

59th ANNUAL OKANAGAN REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH 2ND, 3RD & 4TH, 2012

Hosted by the Armstrong Figure Skating Club at
Norval Centre, 3351 Park Drive, Armstrong, BC

This competition is open to skaters who are registered members in good standing with Skate Canada and are home club members of an Okanagan Region Club. In the case of couples, at least one of the partners must be a member of an Okanagan Region Club. The competition is sanctioned by Skate Canada and shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the current Skate Canada Rule Book, except where modified in this announcement. PLEASE READ THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAREFULLY.

ENTRIES

Online registration will close at **midnight on January 20, 2012**. Eligibility for entries is governed by tests passed and age as of January 20, 2012, for all STARSkate and LOC Events. For Competitive Events, the age shall be as of July 1st, 2011 and the tests passed as of closing date of entries. **Planned program sheets must be completed and returned no later than February 15, 2012 for all free skate events.**

Should there be only one entry in an event, the competitor **may** choose to be evaluated by one judge, skate up one level or withdraw with a refund of the entry fee.

It is the responsibility of the skater and coach to correctly fill out the entry form. Placement of the skater in the correct event will be based on the information provided on the entry form and can be changed only at the discretion of the Competition Committee and Chief Referee.

ONLINE REGISTRATION – You will register for this competition using our online registration program only. You will require a credit card to complete the registration online; all credit card transactions are handled securely. To begin the process please visit the site listed below or visit the Okanagan Region website at www.okregion.homestead.com and click the link available:

<http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=412&BT=10#Ev11627>

The online registration system is the only method of registration. Mailed in entries will not be accepted. You may still pay the entry fee using a cheque but the registrations must be entered into the online registration program first. Please save your profile during your registration for this competition as it will make registration for the next one quicker and easier.

Below are the steps to help you with the online registration process:

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 login 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!

Your 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:

Log in

Select the event that you want to register for from the Event List.

Enter your registration information using the drop down selections where possible.

Enter your credit card information (Visa or MasterCard). This is a secure transaction. Your credit card is charged immediately. You may also pay by cheque or money order. Cheques are made payable to "Armstrong Figure Skating Club" and should be mailed to the registrar at:

NOTE: If paying by cheque your cheque must be made payable to the Armstrong Figure Skating Club and must be in the hands of the registrar no later than January 20, 2012 or the entry will not be accepted. NSF cheques are charged an additional \$15.00. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the committee. A doubled fee penalty may apply.

FEES

The entry fees will be as follows:

Performance Program _____	\$45.00
Pre Preliminary Singles _____	\$55.00
Preliminary through Gold Singles _____	\$65.00
Pre Juvenile and Juvenile Singles _____	\$65.00
Competitive Singles (Short Program or Free Skate) _____	\$65.00
Interpretive Events _____	\$65.00
Elements Events _____	\$30.00

REGISTRAR:

Lorraine Mapoles

2618 Cameron Road

West Kelowna, BC

V1Z 3K9

mapoles@shaw.ca (questions only)

Telephone: 250-769-5597

(NO COLLECT CALLS, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE)

If sending cheques by courier, please mark "No Signature Required"

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **EVENT COMPOSITION:** In normal circumstances, each category at the competition must be held for ladies and men separately. However, at the discretion of the Technical Representative/ Chief Referee and the Host Committee, a decision to combine events may be made as follows:

- (a) Combine two or more categories in the same event when each category has fewer than three entries.

- (b) Combine two or more categories in the same event when one category has insufficient entries to hold the event.

The decision to combine events is at the discretion of the Technical Representative/Chief Referee and the Host Committee.

In any of the above cases, categories may be combined only with full prior knowledge and agreement of all competitors affected. **Note that in BC/YT Section competitions, men and women will compete against one another in Interpretive events.**

2. Performance Program and Pre-Preliminary Free Skate and Pre-Introductory Interpretive groups will be determined by the number of entries and divided by age, if necessary, by the Chief Referee, Chief Data Specialist or the local organizing committee. Each resulting group shall be considered a final event.

3. The skating order shall be drawn by lot and may be drawn by computer for the initial round for the first or only portion of an event. Except as noted, draws will be made in accordance with SC Rules.
4. Skaters who move on to a final event will be awarded finalist ribbons. In final events, medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All competitors in Performance Program will receive a participation certificate and either a gold, silver or bronze ribbon based on their assessment by the judges. If groups are necessary in Region Championship, skaters will proceed to a final round to determine the Okanagan Region Champion in each category and the medallists. Ribbons for skaters proceeding to finals will be available from the Registration Desk.
5. CPC marking system will be used for STARSkate free skate events, STARSkate interpretive events and Competitive singles events. Preliminary Points System will be used for Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary free skate events.
6. The competition ice surface of the arena is 85' X 200' with slightly rounded corners.
7. No collect telephone calls will be accepted and some long distance calls may not be returned dependent upon the nature of the query.
8. A Team Trophy will be awarded to the club with the highest total points as follows:

