



2016 NOVA SCOTIA STARSKATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 26th 27th and 28th 2016

Sanctioned by Skate Canada. Rules in accordance with Skate Canada.

HOST Amherst Skating Club

ARENA LOCATION & ICE SURFACE

Amherst Stadium, 285 Church St
Dimensions of Stadium: 85 feet x 195 feet

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE (From Skate Canada Rule 5401)

Entrants in events shall be:

- eligible persons as defined in Skate Canada Rule Book Section 2100.
- **Associate Members** in good standing of the Association.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

COMPETITIVE SKATERS: Skaters registered to compete in the Pre-Novice level at a Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition may register to compete in event categories other than those in which they competed at a Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition. Please see the table below for the qualifications for entry.

Competitive Category (competed in at Sectionals or Sectional qualifying event)	Events that may be entered in <i>STARSkate Categories</i>
Novice and higher in Singles, Pairs and Dance	No events in any category at any level
Pre-Novice Competitive Dance	Free Skate, Pairs, Interpretive
Pre-Novice Competitive Singles	Pairs, Dance, Interpretive
Pre-Novice Competitive Pairs	Free Skate, Dance, Interpretive
Competitive Synchronized Skater	All events

AGE & TEST PREREQUISITES: The requirements for test and age are as of July 1st 2015.

Skaters may 'skate-up' one level above their test qualifications in STARSkate.

All skaters entered in Pre Juvenile, Juvenile, STAR 5, Senior Bronze, Junior Silver, Senior Silver and Gold Free Skate events will be considered as qualifying for Atlantic Canada Skating Championships 2016.

**** Please note that after a skaters name is announced, they have 30 seconds to begin their program with the exception of the first skater after the warm up. The first skater has 1 minute. There is a timing deduction if the skater fails to begin in the time allotted. ****

ENTRIES AND FEES

The closing date for entries is 4:00 15th of January 2016. All entries must be in hand. (Not post marked, but actually in the registrar's hand.) NO late entries will be accepted. **If your application form is complete and correct a \$20.00 refund will be given at registration.**

For E-Payment instructions see the last page of this announcement.

Entry fees are:

STAR 2 to 5, Senior Bronze and higher Free Skate, all Interpretive, Adult, Competitive events:

<u>Singles:</u>	
First Event	\$ 150.00 per skater
Second Event	\$ 75.00 per skater

STAR 1

<u>Singles:</u>	
First Event	\$ 95.00 per skater
Second Event	\$ 75.00 per skater

Element Event (element includes jump & spin)	\$ 40.00 per skater
Team Element Event	\$ 40 .00 per team

A separate entry form must be used for each event entered. **Home Club Representative must sign the entry form.**

Make cheques or money orders, dated no later than **15th January 2016**, payable to Skate Canada Nova Scotia. No cheque dated after **15th January 2016** will be accepted. **Late entries will not be accepted.** 85% of the entry fees will be refunded only if the entry is withdrawn prior to the closing date of entries 4:00, 15th January 2016. **After 15th January 2016, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded upon the presentation of supporting medical documentation before the event begins. No other refunds will be issued. NSF or returned cheques will be charged an additional \$25.00.** Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

No late entries will be accepted. If your application form(s) is complete and correct a \$20.00 refund will be given at registration.

All entry forms must be in hand to the Registrar by 4:00 15th January 2016:

Carol Breckon
586 Heather Cres.,
Kingston, NS B0P 1R0
1-902-760-2111
carolbreckon@bellaliant.net

Technical Representative: Carol Breckon

LIABILITY

Skate Canada Nova Scotia and the organizers of this competition undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries therein, all competitors and their parents or guardians shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks or injury to the competitor's person and property resulting from, caused by, or connected with the conduct and management of the competition and to release any and all claims which they may have against the officials, the Association and the organizers holding the competition and against their officers, and, their entries shall only be accepted on this condition.

Should this competition be cancelled for any reason, an administration fee will be charged (\$15.00) and deducted from the returning entry fees.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place winners, for all categories accounted using CPC/CSS, STAR 1 to 4, Pre Intro & Introductory Interpretive and STAR 2/3 & 4 **Element** and Team **Element** events will be assessed to standard and receive ribbons and a certificate of achievement. If only one competitor is entered in the category then no award will be made, (Rule7000B (1) (1.13). The awards schedule will be available at registration.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

A tentative Schedule of Events will be sent to each competitor as the formal receipt and acknowledgment of entry. Coaches will be sent a schedule if their e-mail is supplied on the application form. The competition will not run more than 30 minutes early.

IF NECESSARY ENTRIES MAY BE LIMITED TO ALLOW FOR SAFE TRAVEL OF ALL PARTICIPANTS (SKATERS, OFFICIALS, COACHES, PARENTS). Entry fee will be refunded if a category is not held.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place throughout the weekend at the Amherst Stadium. Time of registration will be included with the confirmation notice. *PROOF OF AGE MAYBE REQUESTED AT REGISTRATION FOR ENTRIES WITH AGE RESTRICTIONS*

Note: Planned Program Sheets are required for all STAR 5, Senior Bronze and higher, Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile events.

CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS (Rule 7301(5))

Competitors are bound to obey implicitly the instructions of the officials in charge of the competition. A competitor, who directly or indirectly expresses her/himself in an improper manner regarding the officials or their decisions, or regarding the marking of the judges, may be suspended and/or excluded from further competition.

MUSIC

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the Performing Rights Society.

Competitors who have music composed especially for their programs, either in whole 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.

