



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## 2017 NOVA SCOTIA STARSKATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**Dates:** February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 2017  
**Location:** Queens Place Liverpool  
**Hosted by:** Queens County Blades  
**Sanctioned by:** Skate Canada Nova Scotia

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2017 Nova Scotia STARSkate Championships will be conducted in accordance with the regulations as 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 the Skate Canada Rulebook (the Technical and Event Management Handbooks, the Policies and Procedures Manual and CPC Regulations).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Registration:	Carrie Chiasson	c_leeannc23@hotmail.com	902-404-8571
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Competition Chair:	Diane Hopper	dianehopper23@gmail.com	902-646-0302

**ARENA TO BE USED –** Queens Place size 85' x 200'

### ACCOMMODATION –

Best Western, 63 Queens Place Drive Liverpool 877-354-2377  
Lanes Privateer Motor Inn 27 Bristol Ave Liverpool 800-794-3332  
Morton House 147 Hwy #8, Milton 877-354-2908  
White Point Beach Resort 75 White Point Beach Resort Road 800-565-5068

### ENTRIES AND FEES

The closing date for entries is 4:00 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2017. All entries must be in hand. (Not post marked, but actually in the registrar's hand.) NO late entries will be accepted.

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

Entry fees are:

**STAR 2 to Gold Free Skate, all Interpretive, Adult, Competitive events:**

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

**STAR 1**

<b><u>Singles:</u></b>	
<b>First Event</b>	<b>\$ 95.00 per skater</b>
<b>Second Event</b>	<b>\$ 75.00 per skater</b>
<b>Element Event</b>	<b>\$ 40.00 per skater</b>
<b>Team Element Event</b>	<b>\$ 40 .00 per team</b>

**A separate entry form must be used for each event entered. Home Club Representative must sign the entry form as proof of registration with Skate Canada.**

**Make cheques or money orders, dated no later than 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017, payable to Skate Canada Nova Scotia. No cheque dated after 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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 **85% of the entry fees will be refunded only if the entry is withdrawn prior to the closing date of entries 4:00, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** After 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 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.

All entry forms must be in hand to the Registrar by 4:00 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017:

**Carrie Chiasson  
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Eastern Passage, NS B3G 1M7  
1-902-404-8571  
c\_leeann23@hotmail.com**

All skaters and coaches must register on-site at 1 hour before their first event with their music and planned program sheet if applicable.

### **COACH ACCREDITATION**

Coaches must be a minimum of NCCP Primary STARSkate Coach Certified and must meet the following accreditation standards:

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

Coaches must have proof of current registration and qualifications with them.

### **MUSIC**

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights societies.

Competitors who have music composed especially for their program either wholly 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 societies.

### **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)
- 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 coach carry another copy of the skater's 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.

## 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.

## ACCIDENTS / LIABILITY

Skate Canada, the host Section/Club and the Local Volunteer Team undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in these Championships, all competitors and their parents or guardians shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks or injuries to the competitor's person and property resulting from, or caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competitions and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, the Association, the Section, the Volunteer Team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE (From Skate Canada Rule 5401)

- (1) Be eligible person(s) as defined in Skate Canada Rule Book Section 2100 (Rule 5401).
- (2) Be Associate member(s) in good standing of the Association (Rule 5401).
- (3) For eligibility in a Sectional STARSkate competition, please note the following restrictions:  
**COMPETITIVE SKATERS:** Skaters registered\* to compete in any event at the Novice or higher level at a Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition, do not qualify to compete in the Sectional STARSkate Championships in any category at any level. Skaters registered to compete in the Juvenile and Pre-Novice level at a

Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition may register to compete in event categories at the STARSkate level other than those competed in at a Sectional or Sectional qualifying competition. Please see the table below for the qualifications for entry.

*\*For purposes of interpretation of this regulation, registration for a Sectional or qualifying event is defined as the submission of a registration form for such event.*

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

- (4) **WINNER OF A PREVIOUS QUALIFYING EVENT LEADING TO THE SECTIONAL STARSKATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** A previous winner of a qualifying event for the Sectional STARSkate Championships is eligible to re-enter the same qualifying event provided that the competitor is still eligible to enter the corresponding category.
- (5) **TEST AND AGE PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter the 2017 Skate Canada Nova Scotia STARSkate Championships and events leading to it shall meet the test requirements to compete before July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 preceding the competition. Age requirements shall be met before July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 preceding the competition.
- (6) Skaters may skate up in the free skate categories if desired.

