



ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR THE

2010 NL WINTER GAMES FIGURE SKATING ZONE QUALIFIERS

- 1) The 2010 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games will be held in Grand Falls-Windsor March 20 – 23, 2010. Skaters must represent one zone and must qualify to do so.
- 2) Entry forms for the zone qualifiers are separate from the Regionals entry forms, and are sent to a different location for processing than the Regionals entry forms.
- 3) These zone qualifiers will be run in conjunction with SCNL Regional Championships as outlined in the 2010 Winter Games Technical Package (attached).
- 4) Skaters, coaches, and parents should refer to the 2010 Winter Games Technical Package for detailed information regarding the categories for Winter Games and the qualifying process.
- 5) Clubs should collect entry forms from their members and send as one package.
- 6) Entry fees for these zone qualifiers, if any, will be collected at the competition. Skaters will be informed if there is an entry fee and the amount of that fee should one be required.
- 7) Entry forms for the NL Winter Games Zone Qualifiers should be mailed XPress Post, postmarked on or before Thursday, December 10, 2009. As this deadline is before the test deadline for Regionals, skaters attempting to pass a test after December 10 should send in a registration form and should indicate as such on their registration form. Section office should be advised of the test result as soon as possible after the test result is available, no later than December 15, 2009. Late entries WILL NOT be accepted. The number of entries received determines whether or not a category goes ahead.
- 8) A copy of the skater's Skate Canada membership card should be attached to the entry form.
- 9) Entry forms should be sent to:
Skate Canada Newfoundland and Labrador WG Qualifiers
P.O. Box 21029
St. John's, NL
A1A 5B2
- 10) Upon receipt of the entry forms Section will sort through the entries, determine which categories will require a run off, and determine when and where the run off will take place. Information will be posted on our section website.
- 11) For more information please contact Section office 709-576-0509, skating@sportnl.ca, or Karen Nevin, kenevin@hotmail.com.
- 12) Should a skater be interested in competing in the Triathlon, but would like to have the option to compete another category should the Triathlon not receive sufficient entries, please send two registration forms, one for the Triathlon and one for the other category, and indicate such on the entry forms.



2010 NL Winter Games Zone Qualifier Entry Form

(Winter Games Committee Use Only)

WG Zone: _____

WG Category: _____

(Please fill out completely and print/write clearly, except for the box designated for WG Committee use only)

Skater's Name			
Home Address and Postal Code			
Where do you go to school?	School: Street Address:	Community:	
Home and Emergency Phone Numbers			
Skate Canada Number			
Date of Birth (use month name/day/year)			
MCP Number			
Name of Home Club			
Signature of Home Club Officer			
Club Contact Person			
Club Contact's Phone and Email	Phone:	Email:	
Name of Coach			
Category Entered (ex; Junior Bronze Women 11 years)			
Test Qualifications (highest passed)	Free Skate: _____	Competitive: _____	
	Interpretive: _____	Skills: _____	
If my photo is taken I give permission for SCNL to post my photo on their website. If you are trying a test after Dec. 10 but on or before Dec 15 and wish to compete at that test level, please indicate If you are hoping to compete in the triathlon but would like to compete in another category should the triathlon not proceed please indicate	Yes _____ No _____		
	Test Attempting _____ Date of test day _____		
	Yes _____ No _____ (If yes be sure to send in an additional entry form for that category)		

- NOTE:**
- 1) The Winter Games Skating Technical Package is available on our section website and should be read thoroughly.
 - 2) Entries **MUST INCLUDE** a copy of the above named skater's current Skate Canada Membership Card.
 - 3) All entry forms should be returned to section office as indicated in the announcement, postmarked by Thursday December 10th, 2009. Late entries **WILL NOT** be considered. Upon receipt of entry forms a category may be cancelled if insufficient entries are received.

