

2024 FRIENDSHIP SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: January 14, 2024

Location: Cavendish Farms Community Events Centre, Tyne Valley

Hosted by: Tyne Valley Skating Club

Sanctioned by: Skate Canada Prince Edward Island

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2024 Friendship Synchronized Skating Competition will be conducted in accordance with the regulations as set forth in the Skate Canada Technical guidelines.

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ARENA TO BE USED

Cavendish Farms Community Events Centre Ice Surface Size: 200' x 85'

7085 Barlow Road Route 12, Tyne Valley, PE (902) 831-2727

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HOTEL INFORMATION

We recommend that participants arrange their own accommodation for the event. Below are some suggested hotels for your consideration:

Mill River Resort (180 Mill River Resort Rd, Route 136, Woodstock, PE C0B 1V0) https://millriver.ca (902) 859-3555

The Loyalist Country Inn (195 Heather Moyse Dr, Summerside, PE C1N 5R1) https://loyalistcountryinn.com/ (902) 436-3333

The Rodd Royalty (14 Capital Dr, Charlottetown, PE C1A 8C2)

https://roddvacations.com/hotels/rodd-royalty/ (902) 894-8566

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held via <u>Uplifter on the Skate Canada PEI website</u> beginning **December 7, 2023**. The deadline to register is **December 14, 2023**. (www.skatecanadapei.ca/pages/competitions-and-events)

All team members must be registered by the registration deadline.

REGISTRATION FEES

All fees to be paid via Uplifter.

- **Showcase Teams Only:** \$10.00 per skater (This a performance opportunity only and official feedback will not be provided.)
- STAR 3, STAR 4, and Adult Teams: \$135.00 for each team plus \$35.00 per skater
- STAR 6 (Juvenile), STAR 8 (Pre-Novice), Novice, Gold (Intermediate) and Open Teams: \$275.00 for each team plus \$35.00 per skater

<u>Late Fee: \$25 for late registration or late submissions for Music and PPC. (Late registration of teams will only be accepted if approved by the Technical Representative)</u>

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REFUND POLICY

Registration fees will be refunded only if the event is not held or if the entry is withdrawn before the registration deadline. There will be a \$25.00 administration fee applied to all refunds. After the closing date of entries, there will be no refunds given unless supporting medical documents are provided.

ACCREDITATION FOR COACHES

Coaches must meet the following accreditation standards:

- be a current professional coaching member in Good Standing with Skate Canada
- · hold a Regional in-training certification or higher

MUSIC / PPC

The participation teams must submit music and a Planned Program Content Sheet (PPC) by **December 23, 2023**, through your Uplifter account on the Skate Canada PEI website.

Clubs/Coaches must bring a digital device with all the music for their skaters to the competitive venue as a backup option. Music should be clearly labeled indicating the name of the team, the event and music length. Digital devices should be picked up as soon as possible after the event.

MARKING / JUDGING SYSTEM

Judging of STAR 6(juvenile), STAR 8 (pre-novice), gold (Intermediate), Novice and Open free programs will be as follows:

Each team will skate their free program twice. Final results will be based on the combined results of both skates as per the following factors:

- In the first portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5. In the second portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 1.0.
- The draw for the second free program will be seeded, based on the results of the first program, in the same manner as an event with a short and free program component.
- The second mark (Program Components) will be used to break a tie in both free programs.

SCORING

- **STAR 6 (Juvenile) to Adult III** categories will be scored using the CPC system for their programs. Each team will receive a report card.
- STAR 3 and STAR 4 will be assessed against a standard for their programs, receiving an overall assessment of Gold, Silver, or Bronze. Additionally, STAR 4 teams will receive a ranking based on this assessment standard. Skills and cheer for both STAR 3 and STAR 4 will also be assessed against a standard, with teams receiving an overall assessment of Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

NOTE: Skating positions for each part of this event will be determined by a draw conducted by the host committee and the data specialist before the event. The schedule will be posted in the arena.

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AWARDS

Ribbons:

- **STAR 3 teams** will receive Gold, Silver, or Bronze ribbons for each event, based on their assessment to standard and cheer events.
- STAR 4 teams will receive Gold, Silver, or Bronze ribbons for skills and cheer events.

Medals:

- **STAR 4 teams** will be ranked based on the assessment of their free program, with medals awarded to the top three teams.
- STAR 6 (Juvenile) to Open: medals will be awarded to the top three teams.
- Adult I to Adult III categories: medals will be awarded to the top three teams.

All award presentations will take place on the ice surface.

ACCIDENTS / LIABILITY

Skate Canada, Skate Canada PEI, and the Volunteer Team of the Hosting Club disclaim all responsibility for any injuries or damages sustained by participants. By registering for this competition, participants and their parents or guardians agree to assume all risks associated with participation, including but not limited to injury and property damage, and release Skate Canada, Skate Canada PEI, the Volunteer Team, and their respective officers from any claims arising from such risks.