#### **EVENT SPECIFICATIONS**

- (1) **EVENT COMPOSITION:** In normal circumstances, each category at the competition must be held for men and women separately. The decision to combine events is at the discretion of the technical representative and the host committee. Categories may be combined – only with full prior knowledge and agreement of all competitors affected.
- (2) **GROUPING SKATERS BY AGE:** Age group guidelines are outlined in the Technical Program Requirements document.

- (3) **COMPOSITION OF PARTNERS:** Couples for Dance and Biathlon events may be comprised of two women (one performing the man's steps), one woman and one man or two men. Similar and mixed couples may compete against each other. Dance couples must represent one section.

**PRACTICE ICE (If held)**

Upon registration or attendance at an officially scheduled practice session, skaters are not permitted to skate on any ice surface other than the official practice or competition ice as is scheduled for the event.

**RESULTS CALCULATION**

STAR 1 – 4, Pre-Intro Interpretive, Intro Interpretive, STAR 2 – 4 Element and Team events will be assessed to standard.

The CPC judging system will be used for STAR 5 and higher free skating, STAR 4 and higher pattern dances, bronze and higher interpretive, pair events, and Adult events.

**EVENT MARKING CRITERIA, TIE BREAKING AND FACTORS**

**CPC:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MARKING CRITERIA</b>	<b>TIE BREAKER</b>
<b>Free Skate</b> (STAR 5 and higher)	Technical Score, Program Components	Components
STAR 7 & 9	Technical Score, Program Components	Technical Score
<b>Pairs</b>	Technical Score, Program Components	Components
<b>Dance</b> (STAR 4 and higher) • Pattern 1 & 2	Technical Score, Program Components	Technical
<b>Interpretive</b>	Program Components	IN, PE, CO SS, TR*

**\*Note:** For interpretive events, ties are broken based on the individual component scores in priority according to the order listed.

**EVENTS TO BE HELD**

The following events must be offered at the Sectional STARSkate Championships:

**FREE SKATE EVENTS**

**STAR 1**

**TEST:** May not have passed any part of the Senior Bronze (STAR 6) Free Skate test  
Elements and a Creative Expression Routine 30 sec music provided

**STAR 2**

**TEST:** May not have passed any part of the Senior Bronze (STAR 6)  
Free Skate test  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 2:00 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

**STAR 3**

**TEST:** May not have passed any part of the Senior Bronze (STAR 6)  
Free Skate test  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 2:00 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

**STAR 4**

**TEST:** May not have passed any part of the Senior Bronze (STAR 6) Free Skate test  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 2:00 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

**STAR 5**

**TEST:** May not have passed any part of the Junior Silver (STAR 8) Free Skating Test.  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 2:00 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

**STAR 6 (SENIOR BRONZE FREE SKATE)**

**TEST:** May have passed the STAR 5 (Jr. Bronze) Free Skate test.  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 2:30 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

**STAR 7 – SHORT PROGRAM (OPTIONAL)**

**TEST:** May have passed the STAR 5 (Jr. Bronze) Free Skate test.  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One short program of 2:30 minutes maximum

**STAR 8 (JUNIOR SILVER FREE SKATE)**

**TEST:** May have passed the STAR 5 (Jr. Bronze) Free Skate  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 3:00 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

**STAR 9 – SHORT PROGRAM (OPTIONAL)**

**TEST:** May have passed the STAR 5 (Jr. Bronze) Free Skate test.  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One short program of 2:30min maximum

**STAR 10 (SENIOR SILVER FREE SKATE)**

**TEST:** May have passed the STAR 5 (Jr. Bronze) Free Skate test  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 3:00(women)/3:30(men) minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

**GOLD FREE SKATE**

**TEST:** May have passed the STAR 5 (Jr. Bronze) Free Skate test.  
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One free program of 3:00 (women) or 3:30 (men) minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

