Naming of ALTERNATES:

In the event that any qualified competitor is not able to compete at the 2010 HOMESENSE – Trillium STARSkate Championships, the Skate Canada - Western Ontario Championship Committee may select the next best placed competitor in each category as an alternate entry and may replace an entrant who has withdrawn with the named alternate before the start of the Championship event.

MAP & DIRECTIONS

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

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