



**2008 SKATE CANADA – CENTRAL ONTARIO
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND CUPID'S CAPERS INVITATIONAL COMPETITION**

HOSTED BY
SKATE CANADA – CENTRAL ONTARIO AND ICED ENERGY SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAMS,
NEWMARKET FIGURE SKATING CLUB
FEBRUARY 2 - 3, 2008

Please note that the Skate Canada - Central Ontario Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships are not qualifying events. Teams competing at the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships do NOT have to compete at Sectionals to qualify. There has been no change to the qualification process for Synchro Canadians for Competitive or Festival teams.

SANCTIONED BY: Skate Canada and USFSA

LOCATION: Ray Twinney Complex, Arena #1
100 Eagle Street West, Newmarket, Ontario
Telephone: 905-853-1595

ICE SURFACE: 200' X 85'

CUPID'S CAPERS ENTRY FEE: \$110.00 per team plus \$10.00 per individual member of each team (including alternates).
\$65.00 per team plus \$10.00 per individual member of each team (including alternates) for Festival Open Short or Freeskate.
Festival Open Short and Freeskate programs are separate categories in Cupid's Capers. In events where there is no short program, teams will skate the free program twice.

2008 SECTIONALS ENTRY FEE: \$110.00 per team plus \$10.00 per individual member of each team (including alternates)
Short and Freeskate programs are combined categories in this competition. In categories where there is no short program, teams will skate the free program twice.

Make cheques payable to Skate Canada - Central Ontario. Entry fee must accompany each entry form. Entry fees will be refunded only if the event is not held. Note: A **\$20.00** service charge will be levied on any returned cheques.

Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) system will be used for all Competitive and Festival events.

ENTRY FORMS: Entry forms may be duplicated as required. Send entry forms along with cheques or money orders to:

Irma Orzeck, Registrar
Skate Canada - Central Ontario Cupid's Capers
111 Snidercroft Road, Unit A
Concord, Ontario
L4K 2J8 Telephone: 905-760-9100 ext 229 or Toll Free 1-877-267-0081

CLOSING DATE: Entries must be received by **December 19, 2007**. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the committee in charge and will be subject to a **\$20.00 late fee**. **Faxed entries will not be accepted.**

AGE VERIFICATION: The Team Manager will certify that dates of birth listed for each team member are correct by signing the List of Team Members and Alternates. Team Manager shall be in possession of the birth certificates in case it is necessary to verify the age of a team member.

EVENTS: Please see attached list of categories. All teams will skate twice. In categories with 10 or more entries, Gold and Silver Finals will be held. All teams in a category will compete together in the first round. The teams with the top scores will advance to the Gold Final and the remaining teams will advance to the Silver Final. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Skate Canada - Central Ontario reserves the right to limit the number of entries if necessary. **An category may not be held if there is only one entry.** Teams will be notified by the registrar if they are the only entry and if they wish to skate an exhibition they must let the registrar know. Teams skating an exhibition will be given CPC scores and will receive a report card for their performance.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Skate Canada rules as listed in the Skate Canada Rulebook. 2007 ISU approved amendments will be applicable. All free programs in the 2007-2008 competitive season must meet the Well Balanced Program Content requirements established by Skate Canada.

SCHEDULE:

The schedule will be available on the Skate Canada - Central Ontario website (www.skatecanada-centralontario.com).

REGISTRATION:

A registration desk will be maintained at the arena starting one hour prior to the first category on February 2, 2008. The manager for each team must register.

SWEEPERS:

Teams are responsible to provide sweepers for their own team.

MUSIC:

Music will be played from tape cassettes or CD's. Two cassette tapes or one CD with a back up tape cassette (two CD's will not be accepted) must be submitted per program. Tapes/CD's must be picked up as soon as possible after the category is completed.

Standard Specifications for Cassettes and CDs

1. Only one program shall be recorded on each cassette or CD.
2. The start of the music shall be recorded a maximum of three (3) seconds following the cassette head leader.
3. Team name, music time (not skating time) and Short or Free Program shall be printed on each cassette, CD and case.
4. All cassettes and CDs shall be in cases.
5. Maximum size (length) of music cassettes shall be C60.

WARM-UPS:

Each team will be allowed 1 minute of warm-up on the competitive ice surface immediately prior to their performance. Warm up time will commence when the team is announced. Prior to being announced, the next team to skate must enter the ice surface at the signal of the Assistant Referee Ice and stand quietly near the barrier. The team is then announced and the warm up time (1 minute) is reckoned from this point. A team must not take more than 30 seconds for exiting from the ice surface.

PRACTICE ICE:

There will be no practice ice for any Competitive or Festival category.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented off-ice to the first, second and third place winners of each final category.

COACH ACCREDITATION: In order to be accredited at Skate Canada – Central Ontario Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships and Cupid's Capers Invitational Competition all coaches must be enrolled in the Section Coach Photo ID Program and must bring their updated Photo ID with them and wear it at all times throughout the event..

If a coach does not have their updated Photo ID but are accredited to enter, a Temporary ID will be provided. A cost of \$25.00 will be required by the Skate Canada-Central Ontario (COS) office after the event if a Temporary ID has been provided to a COS coach more than two consecutive events. No Refund, No Exceptions.

