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CHANGES / CORRECTIONS to this package.

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SKATE CANADA – Western Ontario INFORMATION/GUIDELINE PACKAGE

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

All Skate Canada – Western Ontario (WO) Event Announcements shall take precedence to all information in this document.

This package has been prepared by the Skate Canada – Western Ontario (WO) to document sanction requirements and to standardize categories for competitors with respect to category names, program length, qualifications and required elements.

1. The WO Competition Package shall be a reference for the Technical Requirements for all WO Competitions.

This package is reviewed annually at the end of each season to address issues and concerns from skaters, coaches, host committees and officials. There are changes to the categories being offered at some competitions (see opportunities chart as posted on the WO website). The Section also has placed size limits and hours of skating on all events.

2. All competitions sanctioned by Skate Canada – Western Ontario (WO) shall be bound by the rules and policies of Skate Canada – Western Ontario, Skate Canada, Skate Ontario and appropriate ISU regulations.
3. The WO Section will work with the REGIONS seeking confirmation of host venues.
4. REGIONS hosting WO Sanctioned Competitions are required to participate in all WO Sponsorship requirements i.e. including complimentary program advertising, the Competition “Onsite Testing” program and other programs as determined by the WO Section Board of Directors. The requirements will be detailed in the Annual communication with the REGIONS and will require written acceptance by the Region Hosts.
5. Regional groupings have been designated for the FUTURES competitions. Coaches with Skaters in more than one of the FUTURES events may request to attend the event with the largest number of their Skaters entered. This “Request for Permission” is to be made to the Technical Representative (prior to Closing Date) who will consult with the Host Committee to assure space at that event.
6. It is the responsibility of the Local Organizing Committee/Region (LOC) to contact the WO Championship Director to request permission to apply for a USFSA sanction. Once permission has been granted, the LOC shall notify the WO Championship Chair of the approval of sanction. Application forms are available on line at the USFSA web site.
7. (1) **COMPETITIONS REQUIRING A SANCTION:** With the exception of a club competition (inviting Club members only), all competitions conducted under the jurisdiction of the Association or under the joint jurisdiction of the Association and another skating or sponsoring body requires a sanction by the Association. Such sanction grants permission for the holding of the competition or championships and for the participation of members of the Association.
 - a) **COMPETITIONS INVOLVING USFSA MEMBERS AND FOREIGN SKATERS:** If the competition is to include USFSA skaters, a sanction shall also be obtained from the USFSA. If other foreign skaters are to be included, additional sanctions may be necessary. In this latter case, details may be obtained from the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.
 - b) **INCLUSION OF SANCTION INFORMATION IN PROGRAMS AND ADVERTISEMENTS:** All programs and advertisements regarding a sanctioned competition must state that the competition is sanctioned by Skate Canada.(2) **PARTICIPATION OF SKATE CANADA MEMBERS IN NON-SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS:** Competitions or championships not under the sole or joint jurisdiction of the Association do not require sanction by the Association, but participation of the Association members in such competitions or championships require sanction by the Association.
 - (3) **SANCTIONS FOR EXHIBITIONS CONDUCTED AS PART OF A COMPETITION:** Any exhibition held by the host authorities within forty-eight hours after the close of the competition shall be considered as part of the competition and the sanction for the competition shall specify that such an exhibition be approved. The host shall indicate on the application for a sanction that such an exhibition will take place.
8. Any skater entered in an age-restricted category for which they are not age-qualified shall be disqualified and not permitted 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.

9. Competition at all WO sanctioned events shall NOT commence before **8 am** or be scheduled to begin after **10 pm** (5 pm on Sundays).
10. Summer Sizzle, Isabelle Henderson and Dennis Silverthorne Invitational events shall be 3 full day events with the schedule allowed to begin as early as 8 am Friday but must conclude at 5 pm on Sunday. All other non-qualifying competitions may not be scheduled prior to 6 pm on Friday and must conclude at 5 pm on Sunday. It is realized that at certain events it may be necessary to limit the numbers of applications in certain categories

Please note --- a "Registration Acceptance Priority" process has been implemented. The large events have been classified as to which category types have acceptance priority (Competitive, Development, Qualifying, Adult and Lowest levels first) – see also the Opportunity Chart posted on the WO website.