Participant's Release

By my participation in this event, I consent to the known and foreseeable physical risks inherent in the sport of figure skating. These risks include, but are not limited to: travel to and from the arena, ice conditions, equipment failure, and falls, collisions with other participants and/or instructors, and facility conditions. In assuming these risks, I, the undersigned, forever release, for myself, my heirs, and any person acting on my behalf, the Host Club and Skate Canada Newfoundland and Labrador, and its directors, employees, volunteers, coaches, officials, instructors, independent contractors, agents and sponsors, from any claim arising from any illness of injury to my person as a result of my participation in this activity.

The above skater is registered in the correct category, Coach's Signature:	Competitor/Parent/Guardian's Signature: (Parent/Guardian Signature Required if competitor under 18 years)
Date:	Date:

(November 2009)

2010 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR WINTER GAMES TECHNICAL PACKAGE

Events to be skated:

Women Events

Competitors entered in womens events may not have competed at the 2010 BMO Financial Group Sectional Championships in a singles event, apart from entries in PreNovice, and PreJuvenile.

- Junior Bronze 11 years old
- Junior Bronze 12 and 13 years
- Junior Bronze 14 years and over
- Senior Bronze 12 and under
- Senior Bronze 13 and over
- Junior Silver
- Open (Senior Silver/ Gold)
- STARSkate Bronze Women Triathlon
- PreJuvenile Women
- PreNovice Women

Men's Events

Competitors in the Men's Open events may have competed at the 2006 BMO Financial Group Sectional Championships in a Singles event

- Senior Bronze Open
- Open (junior silver and up; PreNovice)

Zones

Zones shall be per Games regulations (Appendix 1) with the following exception; all skaters representing Terra Nova Tornados shall be considered as part of the Central Zone, not Eastern. A minimum of 3 zones must be represented in the Men's events for the event to be skated, for Women events the minimum number of zones will be 5.

Eligibility

Skaters shall represent zones based on the location of their school. Skaters should note that they are only eligible to compete in one sport at the games, and if they qualify in any given sport, they are not permitted to take part in qualifiers for any other sport. Athletes must compete in the sport they first qualify in.

Run offs

All STARSkate events will be run off at the Regional Championships not later than January 31 of the Winter Games year. Where there is a crossover of zones, each zone will be run off individually. The winners of the run off events will be named to the zone team. If a winner is unable to attend Winter Games, the alternate for that event will be named based upon the highest order of placement in the run off protocol.

Run-offs are only required if skaters from more than one zone are represented in the equivalent regional event; otherwise the placement in the regional event shall be used.

If required, run-offs shall be held as follows:

Avalon regionals: St. John's, Mount Pearl, and St Pierre zones

Eastern regionals: Avalon and Eastern zones

Central regionals: Central and host zones

Western regionals: Western zone

Labrador regionals: Labrador zone

The qualifier for competitive categories (PreJuvenile, PreNovice) shall be Sectionals. For PreJuvenile the highest placed skater in the zone shall be the qualifier.

The qualifiers in Prenovice shall be determined as follows.

For a given zone the qualifier is:-

- the highest placing skater who has not qualified for Eastern Challenge
- if all skaters from a zone qualify for Eastern Challenge, the highest placed skater.

Age Restriction

Age for event entry is considered to be the age of the skater before July 1 2009. There will be no minimum age criterion set down by Skate Canada Newfoundland and Labrador. Games regulations state that all competitors must be between 11 -18 years inclusive as of March 20th 2010.

Test Qualifying

Tests must be completed before the following dates:

December 15, 2010.

Skaters must compete at the Winter Games in the same category as they compete at Regionals or Provincials (STARSkate) or Sectionals (Competitive). NOTE: Despite the cancellation of some events at Sectionals, those skaters entered prior to cancellation are considered to be competitive skaters from the 2009-2010 season.

Byes:

Byes will be granted where there is a single entrant in a zone run off event.

Entry Fee:

Where there are individual zone run offs, the entry fee for these events will be the same as and in addition to the Regional Championship entry fee; if run-offs are subsidized by Government, no entry fee is to be charged.

Medals:

Medals will be awarded to skaters placing first, second and third in an event.

Team Composition:

A team of up to 12 skaters (10 females and 2 males) with a support staff of 1 coach and 1 manager will represent each zone. Where there are male skaters on a team at least one of the support staff will be male.

