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Rinkside Chatter



Message from the Chair—Laura McLellan

Welcome to another season of skating which is now well underway. With the completion of Sectionals in November the sections attention now turns to Area Competitions and evaluating tests at our local skating clubs.

Speaking of Area Competitions, please check the *Skate Canada Central Ontario 2016-2017 Event Schedule* (www.skatecanada-centralontario.com) for dates and locations of all the area competitions. If you are able to help out at any of these events and have not yet been contacted directly by the Competitions Technical Representative, please contact to the COS Office. We will pass this information on to some very grateful Tech Reps!

This season also marks the last season for the Central Ontario Section as a stand alone section. Amalgamation of all four Ontario sections into one section will be happening in the spring of next year. Let's try to make this last season as COS a great experience for our skaters, coaches, parents and officials. For more updates on the transition to one Ontario section please consult the Skate Ontario Website at www.skateontario.org. Until this transition is completed, all direct inquiries by officials should still go through the Central Ontario office. COS Contact Information noted within this newsletter.

Summer 2016 has been a very busy one in the section with several seminars and clinics being held at the COS offices. This means that not only has the number of officials increased but the qualifications of our existing officials has also gone up! Please continue to work toward your promotions and achieving your goals so that when the amalgamation of all sections takes place everyone's status will be up-to-date.

All the best for the coming season!

2015-2016 Award Winners

COS Evaluator of the Year—Cathie Tonkin

COS Official of the Year—Kathy Robinson

Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award—Monique and Andre Payer

Skate Canada Official Nominee—Rheagan Fawcett

As announced by Skate Canada in November 2016: September 1, 2017—Preliminary and Junior Bronzes tests will no longer be available after this date.



The COS Judges Committee would like to take this opportunity to extend to you and your families the warmest greetings of the Christmas Season and all the best of the coming New Year.

New for 2016-2017 STAR Area Competitions

Skate Canada has introduced new events and changes for the 2016-2017 Season.

The first is a reworking of the Solo Ice Dance Events. Solo dance events have been created for every level—see the chart below for a brief overview and the Skate Canada Info Centre for more complete information. It should be noted that these events are open to **BOTH** STAR and Competitive skaters. The one stipulation being that if a competitive skater does enter a solo dance event, then he/she must skate UP one level for the same calendar year. For example, a Juvenile dancer skating at Summer Skate would have to enter the Pre-Novice (STAR 8-9) Solo Dance event at an area competition. It should also be noted that Key Points will not be used for Pattern Dances in any of the Solo Dance events from STAR 2-3 up to and including the Novice (STAR 10-Gold) level.

The second change is in Free Skate with the reclassification of the Senior Bronze, Junior Silver and Senior Silver Free Skate to STAR 6, 8 and 10 with the Gold event staying the same. Two new levels have also been introduced—STAR 7 and 9. STAR 7 and 9, are ‘short programs’, similar to a competitive short program, elements are specified and must be executed by the skater. These events will provide a good introduction to short programs for those skaters that might be interested in continuing on to the competitive stream. The reclassification and addition of events has also meant changes to qualifications of the judges sitting on the judges panel—CPC judges will now be required for STAR 5 and up. Sections will be deciding on the judging panel qualifications per event as the season progresses.

Solo Pattern Ice Dance Competitions:

Level	Qualification	No. of Dances Skated	Dance/Dances Skated
STAR 2-3		One	Selected by Section from Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango or Baby Blues Assessment criteria available on Skate Canada Info Page
Pre Juvenile (STAR 4-5)	Must have passed the complete Jr. Bronze Dance Test	Two	Selected by Section from Swing, Fiesta, Willow, Fourteenstep, Ten Fox or European
Juvenile (STAR 6-7)	Must have passed the complete Jr. Bronze Dance Test	Two	Ten Fox and European
Pre-Novice (STAR 8-9)	Must have passed the complete Jr. Bronze Dance Test	Two	Rocker Foxtrot and Starlight Waltz
Novice (STAR 10-Gold)	Must have passed at least two pattern dances from the Gold Dance Test or higher	Two	Blues and Quickstep
Open Solo Short Dance	Must have passed the complete Senior Silver Dance Test and are under the age of 21		Blues rhythm specified with an optional second rhythm of Swing or Hip Hop. Required elements include; two sequences of the Blues pattern dance; one mid-line, diagonal, or circular step sequence; one set of sequential twizzles; one dance spin.

CPC Components—A Quick Reference Chart:

Component	Also Known As...	Elements
Skating Skills	Balance	Overall coordination/Balance; Edge control/flow; Multi-directional skating; Strength; Effortless power and acceleration
Transitions	Connections	‘Threading’ of elements; Intricacy/quality; Variety; Meaningful and appropriateness; patterns
Performance/Execution	Delivery	Ability of deliver and projection; Carriage and style; Clarity and variety; Unison
Choreography/Composition	Design	Purpose/idea; Structure/pattern; Design/dimension; Movement—Musical phasing
Interpretation	Feeling	Interesting and appropriate translation of music to movement; Use of musical highlights and nuances; Music’s style and character; Continuous effortless and expressive movement

Skate Canada Allowance for Possible Head Injuries:

“At any time in Skate Canada competitions (qualifying and non-qualifying) if the Referee feels there is a possible head injury or concern of concussion or if advised by medical, they should blow the whistle or stop the music to signal to the Skater(s) to stop skating. The Referee will allow a break of up to three minutes for the Skater(s) to be assessed. In all domestic competitions, if the skater is able to continue no deduction will be applied.”

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Monique Vanier Payer this past summer.

COS wishes to extend our sympathies to Andre and his family.

Congratulations to Brenda Key on the birth of a boy in April—Benjamin Carter

Key Bradshaw.



Coaches are now allowed to sit on any STAR 1-4 event panel even if the event being judged has skaters from their home club and/or skaters that they have or are currently coaching.

Congratulations to the following officials on their recent promotions:

- Alvin Chau—Technical Controller Singles
- Robert Hatfield—Technical Controller Singles
- Leslie Keen—International Controller Dance
- Chris Stokes—International DIO/VRO
- Georgia Gopinath—Juvenile



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