Competitions with defined Category priorities will be listed in the Event Specific Announcement. Should the competition reach skater capacity (as defined by the available ice time) the Technical Representative in consultation with the LOC shall instruct the Registrar to accept all the **DEFINED PRIORITY** entries and withhold other entries (in documented order of receipt) until the closing date. Under the direction of the Technical Representative, once a draft schedule has been completed additional entries shall be accepted until actual limits are reached.

11. The Technical Representative reserves the right to restrict entries due to scheduling and time constraints.
12. Skater/Team Registration for all events hosted by Western Ontario shall be through the ON-LINE registration process as detailed on the Competition page on the WO website – www.skating-wos.on.ca
Assistance with the online registration process can be obtained by e-mail at memberservice@skating-wos.on.ca
13. Skaters registered to compete in any category at the Novice or higher level at the Sectional Championships, do NOT qualify to compete in the STARSkate Championships in any category at any level. Skaters registered to compete in the Pre-Novice level at the Sectional Championships may register to compete in event categories at the STARSkate level other than those competed in at Sectionals providing they meet all other requirements.

Please see the table below for the qualifications for entry to STARSkate Championships.

CATEGORY (registered at Sectionals)	Events that may be entered at the STARSkate Championships
Novice and higher in Singles, Dance and Pairs	No Categories
Pre-Novice Dance	STARSkate Singles, Pairs, Interpretive, Triathlon
Pre-Novice Singles	STARSkate Dance, Pairs, Interpretive
Pre-Novice Pairs	STARSkate Singles, Dance, Interpretive, Triathlon
Synchronized Skating Skaters may compete in any Category	

14. Categories may be cancelled if "**qualified**" Officials are not available. This will be at the discretion of the Technical Representative. A category with less than 4 skaters **may** be combined or cancelled.
15. When scheduling, every attempt will be made to avoid conflicts. Should conflicts be unavoidable there will be no revisions made to the schedule. It is the responsibility of the Skater to notify the Host committee of a conflict, and the Skater will be required to choose the category he/she will skate. If notified in advance of the start of the competition date, the skater will be given a full refund.
NOTE: refunds will only be authorized if notification is made prior to the start of the FIRST SKATE of the competition.
16. **ON-SITE TESTS:** Gold Free Skating testing will be offered at the Henderson competition and is available for all skaters who enter a Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior or Senior Free Program category. The test application details shall be completed with required fees at the time of the skater's ONLINE entry. Entry deadlines also apply for tests. Skaters trying tests will be required to pay the applicable Skate Canada test fees plus an administration fee of \$10.00 to the LOC.
17. The WO Board approved CAMERA policy, as stated below, shall be in effect for all WO sanctioned events.
WESTERN ONTARIO CAMERA POLICY: Ticket holders are only permitted to use cameras at the event for personal use. Cameras lens must not be larger than 200 mm. Absolutely no video cameras or digital cameras using video are allowed. No flash photography is allowed. Any resale of photography is strictly prohibited.
18. The Local Organizing Committee is responsible for appointing a medical coordinator as part of the LOC, responsible for the organizing and supervision of sufficient coverage for the safety of participants. Medical coverage for competitions requires that there shall be "first responder" attendants available at rink side throughout the duration of the event. Further information is available on the Skate Canada - Western Ontario members only on the Skate Canada website.
19. Questions and requests for further assistance should be directed to the Skate Canada – **Western Ontario Competitions Director** or to the Section office at 1-519-686-0431(ext 23), fax 1-519-686-0593 or email programs@skating-wos.on.ca
20. Phone calls to any Organizing Committee not accepted after 10:00 p.m.

B. TECHNICAL REFERENCE INFORMATION

The Technical Requirements for the following Events take precedence over other information published by Skate Canada – Western Ontario Championship Committee.

Skate Canada - Challenge Announcement and Technical Package.

Skate Canada / Canadian Tire - Canadian Championship Announcement and Technical Package.

The above announcement packages describe events, categories and technical requirements for Qualifying categories for Singles, Dance, Pairs as defined in the Skate Canada Rulebook and made available on the Skate Canada web site www.skatecanada.ca

ONTARIO Region Synchronized Skating Championships

Skate Canada Synchronized National Championships

The above announcement packages describe events, categories and technical requirements for Qualifying Events for the National Synchronized Skating Championships. The details are covered in the Skate Canada Rulebook, Skate Canada document "Synchronized Skating Program requirements" and made available on the Skate Canada web site www.skatecanada.ca

Skate Ontario Championships – STARSkate including Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile Singles, Dance and Pairs

The announcement packages describe the events, categories and technical requirements leading up to the Skate Ontario Championships. Qualifying is done through the WO STARSkate Championships. Please see the Skate Ontario web site www.skateontario.org for the competition announcements and technical package.

