

Media Release

The Winkler Skating Club and Skate Canada Manitoba to Host the 2019 Skate Canada Manitoba STARSkate Figure Skating Championships March 9 & 10, 2019

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WINNIPEG, MB. March 4, 2019 – Winkler Skating Club and Skate Canada Manitoba will be hosting the 2019 Skate Manitoba STARSkate Championships on March 9 & 10 at the Winkler Centennial Arena. Tanya Giesbrecht, the Event Chairperson says she is looking forward to watching Manitoba's young and talented figure skaters over the weekend.

Hundreds of young figure skaters competed throughout January and February at six STARSkate regional competitions across the province. These skaters will congregate in Winkler to perform against other



Manitoba skaters at their level. This competition will provide skaters the opportunity to demonstrate skills they have been learning throughout the year. Each skater is judged on skill and content based on the stage they are learning. Each stage of this national program emphasizes key skills such as turns, stroking, jumps, spins, and different aspects of performance that have been designated by figure skating experts as necessary for development and progression in the sport. All skaters began Skate Canada's CanSkate, Learn-to-Skate program and have moved into the STAR 1-5 program. STAR is where figure skating begins! Skaters will also skate in higher levels including STAR 6 to 10 as well as Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile.

Shauna Marling, Skate Canada Manitoba's Executive Director states that this is a very special event. The Manitoba Men's and Ladies Provincial Champions will be named in the following events:

- Pre-Juvenile Under 11
- Pre-Juvenile Under 13
- Juvenile Under 12, and
- Juvenile Under 14.

Come to Winkler and see our young skaters in action! What an opportunity to see our future skating STARS!

View the <u>Competition Schedule</u>. Event Results will be posted on our <u>website</u> following the competition

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For more information – contact Shauna Marling, Executive Director <u>skate.exec@sportmanitoba.ca</u> or 204-925-5708 (W), Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.