

SNOWBALL ANNOUNCEMENT

November 23 – 25, 2012
Oliver Arena
7723 362nd Avenue
Oliver, BC
V0H 1T0



2012 SNOWBALL FREESKATE COMPETITION

Hosted by the
South Okanagan Figure Skating Club

[Online registration](#) must be completed by 11:45 pm, Friday, October 12th, 2012.

Entry in this competition is limited by the ice time available and priority will be given to Okanagan Region skaters. Please enter early to avoid disappointment.

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VENUE: Oliver Arena
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ICE SURFACE: 80' x 180' with slightly rounded corners

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EVENTS TO BE HELD & ENTRY INFORMATION

STAR 1	Girls	Boys	\$50.00
STAR 2	Girls	Boys	\$60.00
STAR 3A & STAR 3B	Girls	Boys	\$65.00
STAR 4	Girls U10	Boys U10	\$70.00
STAR 4	U13	U13	\$70.00
STAR 4	13&O	13&O	\$70.00
Senior Bronze Free Skate	Women	Men	\$75.00
Junior Silver Free Skate	Women	Men	\$75.00
Senior Silver Free Skate	Women	Men	\$75.00
Gold Free Skate	Women	Men	\$75.00
Pre-Introductory Interpretive	Combined Women & Men		\$65.00
Introductory Interpretive	Combined Women & Men		\$70.00
Bronze Interpretive	Combined Women & Men		\$70.00
Silver Interpretive	Combined Women & Men		\$70.00
Gold Interpretive	Combined Women & Men		\$70.00
Creative (as outlined below)	Combined Women & Men		\$35.00
Pre-Juvenile U11 Pre-Juvenile U14	Women		\$75.00
Pre-Juvenile U11 Pre-Juvenile U14	Men		\$75.00
Juvenile U11 Juvenile U14	Women		\$75.00
Juvenile U11 Juvenile U14	Men		\$75.00
Elements	Bronze, Silver and Gold only		\$35.00

ADDITIONAL LOC EVENTS

CREATIVE

In the Creative events skaters will skate a creative, improvisational program. Music which is age appropriate for each event group will be selected by an Okanagan Region board designated person. Costuming for this event is to be simple and of a neutral color so as not to detract from either music theme or body line. Judging for the events will have an emphasis on the variety of creative movement to the music and will not be solely reliant on the level of skating ability of the skater nor the difficulty of skating elements performed. This event is offered as a developmental tool to assist skaters of all levels in improving their artistic skating and improving their Program Component scores.

The skaters will hear their group's music selection once for the first time in their dressing room prior to warm-up. On-ice warm up will be one minute without music followed by the music selection being played twice. Any time remaining in the warm up will be without music. Total warm-up time will be 4 minutes. After the warm-up the skaters will go back to the dressing room. Skaters will not be allowed to discuss the content of their program with their coach or parent. Groups will be small enough that all skaters can warm-up together so as not to disadvantage earlier skaters.

Open to ladies and men who will compete together.

PRELIMINARY CREATIVE

Competitors who are 9 years of age and under as of the date of closing of entries. SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One program **45 seconds** in length.

BRONZE CREATIVE

Competitors who are 10 & 11 years of age as of the date of closing of entries. SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One program **45 seconds** in length.

SILVER CREATIVE

Competitors who are 12 & 13 years of age as of the date of closing of entries. SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One Program **1.0 minutes** in length.

GOLD CREATIVE

Competitors who are 14 years of age and older as of the date of closing of entries. SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENT: One Program **1.0 minutes** in length.

Entry fees shall be refunded only if the competition is not held or if the entry is withdrawn before the closing date of entry. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES OF THE COMPETITION (October 12, 2012) FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER - SC RULE 7000 B 1.5(2). All payments must be made online at the time of registration.**

LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LOC AND WILL BE CHARGED DOUBLE THE ENTRY FEE.

[Online Registration](#) must be completed by 11:45 p.m. Friday, October 12th, 2012. Instructions for entering online can be found on page 6 of this announcement.

For all categories age shall be the age of the skater before July 1, 2012 and tests passed shall be as of October 12th, 2012 (closing date of entries). **Age categories may be combined if there are insufficient entries in an individual category.**

For event requirements and specifications, please refer to the 2012-2013 BC/YT Technical Packages for STARSkate and Competitive, posted on the Technical page of the [Skating in BC website](#).

PLANNED PROGRAM SHEETS for ALL Free Skate events except STAR 1, 2 & 3 should be emailed to Janet Gordon at ggordon@persona.ca or faxed to Lorraine Mapoles at 250-768-0879 no later than November 16, 2012. Skaters arriving to compete who have not submitted a planned program sheet will be required to complete one when they register their music.