Special Needs / Special Olympics Competitions

Skate Canada – Western Ontario will be offering categories to our Special Needs Competitors at designated competitions. These categories shall be as defined by the Special Olympics technical guidelines. The complete Special Needs technical package can be obtained from the Special Olympics web site.

http://www.specialolympics.org/Special+Olympics+Public+Website/English/Compete/Sports_Rules/Winter+Sports.htm

Skate Canada Adult Championships

Skate Canada Technical Guidelines for Adult categories (Singles, Dance, Pairs, Interpretive and Synchronized Skating) shall apply to any Western Ontario competition specifically designated to offer these categories. The WO STARSkate Championships event will provide a non-qualifying Invitational for the Adult Singles, Dance, Pairs and Interpretive categories. There is no qualifying required in Singles, Dance, Pairs, Interpretive and Synchronized Skating to attend the National Adult Championship. Other Invitational events offer some or all Adult categories. The complete Technical packages are made available on the Skate Canada web site www.skatecanada.ca

OUA – Ontario University Athletics Competitions

The OUA announcement packages describe the categories and technical requirements for the events offered during the season. The Varsity Technical package is made available on the Skate Canada – Western Ontario web site www.skating-wos.on.ca/programs/varsity

Canada Winter Games

The above announcement package describes the categories and technical requirements for the events offered during the 2018 - 2019 season. Please see the Skate Canada website www.skatecanada.ca for this information.

C. GENERAL NOTES

FOR ALL CATEGORIES OFFERED AT COMPETITIONS SANCTIONED BY SKATE CANADA – WESTERN ONTARIO

All Event Announcements shall take precedence to all information in this document.

RECREATIONAL:

STAR 1 – 10, Gold (includes Triathlon & Interpretive) / WO Development Program / Adult

The following notes apply to all Recreational categories as applicable. (Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile are for interpretation of this document deemed as Competitive).

1. STARSkate singles, dance and pair categories a competitor MAY skate up.
2. Skating up is **NOT** allowed in STARSkate Triathlon, STARSkate Interpretive and STARSkate Interpretive Couples categories at any level or event.
3. Skaters may enter only one segment in each of Singles free, Pairs free, Pattern Dance, Free Dance, Solo Pattern Dance, Interpretive Singles, Interpretive Couples and Element categories. Maximum number of entries per skater will be 3 events.
4. Triathlon competitors will **NOT** be allowed to enter any additional free skate and/or single interpretive categories at an Invitational competition. However, at the WO STARSkate Championships they **may enter** other additional qualifying STARSkate categories.
5. For all categories appropriate **Skate Canada Well Balanced Program** criteria shall be followed.
6. The Cumulative Point Calculation (CPC) judging system with Video replay as applicable will be used for all STARSkate - Singles, (STAR 5 and higher), Dance (STAR 5 and higher), Pairs, Triathlon, Interpretive and Interpretive Couples categories (Bronze and higher). Skaters will receive their SKATERS DETAILS SHEET with the return of their music.
7. Pre-Juvenile competitors may enter a STARSkate category for which they are qualified at events where no Pre-Juvenile categories are offered.
8. Should a category have only one entry at closing date, the skater/team will be given the option to skate at the next level up or withdraw. In the case of a Dance category with only one entry, there is no option to skate at the next level up, however at the skaters' choice an exhibition will be allowed. Entries in the Adult categories is traditionally low, therefore it is expected that all categories with only one entry will be skated. The LOC shall contact the coach to confirm all category changes. A full refund shall be given if the withdrawal choice is made.
9. Categories reduced to one entry after ALPHA flight postings, but prior to the start of the event, will be allowed to skate if so desired. The LOC must make every effort to notify the remaining competitor of the option to move up to the next level, skate an exhibition or withdraw. A full refund shall be given if the withdrawal choice is made.
10. **STAR 1, 2 and 3 categories:** Based on entry numbers, skaters in these categories may be grouped by age.
11. **STAR 4 and 5 categories:** Skaters will be divided into 3 age groupings: U10, U13 and 13 & over. An age group with less than 4 entries may be combined as determined by the Technical Representative.
12. **FLIGHTING: STAR 1 – 5:** Skaters will be flighted based on the following guidelines:
 - STAR 1 – maximum of 6 skaters – boys and girls may be combined in flights
 - STAR 2 and 3 – maximum of 8 skaters – boys and girls may be combined in flights
 - STAR 4 and 5 – maximum of 12 skaters – boys and girls must be in separate flights
13. **STARSkate - Freeskate (STAR 5 and Higher), Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile - FreeSkate, Dance, Solo Dance, Interpretive and Interpretive Couples categories:**

