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***2018 Skate Canada  
Manitoba Open  
Free Skate Competition***

February 16-18, 2018

Portage la Prairie, MB

Portage Skating Club

Sanctioned by Skate Canada

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*Hosted by Portage Skating Club at the Stride Place in Portage la Prairie, MB  
February 16-18, 2018*

### **General Information**

This competition is an open free skate competition and will be conducted in accordance with the Skate Canada Rule Book. If not stated otherwise in this document, the normal regulations governing skating will apply as indicated in the Skate Canada Rule Book. Skate Canada Manitoba (SCMB) Manitoba Open Free Skate is open to all skaters who are members in good standing with Skate Canada or the USFSA.

Competitors wishing to enter the 2018 Skate Canada Manitoba Open Free Skate Competition shall meet the **test requirements to compete before October 1<sup>st</sup>** and **age requirements before July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition** for all events, unless otherwise specified in this document.

***Online registration must be completed by January 10, 2018 at 11:00pm CST.***

***Date*** February 16-18, 2018

***Host*** Portage Skating Club

***Venue*** Stride Place, 245 Royal Road S, Portage la Prairie

***Ice Surface*** 85' x 200'

### ***Hotels***

**Canada Inns**  
2401 Saskatchewan Ave W  
Portage la Prairie, MB  
204-857-9745  
**Rate: \$114**

***LOC Chair*** Shawn Cabak Day: 204-239-3353 Night: 204-239-4795  
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## **PRE-JUVENILE AND JUVENILE**

This is a clarification of skaters for Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile levels being able to cross over into STAR categories for competition purposes.

Skate Canada has no rule stating that Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile skaters must stay in these categories for the duration of a season. Skate Canada encourages developmental opportunities for all athletes. Skaters at this level of development have the freedom to move from Pre-Juvenile and/or Juvenile to STAR categories at any point during the season. Likewise, the STAR athletes have the same opportunity to try Pre-Juvenile and/or Juvenile categories at any point during the season. Skaters at any level of competition will need to meet the age and test requirements indicated for the level they intend to compete.

## **EVENTS TO BE HELD**

Where technical requirements between Skate Canada and USFSA events differ, USFSA skaters will be accommodated.

### **STARSkate Free Skate Events**

All event technical requirements can be found in Skate Canada's [2017-2018 STAR Competition Technical Program Requirements](#) unless otherwise listed below. Skaters may compete in one short program (Star 7 & 9) and one long program (Star 5, 6, 8, 10 & Gold).

1. STAR 1
  - a. TEST: May not have passed any part of the Senior Bronze (STAR 6) Free Skate Test.
  - b. AGE: No age restrictions. May be grouped by age.
2. STAR 2
  - a. TEST: May not have passed any part of the Senior Bronze (STAR 6) Free Skate Test.
  - b. AGE: No age restrictions. May be grouped by age.
3. STAR 3
  - a. TEST: May not have passed any part of the Senior Bronze Free (STAR 6) Free Skate Test.  
AGE: No age restrictions. May be grouped by age.
4. STAR 4
  - a. TEST: May not have passed any part of the Senior Bronze (STAR 6) Free Skate Test.
  - b. AGE: STAR 4 competitors shall be grouped in three age categories as follows:
    - i. U10: under the age of 10 before July 1 preceding the event.
    - ii. U13: under the age of 13 before July 1 preceding the event.
    - iii. 13&O: thirteen and over as of July 1 preceding the event.
5. STAR 5
  - a. TEST: May not have passed any part of the Junior Silver (STAR 8) Free Skate Test.
  - b. AGE: STAR 5 competitors shall be grouped in three age categories as follows:
    - i. U10: under the age of 10 before July 1 preceding the event.
    - ii. U13: under the age of 13 before July 1 preceding the event.
    - iii. 13&O: thirteen and over as of July 1 preceding the event.
6. STAR 6 (previously Senior Bronze)
  - a. TEST: May have passed the STAR 5 (Junior Bronze) Free Skate test.
  - b. AGE: Skaters may be grouped by age if numbers warrant.
7. STAR 7 – **(SHORT PROGRAM)**
  - a. TEST: May have passed the STAR 5 (Junior Bronze) Free Skate test.
  - b. AGE: Skaters may be grouped by age if numbers warrant.
8. STAR 8 (previously Junior Silver)
  - a. TEST: May have passed the STAR 5 (Junior Bronze) Free Skate test.

- b. AGE: Skaters may be grouped by age if numbers warrant.
- 9. STAR 9 – **(SHORT PROGRAM)**
  - a. TEST: May have passed the STAR 5 (Junior Bronze) Free Skate test.
  - b. AGE: Skaters may be grouped by age if numbers warrant.
- 10. STAR 10 (previously Senior Silver)
  - a. TEST: May have passed the STAR 5 (Junior Bronze) Free Skate test.
  - b. AGE: Skaters may be grouped by age if numbers warrant.
- 11. GOLD
  - a. TEST: May have passed the STAR 5 (Junior Bronze) Free Skate test.
  - b. AGE: Skaters may be grouped by age if numbers warrant.

