

Super Series



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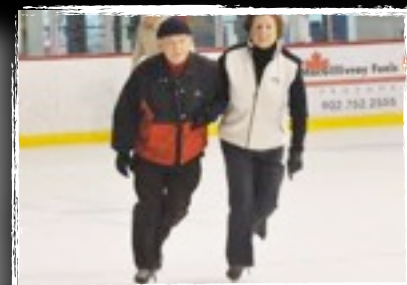
From Pond



To Podium



And Everywhere in Between



Communication #3

A bit of background

It was during Summerskate 2010 that Skate Canada BC/YT Section announced the formation of the Pond to Podium Super Series. Since that time we refined many aspects and adjusted delivery based on comments from regions, clubs and coaches. There are still many details being worked on by members of our skating community and we will continue to deliver **communication updates**. This is the third communication and we will base the content on the questions, concerns and suggestions brought to us from the skating family.

We ask for patience and support while developing this competition series and as we look closely at the rest of our competition structure to ensure we follow the Long Term Athlete Development model which is mandated by the Governments of Canada and British Columbia.

We are certain that in the end everyone will be thrilled with the rationale for and the delivery of all our competitions in the BC/YT Section.

Current Competitions in BC

Competitions by Region

BC Coast	5
Cariboo North Central	5
Okanagan	4
Vancouver Island	4
Kootenay	4
BC Section	3
TOTAL	25

Live Streaming for inspiration, motivation and education



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Over the past year Skate Canada has been testing the live internet streaming of domestic competitions. The number of people who watched was a huge and pleasant surprise. It is felt that live streaming will help skaters to understand the level they are at, follow their competitors, friends and club-mates and provide an opportunity for family and relatives to watch from anywhere in the world.

The BC Section is committed to providing the highest quality live streaming and DVD production for our members. The Super Series (6) will be streamed: VISI, Victoria Day, Summerskate, Autumn Leaves, BC Sections, STARSkate Super Series Final.



Q: With the cancellation of Pacific STARSkate which was the Provincial STARSkate Championship will something in the Pond to Podium Super Series help to fill this void?

A: Yes, we have replaced Pacific Skate with the **STARSkate Super Series Final** which is being planned for the end of March 2012.

Q: Where will this be held?

A: We will hold this for the first year in the Lower Mainland.

Q: Will there be qualifying requirements for this competition limiting skaters as Pacific Skate did?

A: No, this competition will be open for all STARSkaters in BC.

Q: What categories will be held in this event?

A: We are still working on the exact details. The thoughts at the moment are as follows:

- 1) Junior Bronze to Gold free skate for Super Series points: Interpretive and Preliminary will also be included.
- 2) There would be a Region Team competition where each region would select (prior to the competition) those skaters whose scores would count toward their region total score. At the conclusion of the competition the regions would then be placed 1 to 5 with the winner being awarded a new and special Provincial Trophy (a la Stanley Cup)

Q: Do you have to compete in the Super Series Final to be able to win the Super Series in an individual event?

A: No, as long as you have competed in three Super Series identified competitions you are eligible to win. If you have already competed in three Super Series competitions and want to also compete in the Final your scores can not hurt you but they can help you. We only take the top three scores from the season including the Final.

Q: What are the **STARSkate** competitions in BC that are identified as **Super Series** and where I can earn points?

A: You can earn points at any of these competitions but Region Championships are only open to the individual region skaters.

BC Coast

Victoria Day
Jingle Blades
Winterskate
Spring Fling
Regionals

CNCR

Williston
Cariboots & Blades
Totem
Kla How Ya/Nizutnee
Regionals

Okanagan

Autumn Leaves
Lake Country
Ogopogo
Regionals

Kootenays

Sunshine Valley
Sparwood Mini
Rossland Mini
Rocky Mountain
Regionals

Vancouver Island

Lynn Hetherington
Barbara Rasmussen
VISI
Regionals

BC/YT Section

Summerskate
STARSkate Super
Series Final



Questions & Answers



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Q: What **competition stream** events will count for Super Series points?

A: All of the competitions in the STARSkate charts above **PLUS** the BC/YT Sectional Championship which is also considered as the competitive stream Super Series Final.

Q: Which events will be live streamed?

A: Currently we are planning to live stream 6 competitions in the following locations.

BC Coast
Victoria Day

Vancouver Island
VISI

Okanagan
Autumn Leaves

BC/YT Section
SummerSkate
BC/YT Sectionals
STARSkate Super
Series Final

Q: What happens if I move up a category during the series?

A: The highest category you compete in 3 times will be considered your Super Series category. For instance if you do two or three competitions in Juvenile and then 3 competitions in Pre Novice it will be Pre Novice that the final standings will be calculated.

Q: How and when would I know where I am placed in the standings?

A: Following each Super Series competition we will be updating the standings. It may take a few days but we will have the new standings following each of the competitions posted on the Section website skatinginbc.com.

Q: May I compete in both STARSkate and Competitive streams?

A: You may enter both streams in different competitions but if you skate in the BC/YT Sectional Championships your STARSkate results will be removed and then you may not compete in the STARSkate Super Series Final. You will be considered to be in the competitive stream only.

Q: In the first communication it indicated that VISI was the start of the competitive stream ending at Sections and Victoria Day was the start of STARSkate Super Series with VISI being the final. Has this changed?

A: Yes, now that we have created the STARSkate Super Series Final there has been a change. **Competitive Stream** begins at VISI and concludes at BC/YT Sections (considered as the competitive stream final). **STARSkate Stream** begins at VISI and concludes at the STARSkate Super Series Final in March.

We hope this has helped to answer some of your questions. As more detailed information comes available and more questions come our way we will issue another Communication.

Our expectation in the long term is to provide a more valuable competitive experience, available for many to watch for enjoyment, education and inspiration. We are also committed to ensuring that our competition schedule follows the principals of long term athlete development.