(a)	4 or more entries	- 1st place	5 points
		- 2nd place	3 points
		- 3rd place	2 points
(b)	3 Entries	- 1st place	3 points
		- 2nd place	2 points
(c)	2 Entries	- 1st place	2 points
9. Attention All Coaches: It is mandatory for all participating coaches to register at competitions and to 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 a fee of \$25.00 by showing current Skate Canada membership and First Aid information.
10. As parents are not allowed in the dressing rooms, the host club will endeavor to provide a "common area" where parents can be with their skaters to put on their skates before they compete

OTHER INFORMATION

MUSIC

Music: Music will not be accepted unless it complies with this announcement.

Music must be turned in at least one hour prior to the start of the event

Upon Registration, each entry must provide 2 CD's, one for competition marked "Master" and one for backup marked "Copy".

Standard Specifications for CDs:

- Only one (1) program shall be recorded on each CD.
- The start of the music shall be recorded on the CD at least 3 seconds following the head leader and not more than 5 seconds.
- Music shall be recorded at equal levels on both left and right channels in stereo.
- Music recording levels shall be a maximum of OVU and a minimum of SVU.

- CDs must be marked with the skater's name, home club, event and total music time (not skating time) and enclosed in their integral container, also marked accordingly.

The Competition Committee will accept no responsibility against damaged or lost tapes or CDs, but will take every precaution to safeguard them.

COSTUMING

The clothing for all competitors must be modest, dignified, and appropriate for athletic competition – not garish or theatrical in design. Accessories and props are not permitted.

REFUNDS

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES OF THE COMPETITION FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER - SC RULE.

ADMISSIONS

Admission will be free to all. There will be no reserved seats.

Warm Up Times:

Performance Program and Pre-Preliminary	3 minutes
Preliminary to Senior Bronze Free Skate	4 minutes
Pre-Juvenile, Junior Silver to Gold Free Skate	5 minutes
Juvenile to Senior Competitive Free Skate	6 minutes
All interpretive events	3 minutes

The duration of the warm up periods may be reduced at the discretion of the referee to a minimum of three minutes. All warm up periods for one event must be equal.

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in event finals will take place throughout each day of the competition to accommodate the skaters. Please look for the time of presentations on the official bulletin board and throughout the arena and keep in mind that presentation time and place is subject to change. Medals will be awarded in accordance with SC Rules. Ribbons for skaters proceeding to finals will be distributed at the Registration Desk. The Team Trophy will be presented at the close of the competition to the club that has accumulated the most points.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

A list of competitors with their groupings and event, along with a tentative competition time schedule, will be posted on the [BC/YT Section](#) website.

BULLETINS AND NOTICES

There will be an official bulletin board at the arena listing the starting time of all events. This schedule will supersede all other schedules. The posting of notices on this official bulletin board will be considered sufficient notice to competitors.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the lobby of the arena for ALL SKATERS and will be open for the duration of the competition. Skaters must register personally at least one hour prior to their scheduled event. **Events may start up to one half hour ahead of schedule.**

PRACTICE ICE

There will be no official practice ice available.

PROTOCOLS

Protocols: Protocols are no longer produced as all results are available on the [Okanagan Region](#) website and the [BC/YT Section](#) website. Please allow for two days post competition completion.

LIMITING OF ENTRIES

Performance Program and Pre-Preliminary Events may have to be limited if time does not allow and they will be limited as follows – First the Performance Program Event and then the Pre Preliminary Event.

ARTISTIC AWARDS

Competitors in the following events will be included in the competition for the noted Artistic Awards. Only initial rounds of competition will be assessed. Where there is a final round in an event, it will not be considered in the judging. When an event has two parts, only the free skate (long program) will be assessed.

Men's Artistic Award – Preliminary Singles and Up

Preliminary Ladies' Artistic Award – Preliminary Singles

Bronze Ladies' Artistic Award – Junior Bronze and Senior Bronze Singles

Silver Ladies' Artistic Award – Junior Silver through Gold Singles

Gold Ladies' Artistic Award – All competitive stream skaters to the highest level

EVENTS TO BE HELD

For event requirements and specifications, please refer to the 2011-2012

BC/YT Section Technical Packages for STARSkate and Competitive, posted on your club bulletin board and also on the [Technical page](#) of the Skating in BC website.