### ***Free Skate Tests***

Junior Silver to Gold Free Skate Tests will be offered during the Free Skate events of the Manitoba Open Free Skate Competition. **Skaters who are requesting to take a test may include that in his or her online registration and must compete in the Competitive event category equivalent to which he or she is testing.** [Free Skating Tests requirements](#) (see 2.7)

### ***Competitive Free Skate Events***

All event technical requirements can be found in Skate Canada's [2017-2018 Singles Program Requirements](#), unless otherwise listed below.

- 1. PRE-JUVENILE
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skating Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Pre-Juvenile Singles competitors shall be grouped in two age categories as follows:
    - i. U11: under the age of 11 before July 1 preceding the event.
    - ii. U13: under the age of 13 before July 1 preceding the event.
- 2. JUVENILE
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the Junior Bronze Free Skate Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Juvenile Singles competitors shall be grouped in two age categories as follows:
    - i. U12: under the age of 12 before July 1 preceding the event.
    - ii. U14: under the age of 14 before July 1 preceding the event.
- 3. PRE-NOVICE
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the Junior Bronze Free Skate Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Pre-Novice Singles competitors shall be under the age of 16 before July 1 preceding the event.
- 4. NOVICE
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the Gold Free Skate Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Novice Singles competitors shall be under the age of 17 before July 1 preceding the event.
- 5. JUNIOR
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the Gold Free Skate Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Shall meet ISU age criteria (no age requirement).
- 6. SENIOR
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the Gold Free Skate Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Shall meet ISU age criteria (no age requirement).

### ***Competitive Short Program Events***

All event technical requirements can be found in Skate Canada's [2017-2018 Singles Program Requirements](#), unless otherwise listed below.

1. PRE-NOVICE
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the Junior Bronze Free Skate Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Pre-Novice Singles competitors shall be under the age of 16 before July 1 preceding the event.
2. NOVICE
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the Gold Free Skate Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Novice Singles competitors shall be under the age of 17 before July 1 preceding the event.
3. JUNIOR
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the Gold Free Skate Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Shall meet ISU age criteria (maximum age limit only applies).
4. SENIOR
  - a. TEST: Must have passed the Gold Free Skate Test or higher.
  - b. AGE: Shall meet ISU age criteria (maximum age limit only applies).

### ***Special Olympic Free Skate Program Events***

All event technical requirements can be found in the [2017-2018 Special Olympics Technical Program requirements](#), unless otherwise listed below.

1. LEVEL 1
  - a. ELIGIBILITY: A skater competing in Level 1 must have passed CanSkate Stage 1 but no higher than Stage 3.
2. LEVEL 2
  - a. ELIGIBILITY: A skater competing in Level 2 must be working on CanSkate Stage 4 and/or Stage 5.
3. LEVEL 3
  - a. ELIGIBILITY: A skater competing in Level 3 must have passed CanSkate Stage 6.
4. LEVEL 4
  - a. ELIGIBILITY: A skater who has started full rotation jumps and must not have passed any part of Preliminary FreeSkate.
5. LEVEL 5
  - a. ELIGIBILITY: Skater must have passed part or complete Preliminary FreeSkate.
6. LEVEL 6
  - a. ELIGIBILITY: Skater must have completed their Junior Bronze FreeSkate test or higher.

### ***Adult Free Skate Events***

All event technical requirements can be found in Skate Canada's [2017-2018 AdultSkate Technical Program Requirements](#), unless otherwise listed below.

**Program Times:** Adult free skating programs have no minimum program time assigned. This will allow skaters to meet their various goals for the season whether that is to pass a STARSkate test, compete at an ISU or a USFS event, or compete at the Skate Canada Adult Figure Skating Championships.

**Music Requirements:** If using Vocal music, the piece(s) chosen must contain Lyrics in good taste and appropriate for competition.

**Well Balanced Program Requirements:** Maximum jump and spin requirements have been established for all Adult free skating categories. Note that these are identified as maximum requirements, but there are no minimum requirements.

**Category Requirements:** Skaters are expected to enter the appropriate category(ies) based on the technical program requirements. It is expected that skaters will skate to their ability.

1. INTRO
  - a. Maximum program time of 1:40
2. BRONZE
  - a. Maximum program time of 2:40
3. SILVER
  - a. Maximum program time of 3:10
4. GOLD
  - a. Maximum program time of 3:40
5. MASTERS
  - a. Maximum program time of 4:10
6. MASTERS ELITE
  - a. Maximum program time of 4:10

### ***Interpretive Events***

All event technical requirements can be found in Skate Canada's [2017-2018 STAR Competition Technical Program Requirements](#), unless otherwise listed below.

