



2012 SNOWFLAKE SKATE – AN OVERVIEW



Welcome to Snowflake Skate. For many of you, this may be your first competition so you might be both excited and nervous. Here is some information that will help you and your parents relax and enjoy your special day.

Before you come: check COS website (<http://www.skatecanada-centralontario.com/2011-12%20resultsevents.htm#SNOWFLAKE>) for the starting time(s) of your event(s). Schedule may change so check the day before to make sure you know when to arrive. Plan to arrive at rink 60 minutes before your first event. This will give you enough time to register, hand in your music, find your change room, warm-up and put on your skates.

Remember to bring: Pack these the night before.

- Skates, skate wipe and guards.
- A helmet if you are at CanSkate Level 5 or lower (including adults). You will not be able to compete if you forget your helmet.
- Gloves, sweater to keep warm before your event(s).
- Water and snacks.
- Two (2) copies of your music (if performing a solo).
- A smile!

Parking: If the parking lot beside the Arena is full, please continue to the back and through to the parking lot of the neighbouring high school (Philip Pocock).

Facilities: Tomken Twin Arena has two levels and two rinks. On the lower level there is a lobby area with snack bar and washrooms, entrances to the rinks, and two staircases to the upper level. On the upper level, there is a lobby area, entrances to guest seating for each rink and washrooms, and an auditorium. There are two windows overlooking the rinks for those who cannot sit in the rink stands. In the rink areas, there are assigned change rooms for the competitors, with washrooms in some change rooms. There is an elevator in the lobby for use by those who require one. In the auditorium, there is a stage for the awards ceremonies, and a rest area for officials. Vendor booths will be set up here.

Guests: Guest entrance fee is \$5 for Adults, \$3 for Seniors, \$3 for Children 4 to 12 and no charge for Children 3 and under. Parents are considered guests. Guests will sit in the upper level rink stands of each rink. There is no entrance fee for competitors.

Event Program: Skaters will receive one copy of the program in their loot bag. Guests may purchase a program if they wish. Schedule of events will be posted in the rink in which the skater will skate.

Registration will take place in the lobby (lower level). Please proceed to registration desk with one parent when you enter the lobby. You will be signed in and given a participant ribbon and loot bag. Next, your events will be verified and you will be assigned a change room for each event. You will then register your music. Finally, you will proceed to your assigned change room to prepare for your first event.

Parents: Parents of young skaters may accompany them into change room to help them put on their skates but must then leave the immediate rink area and be seated in the stands with other guests. Security will ensure no unauthorized persons are in change rooms or in this area.

Judging and Results: Skate Canada – Central Ontario Section (COS) will be officiating at this event. COS will provide volunteers to judge and tabulate results. Results for each event will be posted on the walls inside the rink in which the skater skated as they become available.

Participants placing first, second and third in the events will receive medals and these will be given out at the award ceremonies which will be held throughout the day in the Auditorium. Also in the Auditorium, placement ribbons will be given for fourth place and below. Please make your way there after the results of your event have been posted.

Vendors: Several vendors will have booths near the Awards Podium in the Auditorium.

- D’Asti Photography will photograph skaters as they compete. Please visit to purchase photos and arrange for pickup.
- JB Video will also be capturing the competition. Please visit their booth to see your video, make purchases and arrange for pickup.
- D&G Trophies will be engraving medals.
- Convocation Flowers will be selling flowers to present to competitors.
- Figure Skating Boutique will be selling skate wear and other skating related items.
- Sweet goods by Applewood Bakery.
- Pick and Pull (\$2) table for fun kid prizes.

Changes to schedule: During 2012 Snowflake Skate, starting times for events may occasionally shift by up to 30 minutes for unforeseen reasons. If this does occur, please be patient as we bring the competition back on schedule.

At the end of the day: Before you leave

- Make sure you have your award(s), loot bag and skate bag.
- **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR MUSIC!**

*We hope you have a wonderful time and wish all skaters
Good Luck*



2012 SNOWFLAKE SKATE COMMITTEE

