

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-2016

2015/16 Competitions

This year, Skate Canada Nova Scotia chose to partner with the other Maritime provinces for Sectionals. This is an excellent opportunity for NS skaters to compete against a larger field of competitors. The NS/NB/PEI 2016 Sectional Championships were held in Dieppe, NB November 6-8, 2015. Next year's Sectionals event will also be held in New Brunswick but it is hoped that Nova Scotia will host the 2018 event.

SCNS hosted the 2016 Provincial STARSkate and Synchronized Skating Championships in collaboration with the Amherst Skating Club February 27th and 28th, 2016 at the Amherst Stadium.

In addition, the Section provided support for the Nova Scotia Fall Skate hosted by the St. Margaret's Bay Skating Club at the St. Margaret's Centre November 21st and 22nd and the Robert McCall Memorial Competition hosted by the Dartmouth Skating Club at The Dartmouth Sportsplex February 5th to 7th. We also hosted the World's Finest Chocolate Atlantic Skating Championships at the East Hants Sportsplex April 8th to 10th 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.

Acceptance of e-transfers

For the 2016 Provincial STARSkate Championships, Skate Canada Nova Scotia continued to offer the option of paying entry fees by e-transfer. The use of this option by skater families increased over last year and is expected to gain even more acceptance in coming years as more people take advantage of this convenient payment method.

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A memo has gone out to solicit bids for 2016-2017 events. Clubs and/or Regions were asked to submit bids for a Fall Competition (November 19th & 20th , 2016), a Winter Competition (February 3rd-5th, 2017) and the Provincial STARSkate Championships (February 25th& 26th, 2017). The deadline for the submission of bids was set for April 22nd, 2016. The Competitions Committee will meet prior to the AGM to review the bids.

The Sectional Championships continues to be a collaborative effort with New Brunswick and the 2017 event will again be hosted by New Brunswick Section.

Admission fees for Spectators

Skate Canada Nova Scotia began charging a \$5 admission fee for spectators over the age of 12 at Section events during the 2015/2016 season. Funds raised were split with the Host Committee.

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.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Breckon
Competitions Committee Chair