

Mini Olympics

What is it?

The Mini Olympics is a fun competition for Scarborough Figure Skating Club CanSkate and Junior members held at the end of the season in even-numbered years. (In odd-numbered years we have an Ice Show). This year it will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2010 at our own rink, the Ice Galaxy. All regular sessions will be cancelled on that day. Only skaters registered to participate will take part in the events.

The Mini Olympics is dedicated to providing participants with challenge and performance experience in a safe and supportive environment. As an introduction to competition, the emphasis will be on experiencing competitive protocol rather than winning medals. Skaters will have an opportunity to show family and friends what they have learned over the season. The events are appropriate for all CanSkate and Junior members; some Intermediate events are also provided. Awards will be presented for all events and all skaters will be recognized.

Eligibility

The Mini Olympics is open to any registered Scarborough Figure Skating Club CanSkate member working on Stage 2 and up and all Junior members. There is usually one solo event offered for Intermediates as well.

Registration

Skaters will be required to register separately for the Mini Olympics. There will be a nominal entry fee. Skaters who do not register for the Mini Olympics by the deadline will not be eligible to participate on the day. The competition announcement that contains information about the competition and application forms will become available in March. Watch the club bulletin board and website for details. The category you enter will be based on your qualifications as of February 1, 2010 (solo events, November 1, 2009) so it is not possible to pre-register before the announcement comes out as skaters will not know which event to enter.

Competition Protocol

Skaters will know what elements to practice for several weeks beforehand. They will be grouped according to a combination of their age and achievement (what badges/tests they have passed). Groups will be kept as small as practical- usually a maximum of 5 or 6.

On the day of the competition the skaters should arrive at least 45 minutes before their scheduled event. A short, on ice warm up will be provided prior to each event. Programme Assistants will be on hand to help skaters find where they should be and what to do. Following their performance, skaters will leave the ice surface.

This brochure is provided to familiarize you with this event and let you know to watch for details. The rules and eligibility posted here are subject to change. Watch for the official announcement to be posted in the spring of 2010 on the club bulletin board and on the club website at www.sfsc.on.ca. Applications will not be available until March 2010.

FAQs

How are the Mini Olympics judged?

The Mini Olympics are usually judged by at least one official Skate Canada judge plus high level Scarboro FSC skaters. Each element is given a mark and the skater with the highest marks will receive the highest placement. Skaters in Elements events will be given an opportunity to re-skate one element if they feel they can do it better.

What will I need to compete?

For Elements events you need only show up on the day with your skates and neatly dressed. Skaters participating in Solo and Dance events should discuss individual needs with their private coach.

Will I be on the ice alone?

In Elements events, skaters will perform one at a time but the other skaters in their event will be on the ice at the same time as well as some Programme Assistants to help them. Each skater skates in turn. There may be more than one event running on the ice at the same time. For all solo and dance events, the skater will be the only person on the ice.

Must I have a private coach to participate?

You do not have to have a private coach to participate but having a private coach to help you learn the skills better and take you through the competitive process step-by-step is certainly advantageous. Skaters without private instruction will be guided by their group coach during regular group classes.

Can I wear hockey skates?

Certainly. If you normally wear hockey skates you can wear them for the Mini Olympics.

Events

The Mini Olympics will offer a range of events to suit every level of CanSkate and Junior skater.

Elements Events

Skaters will perform 3 elements. Elements to be skated will be from the badge the skater is working on as of February 1, 2010. Elements to be skated will be listed in the announcement.

CanSkate: Separate events for skaters working on Stage 2 through 7

Junior: Separate events for skaters working on Free Skate badges 1 through 5

Dance Events

Dance 1: Dutch Waltz.

Dance 2: Canasta Tango.

Solo Events

Skaters may only enter ONE solo event. Age Categories will be decided upon receipt of entries.

Introductory: Skaters perform to one of three choices of music provided by the club.

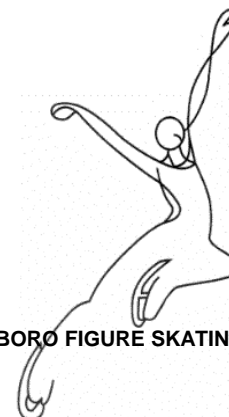
Pre-Preliminary A: Skaters perform their own 1½ minute solo. Skaters may NOT have competed in this year's Club Competition solo event.

Pre-Preliminary B: Skaters perform their own 1½ minute solo. Skaters may have competed in this year's Club Competition solo event.

1½ minute solos will be judged according to the Skate Canada Well Balanced Program guidelines

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