1. PRE-INTRODUCTORY INTERPRETIVE SINGLES
  - a. TEST: Not passed any Skate Canada Interpretive test.
2. INTRODUCTORY INTERPRETIVE SINGLES
  - a. TEST: May have passed the Introductory Interpretive test but no higher.
3. BRONZE INTERPRETIVE SINGLES
  - a. TEST: May have passed the Bronze Interpretive test but no higher.
4. SILVER INTERPRETIVE SINGLES
  - a. TEST: May have passed the Silver Interpretive test but no higher.
5. GOLD INTERPRETIVE SINGLES
  - a. TEST: May have passed the Gold Interpretive test.

### ***Adult Interpretive Events***

All event technical requirements can be found in Skate Canada's [2017-2018 AdultSkate Technical Program Requirements](#), unless otherwise listed below.

1. INTRODUCTORY INTERPRETIVE
  - a. For skaters approximately at the Intro Open Free Skating category level.
2. BRONZE INTERPRETIVE
  - a. For skaters approximately at the Bronze Free Skating level.
3. SILVER INTERPRETIVE
  - a. For skaters approximately at the Silver Free Skating level.
4. GOLD INTERPRETIVE
  - a. For skaters approximately at the Gold and/or Masters Free Skating level.
5. ELITE ADULT INTERPRETIVE
  - a. For skaters approximately at the level of former competitive skaters.

## EVENT REGISTRATION

Registrations are due no later than **Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:00 p.m. CST.** Late registrations will be accepted until **Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:00 p.m. CST** and are subject to a \$50 late fee. There will be no registrations accepted following January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Planned Program Content Sheets must be included for all Short Program and Free Skate entries STAR 5 and higher at the time of registration. Must be submitted at the time of registration using the documents provided on registration form. PICTURES of PPS will not be accepted.**

Planned program sheets are not required for STAR 1-4 Free Skate events.

Event Start Orders will be posted to the MB Open webpage on the SCMB website no later than Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. **All posted Start Orders are subject to change.**

## ENTRY FEES

	<u>First Event</u>	<u>Second Event</u>
Special Olympics	\$60/entry	\$35/entry
STAR 1 - 4	\$70/entry	\$35/entry
STAR 5- STAR 10	\$90/entry	\$35/entry
Adult Events	\$90/entry	\$35/entry
Interpretive Events	\$70/entry	\$35/entry
Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile	\$115/entry	\$35/entry
Pre-Novice to Senior	\$135/entry	\$35/entry
Tests	\$24/test	

*Refunds will be granted up to and including the registration deadline of Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and will include an administration fee and online processing fee of \$25. No refunds will be given after the closing date of entries of the competition. No medical refunds at any time after the deadline.*

## ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Skaters must register, and provide music, no later than one hour prior to the beginning of their event, with the exception of the first event of the day, which will be no earlier than 45 minutes before the start of the event.

## COACH ACCREDITATION

### ***Before the event:***

- Skaters will list a primary and secondary coach on the competition registration form. Only coaches listed on the registration form will be considered for accreditation to the competition.
- Immediately following the closing of registration, a complete list of primary and secondary coaches is to be sent to the Technical Director
- The Technical Director will review the list of coaches, checking both their NCCP Certification, as well as the Coach in Good Standing Status. A color-coded accreditation sheet will be created. Only coaches listed on the accreditation sheet will be permitted board access at the event.
- If a coach requires special permission due to level of certification requests must be made directly to the Technical Director PRIOR to the registration deadline of the competition.



Special Permissions are only valid for one event, and may not be facilitated after the deadline.

- A final list of approved coaches will be sent to the LOC no later than 1 week prior to the event.

***At the Event:***

- Coach check in is required DAILY for every event. A wristband color coded to the NCCP Certified level of the coach will be given on the first day of registration. There will be one wristband given for the duration of the competition. The wristband must be worn and visible at all times. **\*\*Coaches must sign in each day despite having a wristband\*\***
- The Section will provide a color-coded flip chart for each competition to be managed at the event by the Tech Rep. The flip chart should be visible at ice level for event officials, organizing committee, and ice captains to easily monitor. The color presented on the flip chart will represent the NCCP Certified Coaching level approved to be at the boards for the corresponding event. Coaches without the appropriate level of certification will NOT be permitted to be at the boards.
- Last minute coaching changes may be accommodated for extenuating circumstances. These coaches MUST be Registered coaches in good standing with the appropriate NCCP Status. Last minute changes must be facilitated by the Section Technical Director. No Exceptions.
- Coaches who received special permission will be noted on the accreditation sheet provided. These coaches must sign in with their special permission letter signed by the Technical Director. The letter will specify the competition approved, as well as the events.

