

## **Bidding is now open for Sectionals Series, Super Series and STAR 1-4 Series events**

December 21, 2018

As long as there are skaters, there will be a need for figure skating competitions. And as long as there are figure skating competitions, there will be a need for outstanding clubs to host events.

Skate Ontario is pleased to announce that the bid process is now open for clubs to submit an application to host a Skate Ontario event during the 2019-20 season.

It is an online process, whereby clubs must complete the bid application in its entirety in one sitting.

Links to the applications can be found here: <http://skateontario.org/2019-2020-bid-applications/>

Things to consider:

1. Does your club have enough human resources, including event volunteers to be able to execute an event?
2. Does your club have access to the required physical resources including appropriate ice, dressing rooms, warm-up, official, result and spectator areas?
3. Music and its delivery
4. Officials' stand or the ability to rent one
5. A 20-minute proximity to hotel accommodation with a minimum of 20 rooms available for officials plus additional accommodation available for athletes
6. There is a finance sharing model associated to a successful hosting of an event
7. If there aren't enough clubs who are willing to host an event, the number of events will be reduced, negatively impacting athletes
8. There will be two online sessions in January 2019 to help clubs through the bid application process:
  - Saturday, January 5, 11:30am – 12:30 pm EST
  - Wednesday, January 9, 7:30pm – 8:30 pm EST
9. Meetings can be arranged by appointment, once the Skate Ontario office reopens on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Feel free to contact us at that time for help.
10. The bidding process closes on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 11:59 pm EST
11. Because the synchro program is still under review, synchro competitions are not included in the 2019-2020 bid application process. For the 2019-2020 synchro competition season, host clubs will be identified and approached, and will not be required to complete an online bid application.
12. Because it takes time to secure ice with venues, we encourage clubs to inquire about available ice during the next few weeks. If ice allocation in your community has already happened but you would like to be considered for an event, please contact us.
13. For any questions, please contact: Kelsey Bennett, Manager of Events and Operations, [kbennett@skateontario.org](mailto:kbennett@skateontario.org). Please note the Skate Ontario office will be closed from December 22 – January 1, 2019. The office will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 8:00 am.
14. We hope to execute more events in the 2019-2020 season.



15. Please note that we are doing a full review of the registration process and will provide further information.

The biggest thing to consider is that if your bid is successful, your club will have a direct hand in the development of athletes on their sport development journey. We appreciate your commitment to Skate Ontario.

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