Flights will be created for categories as necessary using the following criteria --- the number of skaters in a flight will be limited to 16 for **Singles** and **Interpretive**, 15 for **Dance** and 12 for **Pairs** or less. See the event specific notes (page 16, item iv) of this document for details of the flight process and sizes for the WO STARSkate Championships.
14. **Triathlon:** Categories will be skated as one flight. **Triathlon skaters may be required to skate, because of scheduling limitations, more than 1 segment of their event on the same day.**

15. **Development Program Categories:**

Level 1 and 2 categories – Flights will be created as necessary with a maximum of 16 skaters – each flight being considered a final with medals being awarded. Top 4 skaters in each flight will advance to a final; medals may be awarded for the final.

Level 3 categories – Flights will **NOT** be created for this category with medals being awarded for the final results

16. Data Specialists shall ensure that AGE and then CLUB sorts have been applied to the fighting of groups as directed by the Technical Representative for applicable categories.
17. The Skate Canada Series 8 Dance Music will be used.
18. Dances are to be skated in order listed. Please reference the Skate Canada Technical Handbook – “Figure Skating Terms Defined”.
19. For STARSkate Pattern Dance, STARSkate Solo Pattern Dance and Adult Pattern Dance categories, the dance draws and number of sequences (patterns) to be skated shall be as posted on the Skate Canada website.
20. Skater(s) will be disqualified from the competition if entered in the wrong age level and/or category.
21. Medal winners are expected to wear skating attire at medal presentations.

COMPETITIVE

Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior

The following notes apply to all categories as applicable.

1. For ALL categories (Singles, Pairs and Dance) except at qualifying events, skating up is allowed.
2. The Cumulative Point Calculation (CPC) judging system with Video replay, as applicable, will be used for these categories. Skaters will receive their SKATERS DETAILS sheet at the draw for the next portion of their event OR with the return of their music.
3. Should a category have only one entry at closing date, the LOC shall contact the skaters' coach, giving the skater(s) the option to skate at the next level or skate an exhibition or withdraw. In the case of a Dance category with only one entry, there is no option to skate at the next level. A full refund shall be given if the withdrawal choice is made.
4. Categories reduced to one entry after ALPHA flight postings, but prior to the start of the event will be allowed to skate if so desired. The LOC must make every effort to notify the remaining competitor of the option to move up to the next level, skate an exhibition or withdraw. A full refund shall be given if the withdrawal choice is made.
5. For all categories the appropriate **Skate Canada Well Balanced Program Criteria** shall be followed.
6. For all categories AGE and technical requirements refer to the Skate Canada Rule Book and Technical Handbook.
7. All categories shall be **combined categories** unless specifically indicated otherwise in the event specific announcement.
8. Short Program and Short dance elements shall be as per Skate Canada Notice Board.
9. **Pre-Novice to Senior categories:** at non-qualifying events, flights will be created for large categories as necessary using the following criteria --- the number of skaters in a flight will be limited to 16 for **Singles**, 15 for **Dance** and 12 for **Pairs** or less
10. Pattern Dances and restrictions shall be those announced for the Sectional qualifying event for the current season as set out in the Skate Canada Technical Handbook or “Notice Board” unless specifically indicated otherwise. Dances are to be skated in Rulebook order. Please reference the Skate Canada Technical Handbook – “Figure Skating Terms Defined”.
11. For Competitive PATTERN DANCE categories, the dance draws and number of sequences (patterns) to be skated shall be as posted on the Skate Canada website.
12. Competitive Dance categories will use the applicable music as per Skate Canada Rules.
13. All rule amendments will be applied as per the effective date.
14. Medal winners are expected to wear skating attire at medal presentations.