A tentative schedule of events and groups will be posted on the [competition page](#) of the BC/YT Section and on the Okanagan Region website – okregion.homestead.com. Any last minute changes to schedules will be posted on the websites and also at the arena. **Please note that events may start up to one half hour earlier than scheduled.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Previous winners of a Pre-Preliminary event at Snowball must enter STAR 3 or higher. There are no restrictions for other categories that a skater may have won previously.
2. Skaters may enter only one event per discipline of singles and interpretive.
3. All categories: Should entries in an event be exceedingly large, the event will be divided into smaller groups. Each group will be considered a final.
4. If an event has only one competitor, the skater will be informed and have the option of skating up an event, skating for an evaluation only, or withdrawing with a refund. Competitors may skate up one category higher than they are qualified.
5. MARKING: The CPC Scoring system will be used for all events. STAR 1-3 categories are assessed and skaters will receive a ribbon and a report card corresponding to their achievement.
6. REGISTRATION: Skaters must register at least one hour before their event is scheduled to start.
7. WARM UP TIMES:

STAR 2	3 minutes
STAR 3 to Senior Bronze	4 minutes
Junior Silver to Gold Free Skate; Pre-Juvenile	5 minutes
Juvenile	6 minutes
Interpretive	3 minutes
Individual Element	3 minutes
Creative Events	as outlined in the announcement

* At the discretion of the Referee, the warm up periods may be reduced to a minimum of 3 minutes. All warm-up periods for one event must be equal.

8. MUSIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Only CD's will be accepted. Only one program shall be recorded on each CD.
- The start of the music shall be recorded on the CD with less than two seconds of lead in.
- Competitor's name followed by music time (not skating time) shall be clearly printed on one side of the CD.
- Each CD shall be enclosed in its plastic container, also marked with the skater's name, home club, event and total music time.
- Competitors must hand in their music at the registration desk at least one hour prior to the start of their event. The Organizing Committee will accept no responsibility against damage but will take every precaution to safeguard each CD.
- **A backup CD is a requirement of each competitor and should be at rinkside during the skater's performance.**

9. COACHES: It is mandatory for all participating coaches to register at competitions 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 by showing current Skate Canada membership and First Aid information.

10. ADMISSION will be free to all.

11. AWARDS will be presented immediately following the posting of results for each category.

12. There will be a photographer at this competition for official and action shots. Persons wishing to take photographs of on ice performances are reminded that use of flash cameras is forbidden. The use of video cameras must be restricted to areas that do not hamper the skaters or officials. **PLEASE NOTE:** you may only take pictures or videos of your own skater.

13. Protest Policy: Skate Canada Protest Policy for competitions using CPC will be followed. RULE 7301 (6) (4). In addition, if there is an event using manual calculation where the results are not posted within one hour of the completion of the last event of the day, the protest must be made to the Event Referee within the first hour of the following day's competition. If the Event Referee is unavailable, the protest may be made to the Technical Representative or Chief Referee.

14. TESTS: STARSkate Free Skate Part Two tests, Senior Bronze to Gold and Interpretive will be offered. Skaters must be registered to compete in the same event they are testing in. **The exception is skaters competing in Juvenile who may apply for Junior Silver, Senior Silver or Gold Free Skate. In this case, the skater must pay for Parts One and Two at time of applying for the test.** Skaters wishing to take tests should contact Janet Gordon at ggordon@persona.ca Please note that are additional fees when taking tests.

[Online Registration Instructions](#)

Skate Canada-BC/YT Section has an online registration system with the company Karelo.com. All registrations must be completed using this online system. **To begin the process please visit the site listed below:**

www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=412&BT=10#Ev12497

NEW: The registration system will generate an automatic email to the skater's coach. Coaches are encouraged to check the confirmation email to ensure their skater(s) is registered in the correct event.

Using Karelo for the first time

The first time you use Karelo.com to register for an event, you will be asked to choose a [log in name & a password](#), and to enter your contact information. **When entering contact information, please use the skater's name and not the parent's name.** Skate Canada Number must be entered as per your Skate Canada Card (i.e. 10 digits including all zeros). This is a very short and simple step that will enable you to avoid the hassle of re-entering your information for each event registration! Your contact information is never shared with third parties. Please review Karelo's ['Privacy Policy'](#) for more details.

Entering your registration

If you have never used Karelo.com before, go to ['I am new to Karelo.com'](#) and select a login name and a password; enter your contact information. Then follow these steps:

1. Log in. Select the event that you want to register for from the Event list.
2. Enter your registration information. **Please remember that if you are registering in STAR 2 you also need to choose a music selection from the drop down menu.**
3. Enter your credit card information (Visa or MasterCard). This is a secure transaction. Your credit card is charged immediately.
4. You are registered! Check your email for the confirmation email with your registration details.

IMPORTANT: If you and your coach DO NOT receive an email confirmation from Karelo.com or receive a confirmation number, then you are NOT REGISTERED for the competition. Please contact the registrar if this occurs.

REGISTRAR: Janet Gordon: ggordon@persona.ca