Music Requirements at Competitions 2015-2016

CD's will be the ONLY format used at NS competitions for the 2015-16 skating season; cassette tapes will **not** be accepted.

MUSIC

GENERAL

- 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)
- Music on CD must be in wav format. (NOT mp3, iTunes or DVD format)
- Skaters should keep a CD in a safe place for use at COMPETITIONS ONLY.
- Each skater or team shall register 2 copies of each program, one marked MASTER and the other marked BACK UP.

(Recommendation: Each skater or team to carry another copy of his or her music at rink side.)

LABELING:

- CD's and their cases must have the following clearly printed:
 - Skater's or Team's name
 - category name
 - total music time (not skating time)
 - Home Club
- Label should be on the CD case back insert ONLY. CD must be visible in front of case.
- Identify CD by writing on front using a permanent marker. Do not use ballpoint pen.
(Use of a fine or medium point Sharpie is OK)
- DO NOT write on recorded side of CD
- DO NOT apply STICK ON Labels to CD.
- The music information as required on the Entry Form must be completed in detail
(as applicable).

RECORDING SPECIFICATIONS

- Only one program (*using one track only*) shall be recorded on each CD.
- Music shall be recorded on CD so that it starts within not less than 0.25 second and not more than 0.5 second after PLAY button is pressed on CD player
- Music shall be recorded at equal levels on both left and right channels in stereo
- Music recording levels shall be a maximum of 0VU and a minimum of -8VU

COACHES ACCREDITATION

Coaches must be a minimum of NCCP level 1 Certified and must meet the following accreditation standards:

- be a current Professional Coaching Member of Skate Canada
- hold a valid First Aid Certificate

It is mandatory for all participating coaches to register at the competition and show their accreditation at all times during the competition in order to be at ice level during the events. Temporary accreditation will be issued for \$25.00 upon presentation of current Skate Canada membership and First Aid information.

All such Fully Certified Coaches must ensure that John Mattatall has all necessary documentation with regard to their current certification.

EVENTS

Please check the Skate Canada website www.skatecanada.ca and the Skate Canada Nova Scotia website www.skatecanada.ns.ca for specific technical requirements for categories.

FREESKATE

STAR 1
STAR 2
STAR 3
STAR 4
STAR 5
Senior Bronze
Junior Silver
Senior Silver
Gold

Pre Juvenile U11
Pre Juvenile U13
Juvenile U12
Juvenile U14

INTERPRETIVE

Pre Introductory
Introductory
Bronze
Silver
Gold

DANCE

Preliminary
Junior Bronze
Senior Bronze
Junior Silver
Senior Silver
Gold

ELEMENTS

STAR 2
STAR 3
STAR 4
STAR 5
Senior Bronze
Junior Silver
Open

TEAM ELEMENTS

STAR 2
STAR 3
STAR 4
STAR 5
Senior Bronze
Junior Silver
Open

ADULT – Young Adult 18 – 24, Adult 25 and over

FREE SKATE

Preliminary
Bronze
Silver
Gold
Masters

INTERPRETIVE

Introductory
Bronze
Silver
Gold

DANCE

Junior Bronze
Senior Bronze
Junior Silver
Senior Silver
Gold

PAIRS

Adult Pairs
Masters

ACCOMMODATIONS

All competitors, parents, coaches etc. will be responsible for making their own reservations.

<i>Motels</i>	<i>Phone #</i>
Comfort Inn 143 South Albion Street Amherst, NS Please state that you want the Sport Nova Scotia rate.	902-667-0404
Super 8 40 Lord Amherst Drive Amherst, NS	888-561-7666
Wandlyn 1539 South Hampton Road Amherst, NS	800-561-0000

Please check the Skate Canada website regularly for information on well-balanced programs

NOTES

1. A copy of the entry form is attached. Additional copies of these forms and the NOTES are to be reproduced locally and distributed. A separate entry form is required for each event. **Home Club Representative and Coach MUST sign the entry form.**
2. If there is only one entry in an event, that skater will be given the opportunity to skate up a category or withdraw their entry form with full refund.
3. Only cheques or money orders will be accepted. Any NSF cheques will be charged an additional \$25.00 fee.

4. INTERPRETIVE EVENTS

- Costumes should be tastefully selected to enhance the mood of the program.
- Props are not allowed. As a further guideline to coaches and judges, a prop is defined as any item which is:
 - not attached to the costume;
 - held in the hand of the skater;
 - intentionally removed from the costume at some point during the performance; or could, in any way, be injurious to the skater.

To be safe, if there is any doubt about the use of a prop, the answer is **NO!**

- Any type of music may be used for Interpretative programs.
- The skater **must include the title** of the program on entry form.
- Music CDs must be clearly marked with the skater's name and title of the program.

All Competitive, STAR 5 to Gold Free Skate, Bronze to Gold Interpretive and Adult categories will be accounted using the "CPC/CSS" method. STAR 1 to 4, Pre Intro & Introductory Interpretive will be assessed to standard in accordance with the Skate Canada Program Guidelines.

Events will be started no more than 30 minutes early. Skaters should be at the rink 1 hour prior to the start of their event.

Skaters are given 30 seconds from the time their name has been called to take their starting position, with the exception of the first skater who will have 1 minute.

E-Payment Instructions:

Name: Skate Canada Nova Scotia

E-mail skatecanadanovascotia@gmail.com

Security Question: What is the name of the competition?

This competition is STARSkate

In the Message please include the Skater's name as it appears on the application form

Please print or record the confirmation number for your records.

If your application form(s) is complete and correct, a \$20.00 refund will be given at registration.

Please use BLUE INK only! For Photocopying purposes.