D. ACCREDITATION and MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

FOR ALL CATEGORIES OFFERED AT COMPETITIONS SANCTIONED BY SKATE CANADA – WESTERN ONTARIO

SKATER ACCREDITATION

At all Western Ontario events where the CPC system of judging is used Skaters/Teams must submit their Planned Program Sheets at the onsite registration before their accreditation will be processed.

Planned Program Sheets

Planned Program Sheets must be updated on the Skater's Profile page on the Skate Canada website. A copy of these forms shall be submitted with their music at the on-site registration at the event. The LOC shall provide an efficient process for the collection of Music and Planned Program sheets as well as the return of music and the Report Cards. The onsite registration group will enforce this collection process and provide to the Technical Specialists the PPS within reasonable time prior to the category start time.

Note: **Planned Program Sheets** are required for all STARSkate Singles (STAR 5 and higher), Pairs, Triathlon and Adult, all Pre-Juvenile categories (including Development Program Level III), all Juvenile, COMPETITIVE (Pre-Novice to Senior) and for ALL categories at Synchronized Skating competitions.

ONSITE Registration Process

ALL Music and Planned Program Sheets for all categories shall be registered first (the Skaters/Teams signature is required for both items). All music shall be registered at the same time (i.e. Short and Free programs) at qualifying events. Skaters/teams will be given a ticket when they have completed the registration of ALL their music and PPS as applicable for the competition. They may now present themselves to be accredited and receive their ID, other papers and info.

RETURN of MUSIC and “REPORT CARDS” Process and Clarification

CPC Judged Categories - Report Cards will be available at Music Registration upon posting of the Segment and/or Category results. The Skaters/Teams may sign out short program music and report card at any time after their skate provided the “Report Card” is available. Free 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 Skaters/Teams and must be signed for. Report cards not picked up by the skaters at the competition will only be available as posted on the web at www.skating-wos.on.ca

Report Card clarifications - Coaches and skaters are encouraged to ask for explanations on the skater's report card if needed.

- a) All **informal requests** for clarification of decisions of the officials categorized as “**field of play**” shall be filed with the technical representative/chief referee of the competition. The technical representative/chief referee will coordinate the most appropriate mechanism for the technical controller or referee (as appropriate) to provide feedback to the questions. Such informal requests may be made by the skater/couple/team, the coach of the skater/couple/team, club of the skater/couple/team, the association, or the team leader for the skater/couple/team, or any official of the competition.
- b) All **protests** regarding the determination of the result for a skater/couple/team in the competition must be filed immediately after, but within no more than **one hour** of the posting of the full and detailed results for the segment in question. The chief data specialist for the competition shall attest to the time at which the full and detailed results have been posted. No protest filed after the maximum allowed time shall be accepted or considered.

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 at wosaudio@gmail.com.

1. General

- i) Each compact disc shall be **Premium Grade 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; .acc or DVD**)
- iii) **For quality it is recommended to burn only music files that are in wav format.**
- iv) Skater or Team should keep a **CD** in a safe place for **COMPETITION USE 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 CD** for each program (short; long; short dance; free dance)
(**Recommendation:** Skater or Team carries a **second** copy of their **music at rink side**)

4. Labeling NO STICK ON LABELS ALLOWED ON EITHER SIDE OF CD! (Labels Cause CD to Jam in CD Player)

- i) Each CD will require a **VERSION # (Ver. 1) Date** solo was created (mo/yr) on **CD ONLY** {when a skater's music is changed the **Version # will change and Date will reflect the date (mo/yr) of the change.**}
- ii) Skater or Team name, category name, total music 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** - Use of CD that has a printable front
- Writing on front of CD using a fine or medium point Sharpie.
Do not use ballpoint pen.
 - 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.
- iv) Burning of Music to CD should be at Burn Rate **SPEED** of **16**.

WO Music Guidelines (revised May 2013) are also posted on the WO website www.skating-wos.on.ca.

E. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

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STARSkate Categories

Skate Canada Well Balanced Program Criteria is to be followed for these categories.