STARSkate

Performance Program

Pre-Preliminary Women

Pre-Preliminary Men

Preliminary Women

Preliminary Men

Junior Bronze Women 12 & Under

Junior Bronze Women 13 & Over

Junior Bronze Men

Senior Bronze Women

Senior Bronze Men

Junior Silver Women

Junior Silver Men

Senior Silver Women

Senior Silver Men

Gold Women

Gold Men

Pre-Introductory Interpretive

Introductory Interpretive

Bronze Interpretive

Silver Interpretive

Gold Interpretive

Competitive

Pre-Juvenile Women

Pre-Juvenile Men

Juvenile Women

Juvenile Men

Pre-Novice Women – Short Program

Pre-Novice Women – Free Skate Program

Pre-Novice Men – Short Program

Pre-Novice Men – Free Skate Program
Novice Women – Short Program
Novice Women – Free Skate Program
Novice Men – Short Program
Novice Men – Free Skate Program
Junior Women – Short Program
Junior Women – Free Skate Program
Junior Men – Short Program
Junior Men – Free Skate Program
Senior Women – Short Program
Senior Women – Free Skate Program
Senior Men – Short Program
Senior Men – Free Skate Program

Please note that for this competition only Competitive skaters may enter a Short Program and Freeskate Program in the same or different competitive categories.

INDIVIDUAL ELEMENT EVENTS

In the individual element events skaters will each skate four elements in the order listed in the separate categories below. Each skater in the event upon being signalled by the referee will perform all of the elements and then the next skater will perform all of the elements in the same fashion and so on until all skaters in the event have skated. Skaters may attempt each element only once.

There will be a warm up of 3 minutes for Preliminary and Bronze categories and 4 minutes for the Silver and Gold categories after which time skaters will take a position against the boards within the vicinity of the event referee. Skaters will remain in this position after the warm up except during their own execution of the elements.

The event will be judged based loosely on the PPS (for Preliminary) and CPC judging systems (for Bronze and higher) in that each element will have the value of the element taken from the CPC Scale of Values and the judges will award a GOE. Under rotated jumps will be identified and called by the referee. All spins and footwork will receive no higher than Level 1 for Preliminary, Bronze and Silver and will have levels called for Gold.

Open to Men and Women who will compete together.

PRELIMINARY ELEMENTS

Skaters must not have passed any free skate test or part thereof. Elements to be skated:

1. Lutz
2. Loop/loop combination
3. Sit spin or Camel spin
4. Sequence of 2 spirals (both unsupported) to be held for 2 seconds each or one (unsupported) spiral to be held for 3 seconds.

BRONZE ELEMENTS

Skaters must not have passed any higher than the Junior Bronze free skate test. Elements to be skated:

1. Axel
2. Two jump combination consisting of 2 singles or 1 double and 1 single jump
3. Combination Spin with change of foot
4. Sequence of 2 spirals to be held for 3 seconds each or one spiral to be held for 6 seconds.

SILVER ELEMENTS

Skaters must not have passed any higher than the Senior Bronze free skate/Juvenile Competitive test. Elements to be skated:

1. Double jump (skater has the choice but it cannot be used in the combination)
2. Two jump combination consisting of two doubles or one single and one double (the double jump must be performed as the second jump)
3. Flying spin in one position with no change of foot.
4. Spiral Sequence – 2 spirals to be held for 3 seconds each or one spiral to be held for 6 seconds

GOLD ELEMENTS

Skaters must have passed the Junior Silver free skate/Pre Novice Competitive test or higher. Elements to be skated:

1. Axel or Double Axel
2. Two jump combination consisting of 2 doubles or 1 triple and 1 double jump (no Axel)
3. Layback spin (men do a Crossfoot spin)
4. Spiral Sequence - 2 spirals to be held for 3 seconds each or one spiral to be held for 6 seconds

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Hotel Information

THE ARMSTRONG INN

3400 Smith Drive
Armstrong BC
250-546-3056

Rates range from \$99 + tax to \$119 + tax. No pool, however hotel has a restaurant and pub and is located approx 5 mins. from the rink.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

4716 34th St
Vernon, BC
250-550-7777

Rates are \$110.95, ask for "Easy Group Rate". This hotel is in Vernon, located approx. 20 mins. from the rink

SCHUBERT ESTATES BED AND BREAKFAST

www.schubertestate.ca

4304 Schubert Rd
Armstrong BC
250-546-2479

Rates vary between \$65-\$90 so please call for details.

RINK INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

NORVAL CENTRE

3351 Park Drive
Armstrong, BC
250-546-9456

From the south on Provincial Rout 97A

1. Turn Left onto Smith Drive (go 0.1 miles) (light on the highway)
2. Turn right to stay on Smith Dr (go 0.2 miles)
3. Turn left onto Pleasant Valley Blvd (go 0.2 miles)
4. Turn Right onto Mill St
5. Turn Left onto Pleasant Valley Blvd (go 0.5 miles)
6. Turn Right onto Park Drive (go 0.1 miles) at the Kin RV Park
7. End at 3351 Park Drive Armstrong BC (Arena on the left)