Event	Age Eligibility	Test Eligibility	Program Length
Junior Bronze Women Under 12	Under 12 years	Must have passed the complete Jr. Bronze Freeskate test but no higher complete test	2.5 minutes
Junior Bronze Women 12 and 13	12 and 13 years	Must have passed the complete Jr. Bronze Freeskate test but no higher complete test	2.5 minutes
Junior Bronze Women 14 and over	14 and over	Must have passed the complete Jr. Bronze Freeskate test but no higher complete test	2.5 minutes
Senior Bronze Women 12 and under	12 years and under	Must have passed the complete Sr. Bronze Freeskate test but no higher complete test	3 minutes
Senior Bronze Women 13 and over	13 years and over	Must have passed the complete Sr. Bronze Freeskate test but no higher complete test	3 minutes
Junior Silver women	Games age restriction	Must have passed the complete Junior Silver test.	Freeskate of 3.5 minutes
Open Women	Games age restriction	Must have passed the complete Senior Silver or gold test	Freeskate of 3.5 minutes

Bronze Women Triathlon	Games age restriction	Must have passed at least two of the following tests: Junior Silver freeskate test, and/or Junior Silver Skating Skills test and/or Bronze Interpretive test	- One Creative Skating Skills exercise - One Interpretive program (2.0 to 3.0 minutes +/- 10 seconds in length) - One Freeskate program (3.5 min +/- 10 seconds)
Senior Bronze Men's Open	No age restriction	Must have passed the complete Jr. Bronze or Sr. Bronze Freeskate test but no higher complete freeskate test	3 minutes
Men's Open	No age restriction	Must have passed the complete Junior Silver and/or Pre Novice Singles Test	3.5 minutes
PreJuvenile women	Under 11 as of July 1 2009; 11 years old by March 20 2010	Must have passed complete Junior Bronze freeskate test	2.5 minutes
PreNovice women	Games age restriction	Must have passed the complete Pre Novice Singles Test	A short programme not to exceed 2 minutes 30 seconds using required elements as per Skate Canada 2009-10 rule book and a free programme of 3 minutes

Appendix 1: Zones

The geographical boundaries of the regions competing in the Newfoundland and Labrador Games shall be as follows:

The Host Region - the Municipality of Grand Falls-Windsor

St. John's/North - St. John's north to Cape St. Francis, Bell Island, Torbay, Portugal Cove-St. Philips. Also includes Petty Harbour-Maddox Cove, Kilbride, Southland and Goulds.

Mount Pearl/South - Mount Pearl, Paradise, and all communities on the Southern Shore southwest of Goulds from Bay Bulls to Trepassey inclusive.

Avalon - generally, all communities on the Avalon Peninsula and Isthmus of Avalon which are not included in the St. John's/North and Mount Pearl/South regions, up to and including Arnold's Cove. This includes Conception Bay South to Holyrood; the Conception Bay north shore (Conception Harbour to Grates Cove); the Trinity shore (Old Perlican to Blaketown) and up to Arnold's Cove; the areas surrounding Long Harbour, Whitbourne, and Placentia; the Cape Shore and St. Mary's Bay up to but excluding Trepassey.

Eastern - northwest but exclusive of Arnold's Cove including the Bonavista Peninsula, the Burin Peninsula, west to Pool's Cove inclusive; Clarenville and northeast to Gambo but not including Gambo.

Central - Gambo to Hampden, north to Notre Dame Bay and south to the south coast. This includes Bonavista North (Hare Bay, Wesleyville, Musgrave Harbour, Gander Bay); Gander; Fogo Island; Twillingate, Lewisporte; Botwood; Bishop's Falls south to Harbour Breton; west of Harbour Breton to François inclusive; east of Harbour Breton to (but exclusive of) Pool's Cove; Springdale and the Baie Verte Peninsula south to Hampden.

Western - west of Hampden, including the Northern Peninsula, and all communities west of François.

Labrador - all parts of Labrador

St. Pierre and Miquelon - all parts of St. Pierre and Miquelon