



## Ribbon Presentation Guide

The STAR system is designed to introduce skaters to performing and eventually competing. Ensuring that STAR 1-3 is conducted in a fun, relaxed and non-competitive environment is essential. The presentation of report cards and ribbons is a very important part of the process for skaters and parents and can greatly affect their overall experience. **Overall assessment ratings may NOT be posted. The location of the ribbon presentation should be open to the public and must be away from skater warm-up or dressing room areas.**

### Ribbons:

There are separate ribbons for each level for STAR 1-3 and for each of the assessment levels of Gold, Silver, Bronze and Merit. It is recommended that a simple ribbon design be used for STAR 1, a more elaborate design for STAR 2 and even a rosette be given for STAR 3 to reflect the achievement of skaters at each level. Medals (if used) should be reserved for 4 and higher events where skaters are ranked.

### Report Cards:

An individual report card is produced for each skater in STAR 1-4 including the overall assessment rating for STAR 1-3 or the ranking for STAR 4.

The ribbon and report card is presented at the same time for STAR 1 - 3.

*Tip: Attach the ribbon to the report card for STAR 1 and 2 so it is easier for small hands to hold.*

### Presentation Procedure:

1. **Announce the name of the group that will be receiving presentations.** Explain that each skater will be called and presented with their ribbon and report card and parents may take a picture of their skater. Parents have the first opportunity to photograph their skater. If a professional photographer is on site, they may take photos *after* the parents.
2. **Call up each skater to the podium according to the starting order for their group and present them with their report card and ribbon. Do NOT announce the overall rating.** Congratulate the skater. If there is no applause, start clapping and others will join in. *Tip: If an assistant is available, have them check with skaters on the pronunciation of their name prior to presentations. They can also help the skater onto the podium for their presentation.*

When each skater is made to feel special, they and their families leave the competition with good memories regardless of their performance. Choosing the right person(s) to perform the presentation ceremonies and create this positive atmosphere should not be overlooked. While teens and other skaters are valuable volunteers at a competition, ribbon and medal ceremonies should only be performed by adults.