Additionally, participants and their parents or guardians acknowledge that involvement in this event entails inherent risks, which may include the risk of accidents, physical injuries, exposure to COVID-19, or other infections and diseases. By registering, you freely accept and fully assume these risks and understand that Skate Canada, Skate Canada PEI, and the Volunteer Team of the Hosting Club take no responsibility for any adverse effects that may arise from your participation.

All registrants are responsible for reviewing the operational plan and guidelines to understand the risks involved and agree that reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure safety. Registration will be accepted only under these terms.

LIVE STREAMING / PHOTOGRAPHY

By registering for this event, you acknowledge that the event may be photographed or live-streamed. Videos may be archived on the Skate PEI daily motion website. If you prefer not to be photographed or live-streamed, please inform us. While we will make efforts to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee complete exclusion.

EVENT SCHEDULE

A finalized schedule of events and start orders will be published on the Skate Canada PEI website (www.skatecanadapei.ca) and a notification will be provided to club representatives.

All practices and competitions will occur on Saturday, January 13, 2024, and Sunday, January 14, 2024.

CANCELLATION OF EVENT

The hosting committee reserves the right to cancel any event due to insufficient entries. In such cases, club representatives will be notified promptly. Affected teams will receive a refund minus a \$25.00 administrative fee for processing.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

- (1) **Registration Status:** Skaters must be Skate Canada registrants in good standing.
- (2) Test and Age Pre-requisites: Skaters are required to meet the necessary age requirements to compete. Skaters MUST have completed the STAR 1 Skills assessment prior to participating in a STAR 3 or STAR 4 synchronized skating assessment.
- (3) **Age Verification:** Birth certificates may be requested for verification. Teams are advised that their Team Manager should possess the birth certificates to confirm team members' ages if disputed. The Team Manager is responsible for certifying the dates of birth upon registration.
- (4) Additional Eligibility Requirements: For detailed information, refer to Skate Canada's team composition rules. Teams not meeting age requirements for age-restricted categories will be disqualified and cannot change categories after the competition starts. Entry fees in such cases are non-refundable.
- (5) **Team Management:** All team managers and chaperones must be current Skate Canada registrants. A maximum of **two coaches**, **one team manager**, and **two chaperones** (totaling five persons per team) will be accredited. These individuals' names and Skate Canada numbers must be included on the online registration form.
- (6) **Coaching and Team Support:** The main coach and one alternate (skater) are to be positioned at the entrance to the ice, while the team manager and other alternates will be at the exit area. Chaperones are permitted in dressing rooms only and will not have access to the ice level during practice and competition, including the Kiss & Cry area.

EVENTS TO BE HELD

There will be four categories of events:

- The STAR 3 teams will participate in the elements event and team cheer categories. The STAR 3 teams will not perform a free program.
- The STAR 4 teams will participate in three categories; free program, skills, and team cheer.
- STAR 6(Juvenile), STAR 8(pre-novice), Gold(intermediate), Novice and open teams will participate in a free skate program. They will skate twice along with an official practice.
- Adult teams will participate in the free program category.

For specific technical information please refer to the 2023-24 Synchronized Skating Requirements Guide on the Skate Canada PEI website. (www.skatecanadapei.ca/pages/coaches-info/Resources-Support)

(1) <u>CATEGORY 1 - Team Cheer</u>

Teams will perform their team cheer and it will not exceed 90 seconds in length. There will be no props or skating. Marks will be given for originality, creativity, unison and enthusiasm. The team will practice once towards the audience. They then turn and perform for the judges.

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(2) CATEGORY 2 – Skills Competition

A skill will be drawn at the ice surface as teams enter the ice surface. The skills will be drawn from the list below. All teams will enter the ice surface and line up at boards until their team is called to practice and then to skate the skill for competition. All teams will then exit the ice surface. Teams will have an opportunity to practice the skill twice. Each team will be judged on the skill demonstrated.

- 1. Pivoting element (block)
- 2. Linear element (line)
- 3. Intersection element
- 4. Rotating element (circle)
- 5. Rotating element (wheel)

(3) CATEGORY 3 - Elements Event

The following sections contain ONLY the specification and eligibility requirements. For specific technical information, please refer to the Technical Program Requirements posted on the info centre for Skate Canada.

(4) CATEGORY 4 – Free Program

The following sections contain ONLY the specification and eligibility requirements. For specific technical information, please refer to the Technical Program Requirements posted on the info centre for Skate Canada.

STAR 3 and STAR 4 categories will use the Skate Canada access to standard program requirements guide. STAR 3 will be assessed to standard and STAR 4 will be assessed to standard and ranked. For more information on the assessed-to-standard program, please visit the Skate Canada website.

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