Reference: For technical requirements please see 2016– 2017 Skate Canada STAR COMPETITION Technical Program Package and the Skate Ontario STARSkate Championship Technical Package

SINGLES

STAR 1 – 10, GOLD

PATTERN DANCE

STAR 2 – 10, GOLD DANCE and DIAMOND DANCE

PAIRS

OPEN PAIRS

INTERPRETIVE SINGLES

PRE-INTRODUCTORY, INTRODUCTORY, BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD

INTERPRETIVE COUPLES

BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD only

Note: Couples made be composed of 2 female skaters, 2 male skaters or 1 female and 1 male skater.

TRIATHLON

BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD

SOLO PATTERN DANCE

STAR 2-3, PRE-JUVENILE (STAR 4-5), JUVENILE (STAR 6-7), PRE-NOVICE (STAR 8-9), NOVICE (STAR 10-Gold)

SOLO SHORT DANCE

OPEN

WO HIGH SCHOOL Categories

Skate Canada Well Balanced Program Criteria is to be followed for these categories.

- Separate categories for Women and Men shall be offered
- The general notes for WO sanctioned competitions shall apply
- Time and officials availability may require categories to be restricted

Reference: For technical requirements please see WO High School Competition Announcement Package. For more details, please contact the WO Programs Coordinator at the Section office or the Skate Canada – Western Ontario website www.skating-wos.on.ca

FREESKATE

STAR 4 – 10, GOLD and COMPETITIVE OPEN Short Program

INTERPRETIVE

BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD

SOLO DANCE

Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4

DANCE COUPLE

Intermediate

TEAM ELEMENTS

Level 1, Level 2, Level 3

WO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Skate Canada Well Balanced Program Criteria is to be followed for these categories.

Reference: For technical requirements and categories please see Skate Canada – Western Ontario program reference materials. For the current season brochure please contact the WO Programs Coordinator at the Section office or the Skate Canada – Western Ontario website www.skating-wos.on.ca

PRE-JUVENILE to SENIOR - Singles, Dance and Pairs Categories

Skate Canada Well Balanced Program Criteria is to be followed for these categories.

Reference: For Technical requirements please see Skate Canada Technical Handbook.

PRE-JUVENILE (U11 and U13), JUVENILE (U12 and U14), PRE-NOVICE, NOVICE, JUNIOR and SENIOR

SOLO PATTERN DANCE (STAR 2-3), PRE-JUVENILE (STAR 4-5), JUVENILE (STAR 6-7), PRE-NOVICE (STAR 8-9), NOVICE (STAR 10 –Gold) and OPEN SOLO SHORT DANCE

SPECIAL NEEDS (SPECIAL OLYMPICS) Categories

The Official Canadian Special Olympic (CSO) Sports Rules shall govern all CSO Figure Skating Competitions. As a National Sports program, CSO has created these rules based upon International Skating Union (ISU) and Skate Canada (SC) rules for Figure Skating. ISU. The SC rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the Official CSO Sports Rules, in such cases; the Official CSO Figure Skating Rules shall apply.

At WO Invitational events, the Singles categories will be offered as a Free Skate ONLY category

Please review the Rules issued by Canadian Special Olympics. A copy of the Skate Canada - Western Ontario specific requirements are available at the WO office or email programs@skating-wos.on.ca

The complete Special Needs technical package can be obtained from the Special Olympics web site.
http://www.specialolympics.org/Special+Olympics+Public+Website/English/Compete/Sports_Rules/Winter+Sports.htm

ADULT – RECREATIONAL Categories

Skate Canada Well Balanced Program Criteria is to be followed for these categories.

Adult categories will be offered at designated WO events and an Adult Showcase will be part of the WO STARSSkate Championships.

Skate Canada Guidelines for age requirements and categories shall apply to any Adult categories offered at Skate Canada – Western Ontario Competitions. Please review the criteria and Rules issued by Skate Canada.

Entries in the Adult categories is traditionally low, therefore it is expected that all categories with only one entry will be skated.

Age categories may be divided or combined depending on the number of registrations and at the discretion of the Technical Representative. Men and Women's categories may not be combined. If there is a need to combine age categories because the number of skaters in a category is low, the skaters will be notified.

For technical requirements please see Skate Canada's Adult Technical Package as found on the Skate Canada website www.skatecanada.ca

NOTE: Adult skaters may participate in either the WO STARSSkate Championships or the WO Adult Invitational, but not both.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING Categories

Skate Canada Well Balanced Program Criteria is to be followed for these categories.

