

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

2014-2015

2014/15 Competitions

Skate Canada Nova Scotia, in collaboration with two host clubs, hosted two provincial competitions this year. Our Sectional Championships were hosted by the Amherst Skating Club and held at the Amherst Stadium and the 2015 Provincial STARSkate and Synchronized Skating Championships were hosted by Queen's County Blades at Queen's Place in Liverpool.

In addition, the Section provided support for the Nova Scotia Fall Skate hosted by the Riverview Skating Club at the East Hants Sportsplex in November and the Robert McCall Memorial Competition hosted by the Dartmouth Skating Club at The Dartmouth Sportsplex in February. We also hosted the World's Finest Chocolate Atlantic Canada Skating Championships at the East Hants Sportsplex March 27th to 29th in conjunction with all Atlantic Sections.

Nova Scotia Section is very fortunate in that we have many dedicated volunteers at the club and region level. These experienced volunteers host our competitions with skill and enthusiasm, providing great events for our skaters.

Introduction of STAR4 Category

In addition to STAR1, STAR2, STAR3 and STAR5 event categories, the STAR4 event was added at Nova Scotia competitions this year.

Acceptance of e-transfers

For the 2015 Provincial STARSkate Championships, Skate Canada Nova Scotia offered the option of paying entry fees by e-transfer. This implementation was well-accepted and will be offered at Section sponsored events in 2015/2016.

Competitions Information Session

On September 26th, a competitions information session was held for any clubs/regions hosting a competition in the 2014-2015 season. These sessions will be offered annually and it is highly recommended that at least two individuals from each Club/Region attend (preferably the Competition Chair and the Registrar).

Competition Committee

The competition committee consists of Sheila Beard, Sara Brown, John Mattatall, Cheryle Gaston, Ross Ashbourne, Juanita Bezanson, Jill Knowles and myself. We meet occasionally during the year and consult by email at other times when meeting in person is not feasible.

A memo has gone out to solicit bids for 2015-2016 events. Clubs and/or Regions were asked to submit bids for a Fall Competition (November 21st & 22nd, 2015), a Winter Competition (February 5th-7th, 2016) and the Provincial STARSkate Championships (February 26th-28th or March 4th-6th, 2016). The deadline for the submission of bids was set for April 24th, 2015. The Competitions Committee will meet prior to the AGM to review the bids.

The Sectional Championships will be a collaborative effort with New Brunswick and the 2016 event will be hosted by New Brunswick Section. Nova Scotia will host the 2017 Sectional Championships.

Admission fees for Spectators

Skate Canada Nova Scotia will be charging a \$5 admission fee for spectators over the age of 12 at Section events during the 2015/2016 season. The fee will cover entrance throughout the event. This admission fee applies to the 2015 Provincial STARSkate Championships. The admission fee for the 2016 Sectional Championships will be set in conjunction with the New Brunswick Section and will be announced once the venue has been announced.

Thanks again to all our great volunteers for making everything possible. We couldn't do it without you. We would gratefully welcome new volunteers to join their ranks as "many hands make light work". I encourage parents to become more involved with figure skating in Nova Scotia, whether it be at the Club level or beyond.

Looking forward to some great skating in 2015-2016!

Respectfully submitted

Carol Breckon
Competitions Committee Chair