ADMISSION PRICES: \$7.00/day – Adult
\$5.00/day - Senior (60 & over) & Children Under 12

REFRESHMENTS: The concession stand will be open during the competition.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Reservations must be made directly with the hotel/motel of your choice. The following are nearby hotels/motels.

OFFICIAL HOTEL - *Howard Johnson Aurora*
\$95.00/night + taxes
15520 Yonge St.
Aurora, ON
905-727-1312

Alternate Hotel

Best Western Voyageur Place Hotel
\$109.00/night + taxes
17565 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON
905-895-2131
\$99/night plus taxes and fees

Comfort Inn (formerly Journey's End)
\$93.00/night + taxes
Journey's End Road (Hwy 404/Davis Dr.)
Newmarket, ON
905-895-5150

For further information contact:

Beth Martinson, Skate Canada - Central Ontario Synchronized Skating Co-Chair - 905-844-8902
bethmartinson@cogeco.ca

MARKING / JUDGING SYSTEM – CPC judging system will be used for all Competitive and Festival categories.

When two free programs are skated the following will apply:

- Each team will skate their free program twice. Final results will be based on the combined result of both skates as per the following factors:
- In the first portion of the category, the free program will be worth 33.3% of the final total (factor 0.5), and in the second portion of the category, the free program will be worth 66.6% of the final total (factor 1.0).
- The draw for skating order for the second free program will be drawn, based on the results of the first program, in the same manner as a category with a short and free program component.

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Sectional Championships will be held for Competitive categories only.

Teams from outside of Central Ontario who wish to compete in a competitive category will be entered in the sectional category as a guest.

Results will include all competing teams and guests will be indicated. Sectional medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams from Central Ontario and Cupid's Capers Invitational medals will be awarded to teams from outside Central Ontario who finish in the top 3.

A category may not be held if there is only one entry. Teams will be notified by the registrar if they are the only entry and if they wish to skate an exhibition they must let the registrar know. Teams skating an exhibition will be given CPC scores and will receive a report card for their performance.

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Short and Free Programs are combined categories. In categories where there is no short program, teams will skate the free program twice.

COMPETITIVE CATEGORIES:

NOVICE A team of 12 to 20 skaters.
Skaters must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1st preceding the competition.
PROGRAM LENGTH – 3 ½ minutes. (+/- 10 seconds)

JUNIOR A team must consist of 16 skaters.
Skaters must have reached the age of 12 but may not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1st preceding the competition.
SHORT PROGRAM LENGTH – 2 minutes 50 seconds maximum
FREE SKATING PROGRAM LENGTH – 4 minutes (+/- 10 seconds)

SENIOR A team must consist of 16 skaters.
Skaters must have reached at least the age of 14 as of July 1st preceding the competition.
SHORT PROGRAM LENGTH – 2 minutes 50 seconds maximum
FREE SKATING PROGRAM LENGTH – 4 ½ minutes (+/- 10 seconds)

ADULT

A team of 12 to 20 skaters.

Skaters must be 21 or older, with allowance for a maximum of two team members to be between 18 and 21 years of age, all as of July 1st preceding the competition and 60% of the team members must be 25 or older as of July 1st preceding the competition.

PROGRAM LENGTH – 3 ½ minutes (+/- 10 seconds)

CUPID'S CAPERS INVITATIONAL COMPETITION

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Festival Open Short and Free Programs are separate categories and each program will only be skated once. In categories where there is no short program, teams will skate the free program twice.

FESTIVAL CATEGORIES:

FESTIVAL PRE-JUVENILE (11 and Under) – A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Team members must not have reached the age of 12 as of July 1 preceding the competition. Music may contain vocals and must be 2.5 to 3.0 minutes in length.

FESTIVAL PRE-NOVICE – A team of 8 to 16 skaters. There is no age requirement. Music may contain vocals and must be 2.5 - 3.0 minutes in length.

FESTIVAL JUVENILE – A team of 8 to 16 skaters. 75% must not have reached the age of 12 and 25% must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1 preceding the competition. Music may contain vocals and must be 3.0 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds).

FESTIVAL NOVICE – A team of 8 to 16 skaters. 75% must not have reached the age of 15 and 25% must not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1 preceding the competition. Music may contain vocals and must be 3.5 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds).

FESTIVAL JUNIOR – A team of 12 to 16 skaters. There is no upper age limit. Music may contain vocals and must be 4.0 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds).

FESTIVAL OPEN – A team of 12 to 20 skaters. There is no upper age limit. Music may contain vocals.

Short program – Maximum 2:50 minutes in length. For short program requirements please refer to the Junior Short program requirements.

Free program - 4.0 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds).

FESTIVAL ADULT – A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be 18 years of age or older by July 1 preceding the competition and 75% of the team must be 25 years of age or older as of July 1st preceding the competition. Music may contain vocals and must be 3.5 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds).

FESTIVAL MASTERS - A team of 8 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be 25 years of age or older and 50% of the team must be 35 years of age or older as of July 1st preceding the competition. Music may contain vocals and must be 3.5 minutes in length (+/- 10 seconds).