**PRE- JUVENILE EVENTS:**

**SINGLES:**

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skating Test or higher.
- II. **AGE:** Pre Juvenile Singles competitors shall be grouped in two categories as follows:
  - U11: under the age of 11 before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the event.
  - U13: under the age or 13 before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the event

**PAIR:**

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skating test of higher.
- II. **AGE:** Pre Juvenile Pair competitors shall be under the age of 14 before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the event

**DANCE:**

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Dance test of higher.
- II. **AGE:** Pre Juvenile Dance competitors shall be under the age of 14 before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the event

**JUVENILE EVENTS:**

**SINGLES:**

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skating Test or higher.
- II. **AGE:** Juvenile Singles competitors shall be grouped in two categories as follows:
  - U12: under the age of 12 before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the event.
  - U14: under the age or 14 before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the event

**PAIR:**

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skating test of higher.
- II. **AGE:** Juvenile Pair competitors shall be under the age of 16 before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the event



**DANCE:**

- I. **TEST: Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Dance test of higher.**
- II. **AGE: Juvenile Dance competitors shall be under the age of 16 before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the event**

**INTERPRETIVE**

**PRE-INTRODUCTORY INTERPRETIVE**

**TEST:** Not passed any Skate Canada Interpretive tests

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One Interpretive program of a maximum 2:00 minutes in length

**INTRODUCTORY INTERPRETIVE**

**TEST:** May have passed the Introductory Interpretive test but no higher Interpretive test

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One Interpretive program of a maximum 2:00 minutes in length

**BRONZE INTERPRETIVE**

**TEST:** Must have passed the Bronze Interpretive test but no higher Interpretive test

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One Interpretive program of a maximum 3:00 minutes in length

**SILVER INTERPRETIVE**

**TEST:** Must have passed the Silver Interpretive test but no higher Interpretive test

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One Interpretive program of a maximum 3:00 minutes in length

**GOLD INTERPRETIVE**

**TEST:** Must have passed the Gold Interpretive test

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:** One Interpretive program of a maximum 3:00 minutes in length

**DANCE EVENTS**

**Note:** Dances are to be skated in the order listed. The number of dance patterns to be skated shall be the same as for Evaluated Tests. Please refer to the Skate Canada Technical Handbook Figure Skating Terms Defined – 3.15 (2).

**STAR 4/5 Dance**

**TEST:** At least one partner must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Dance test and not the complete Senior Bronze Dance test

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One dance to be skated from (A section may choose to offer two dances):**

- Swing Dance (1 sequences), Fiesta Tango (2 sequences), or Willow Waltz (2 sequences)

**STAR 6/7 (SENIOR BRONZE DANCE)**

TEST: At least one partner must have passed the complete Senior Bronze Dance test and not the complete Junior Silver Dance test

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:

- Ten Fox (2 sequences) and European Waltz (2 sequences)

**STAR 8/9 (JUNIOR SILVER DANCE)**

TEST: At least one partner must have passed the complete Junior Silver Dance test and not the complete Senior Silver Dance test

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT:

- Rocker Foxtrot (3 sequences) and Starlight Waltz (2 sequences)

**PAIR EVENTS**

**OPEN PAIR**

TEST: Each partner must have passed at least the STAR 5 (Junior Bronze) Free Skate test

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One free program of 2:30 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds)

**ELEMENT EVENTS**

- STAR 2
- STAR 3
- STAR 4
- STAR 5
- STAR 6
- STAR 7/8
- STAR 9/10
- GOLD
- OPEN

**TEAM EVENTS**

- STAR 2
- STAR 3
- STAR 4
- STAR 5
- STAR 6
- STAR 7/8
- STAR 9/10
- GOLD
- OPEN

**ADULT EVENTS**

**FREE SKATE**

- INTRO OPEN
- BRONZE
- SILVER
- GOLD
- MASTERS

**INTREPRETIVE**

- INTRODUCTORY
- BRONZE
- SILVER
- GOLD
- MASTERS

## **THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

*Please check the Skate Canada INFO site [info.skatecanada.ca](http://info.skatecanada.ca) regularly for the most current information*

### **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

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

**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 and/or intentionally removed from the costume at some point during the performance.**

- 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.**

**E-Payment Instructions:**

**Name: Skate Canada Nova Scotia**

**E-mail [skatecanadanovascotia@gmail.com](mailto: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.**