Reference: For technical requirements please see the Skate Canada "Synchronized Skating Program Requirements" document.

Beginner I (one skate only), Beginner II (two skates on the same day)

Elementary, Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior, Senior

Adult SYS Class 1, Adult SYS Class 2, Adult SYS Class 3

****** New 2016 – 2017 season:** For categories that have ten (10) or more entries, there will be Gold and Silver Final Rounds. For nine (9) or lower entries, there will be one final.

F. EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

NOTES RELATED to ALL COMPETITIONS SANCTIONED BY SKATE CANADA – WESTERN ONTARIO

GENERAL NOTES:

- 1) Technical requirements for WO defined categories are included within this document. For all other categories refer to the applicable technical package from the governing body. (i.e.: Skate Canada, Skate Ontario, OUA, Special Olympics, etc.)
- 2) Actual closing date information is provided in each WO Competition Announcement and with the Event Specific notes.
- 3) The appropriate Skate Canada Well Balanced Program criteria shall be followed for all categories.
- 4) FLIGHT LISTS (sorted as applicable showing skaters in alphabetical order) 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.
- 5) LOC's, Technical Representatives and Data Specialists should refer to the TIMELINE document outlining their appropriate responsibilities for providing a reasonable timeline for the posting of Alpha Flight lists and tentative schedule for sanctioned events
- 6) All changes to the posted Flight Lists or Schedule MAY NOT be reflected on the website. Skaters and Coaches are responsible for verifying flight changes and skating times with the registrar and upon registration.
- 7) Please refer to the WO OPPORTUNITIES Chart and EVENT SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENTS for actual Categories offered at WO events. The CPC system of judging with video replay, as applicable, will be used for all STARSkate (STAR 5 and higher), Pre-Juvenile (including Development Program Level III), Juvenile, COMPETITIVE (Pre-Novice to Senior), Triathlon, Interpretive (Bronze to Gold) and Adult categories and for all categories at Synchronized Skating competitions.
- 8) 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.

EVENT SPECIFIC NOTES:

Summer Sizzle Invitational Competition

- i) Closing Date – July 4, 2016
- ii) Singles, Pairs and Dance categories will be skated as SEPARATE categories.
- iii) Event is a Competitive PRIORITY event

Isabelle Henderson Memorial Invitational Competition

- i) Closing Date – August 3, 2016
- ii) Practice Ice will NOT be available at this event
- iii) Singles, Pairs and Dance categories will be skated as COMBINED categories.
- iv) On site testing will be available for the GOLD FREESKATE test at this event.
- v) Event is a Competitive PRIORITY event

Skate Canada – Western Ontario Section Championships

- i) Closing Date: October 1 of current year. (Skate Canada rule.)
- ii) This event shall qualify skaters to the Skate Canada Challenge (Pre-Novice to Senior)
- iii) The Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile categories shall be skated as Invitational only and are not part of the Sectional Championships
- iv) Residency Policy: the Skate Canada - Western Ontario policy shall apply for all Qualifying events
 - The home club of a skater shall be the member club where an eligible person registers with Skate Canada for purposes of competing in qualifying events.
 - The home club shall be in the Section in which he/she resides unless otherwise approved by the Section Board of Directors of the Section in which the skater does not reside.
 - Skaters who are moving to a new Section may maintain their original club as a home club. (Skate Canada Rule 2201, (1))

John McKay Memorial Invitational Competition

- i) Closing Date: October 5, 2016
- ii) Reference – WO Development Program technical requirements and categories see Skate Canada – Western Ontario Program reference materials. For the current brochure refer to the Skate Canada – Western Ontario website www.skating-wos.on.ca.
- iii) Skating up is **NOT** allowed in any Triathlon or Interpretive category at any level or event.
- iv) Solo Dance categories offered
- v) Event is a Development PRIORITY event

Bill Phillips Memorial Synchronized Skating Invitational Competition

- i) Closing Date: October 26, 2016
- ii) Elementary and higher categories only will be offered
- iii) Categories that have 10 or more entries, will have Gold and Silver rounds
- iv) Junior and Senior categories will be skated as separate categories and shall enter short (1 skate) or free (1 skate)