***ACCREDITATION FOR COACHES***

[Skate Canada Policies and Procedures](#) shall apply.

In order to receive accreditation from Skate Canada at Sectionals, Skate Canada professional coaches must meet the following conditions:

Meet the NCCP Requirements for the level of athlete attending with  
Be a current Professional Coaching Member of Skate Canada  
Hold a valid First Aid Certificate

***ACCREDITATION MATRIX***

As per the NCCP pathways, coaches may obtain accreditation privileges provided the qualifications in the accreditation matrix below are valid at time of competition entry and on-site during the event. The Skate Canada qualifying events are categorized below as events 1-4.

Categories	EVENT #				COACH MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING			
	1	2	3	4	Registered	First Aid	Screening	NCCP Certification
Pre-Juvenile	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	Regional Coach
Juvenile	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	Regional Coach
Pre-Novice	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	Provincial Coach
Novice	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	National Coach
Junior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	National Coach
Senior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	National Coach
Intermediate	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial Coach
Open	✓	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial Coach

The accreditation guidelines for all other Skate Canada sanctioned competitions (as applicable) are determined by the Sections.

Two coaches per entry will be accredited. Only two people will be allowed at ice level – determined by the skater/team.

## MUSIC

All skaters entered in Free Skate events, with the exception of STAR 1, must submit music when they register at the competition.

Only CDs will be accepted and the start of the music shall be recorded on the CD with less than two seconds of lead in. Each entry must provide two CDs for the competition upon registration – one for competition marked “Master” and one for back-up marked “Copy”. 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 a plastic case marked with the skater’s name, category, program type (“Short Program” or “Free Program”), and total music time.

## AWARDS

Skaters in STAR 1-3 events will be assessed to a standard (Merit, Bronze, Silver or Gold) and will receive a ribbon and feedback form.

Skaters in STAR 4 will receive a feedback form and medals will be presented to the top three finalists.

CPC Report Cards will be given to all skaters and medals will be presented to the top three finalists in all other events. Single entries will not be awarded medals.

### **Artistic Awards**

#### **Junior Artistic Award**

The Junior Artistic Award will be presented to a skater at the Juvenile/STAR 6 (Senior Bronze) level or lower who best demonstrates both crowd appeal and special artistic skating values (based on free skating events).

#### **Senior Artistic Award**

The Senior Artistic Award will be presented to a skater at the Pre-Novice/STAR 8 (Junior Senior) level or higher who best demonstrates both crowd appeal and special artistic skating values (based on free skating events).

### **Bursary**

A maximum of three (3) bursaries will be awarded to Juvenile Women representing **Manitoba** and a maximum of three (3) bursaries will be awarded to Juvenile Men representing **Manitoba**.

The total scores reaching 17.00, or higher, from the U14 and U12 results will be collected and the skaters with the top 3 scores will be awarded the following:

- Top Score - \$250.00
- Second Highest Score - \$150.00
- Third Highest Score - \$100.00

### **COSTUMING**

Clothing worn in competitions must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition and must not give the effect of excessive nudity for athletic sport. No tights for boys are permitted; girls may wear skirts, trousers or tights. Sleeveless costumes are permitted. Clothing may reflect the character of the music. Accessories and props are not permitted.

### **ACCIDENTS/LIABILITY**

Skate Canada, SCMB and the Local Organizing Committee and its volunteers undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in these Championships, all competitors and their parents or guardians shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks or injuries to the competitor's person and property resulting from, or caused by or connected with, the conduct and managements of the competitions and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, the association, the Section, Skate Canada, the Local Organizing Committee and against the officers and their entries shall only be accepted on these conditions.

### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

Medical Services available to skaters will be located at ice level, with a further medical room located in the off-ice area. Signage will be displayed on-site.

### **SCMB CAMERA POLICY**

Flash photography is not permitted. Skate Canada Manitoba restricts the use of cameras and video equipment during Skate Canada sanctioned events out of respect for the safety and to protect the privacy of competing athletes.

Spectators are permitted to use cameras at the event for personal use only and are subject to the following conditions. Anyone who does not abide by these rules risks having their camera confiscated by authorized personnel.

- No flash photography is allowed
- Camera lens must not be larger than 200mm in order to avoid obstructing the view of other spectators
- Any resale of photography or posting photos on websites is strictly prohibited
- Video cameras can only be used by the parent(s) of their own skater during their performance

Coaches are only permitted to video tape their own skater from the boards during that skater's practice or performance. Coaches cannot video tape from the spectator area.

**TICKET INFORMATION**

Adult	\$5/Daily Pass
Senior (60+)	\$3/Daily Pass
Student (6-17)	\$3/Daily Pass
Child (5 and younger)	Free

***THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***