Charles Dover Memorial Invitational Competition

- i) Closing date: November 30, 2016
- ii) Reference – WO Development Program technical requirements and categories see Skate Canada – Western Ontario Program reference materials. For the current season brochure contact the WO Programs Coordinator at the Section office or the Skate Canada – Western Ontario website www.skating-wos.on.ca.
- iii) Interpretive Couples categories offered
- iv) Skating up is **NOT** allowed in any Triathlon, Interpretive or Interpretive Couples category at any level or event.
- v) Skaters entering the TRIATHLON categories may **NOT** enter another Single Free Skate and/or Single Interpretive category
- vi) Event is a Development PRIORITY event

Pat Abela - Lyle McPhedran Memorial Invitational Competition

- i) Closing Date: December 14, 2016
- ii) Skaters entering the TRIATHLON categories may **NOT** enter another Single Free Skate and/or Single Interpretive category.
- iii) Interpretive Couples categories offered
- iv) Skating up is **NOT** allowed in any Triathlon, Interpretive or Interpretive Couples category at any level or event.

Dennis Silverthorne Memorial Invitational Competition

- i) Closing Date: December 21, 2016
- ii) Skaters entering the TRIATHLON categories may NOT enter another Single Free Skate and/or Single Interpretive category.
- iii) Singles, Pairs and Dance categories will be skated as SEPARATE categories.
- iv) Interpretive Couples categories offered
- v) Skating up is **NOT** allowed in any Triathlon, Interpretive or Interpretive Couples categories offered
- v) Event is a Development and Competitive PRIORITY event

Western Ontario - STARSkate Championships

- i) Closing Date: January 4, 2017
- ii) For all non-qualifying STAR categories, the Age and Test requirements will be as of closing date.
- iii) For all Skate Ontario qualifying categories, the Age & Test requirements shall be as per the Skate Ontario technical package.
- iv) For Skate Ontario Qualifying categories **four** skaters to advance to the Skate Ontario Championships as follows:
 - Categories with more than 24 entries, will be sub-divided creating **FLIGHTS** of up to 24 skaters as required
 - Medals will be awarded to the top 3 placements for each category or flight (if the category has been sub-divided)
 - The top **4** placements will qualify for categories which have **not** been sub-divided
 - Where flights have been created, the four skaters with the **highest overall total points** in the category shall be selected to advance to the Skate Ontario Championships.
- v) Non-qualifying categories will be in flights of a maximum of 12 skaters
- vi) Triathlon categories will be run as one flight with no qualifying round.
- vi) **Note:** Skaters entering the TRIATHLON categories at the Section STARSkate Championships **may enter** other STARSkate categories
- vii) Skating up is **NOT** allowed in any Triathlon or Interpretive category at any level or event.
- viii) Solo Dance categories offered.
- ix) Event is a Qualifying and Adult PRIORITY event

ADULT INVITATIONAL: The WO STARSkate Championship event will provide a non-qualifying showcase for 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 Championships.

Note: Adult Skaters may participate in either the WO STARSkate Championships or the WO Adult Invitational, but not both.

FUTURES Invitational Competitions – EAST, CENTRAL and WEST

- i) Closing Date: January 18, 2017
- ii) Three (3) Competitions are held concurrently for our future stars – “**FUTURES – East**” (Hallwert, Niagara, Tri-County Regions), “**FUTURES – West**” (Bluewater, Kent, SunParlour Regions), “**FUTURES – Central**” (Grand River, HOME, Interclub North Regions)
- iii) Flight size restrictions shall apply.
- iv) Skaters competing in STAR 1 must **not** have obtained the age of 18 years as of the closing date of the event
- v) Special Needs (Olympics) event will be held at all of the futures events.

Western Ontario High School Invitational Competition

- i) Closing Date: TBD
- ii) Reference: For technical requirements please see WO High School Competition Announcement Package. For more details, please contact the WO Programs Coordinator programs@skating-wos.on.ca

Bernie Deveau Adult / Bert Winfield Synchronized Skating Invitational Competition

- i) Closing Date: February 8, 2017
- ii) Junior and Senior categories will be skated as COMBINED categories. It is required that the team skate the SHORT program to be allowed to skate the FREE.
- iii) Beginner I teams will skate only once
- iv) Beginner II teams will skate twice scheduled on the same day
- v) All other teams will perform two skates (two free programs or a short and a free program)
- vi) Categories that have more than 10 entries, will go into Gold and Silver rounds
- vii) Event is a Lowest Level PRIORITY event