



**Skate  
Ontario**

## **STAR 1-4 - MUSKOKA WINTER WHIRL**

JANUARY 6-7, 2024

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HOSTED BY: SKATE MUSKOKA

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**GRAVENHURST CENTENNIAL CENTRE - GRAEME MURRAY ARENA**

101 CENTENNIAL DRIVE  
GRAVENHURST, ON



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

An invitation is extended to all eligible figure skaters to participate in STAR 1-4 – Winter Whirl. Skate Canada rules and regulations will apply throughout the competition unless otherwise specified.

STAR 1-4 – WINTER WHIRL	
EVENT DATES:	JANUARY 6-7, 2024
HOST:	SKATE MUSKOKA
VENUE:	GRAVENHURST CENTENNIAL CENTRE - GRAEME MURRAY ARENA 101 CENTENNIAL DRIVE, GRAVENHURST
ICE SURFACE:	85' x 190'

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION OPENS:	2:00 PM EST on October 30, 2023
REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on November 5, 2023

<b>FOR INQUIRIES:</b>	<b>Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact:</b>  Tristan Forgie tforgie@skateontario.org
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## CONFIRMATION EMAILS

An email copy of each registration invoice will be automatically generated and sent to the account holder at the email address on the registrant's profile.

**Please Note: If you select "NO" for News, Upcoming Program and Registration Information in the Message List on your Uplifter Registration account, you will not receive general emails from Skate Ontario about the event. These emails may include links to the competition entry lists, start orders, results, and important athlete updates.**

## COACHES' CONFIRMATION EMAILS

Coaches will receive an email confirming their athlete's registration information (if the correct email is provided at registration). It is the responsibility of the registrant to ensure the accuracy of the coach(es) email.

## SCHEDULE

Schedule, entries, and start orders will be posted on the Skate Ontario website at: <http://www.skateontario.org>

## REGISTRATION

Registration for this event is an **online submission** and must be completed in full, including payment. Registrants must also acknowledge and agree to all policies listed in the cart for the entry to be finalized.

Please have the following ready before registering:

- Skate Canada number
- Category information
- Partner's name, Skate Canada number, date of birth, and home club (if applicable)
- Coach's email
- Credit card information

Registration is a 2-Step process:

Step 1: Event Registration and Payment on Uplifter

Step 2: Music Registration on Google Forms

**Coaches should submit their skaters music through Google Forms: [CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT MUSIC](#).** Additional details can be found in the Music section near the end of this announcement. Skaters are to bring a backup of their music on a USB stick to the event.

## REGISTRATION OPENING & CLOSING DATES

Registration for this event opens to the public at 2:00 PM EST on October 30, 2023, and will close at 11:59 PM EST on November 5, 2023.

The detailed registration instructions are included on the registration site at:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR EVENT](#)

Access to online registration will cease at **11:59 PM EST on November 5, 2023**, or once registration is filled. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Please review your entry information before submitting.

In the event that registration is filled, skaters will be able to add their names to the waitlist. If a spot becomes available, skaters will have 24 hours to register. Waitlisted skaters will be accommodated until start orders are posted.

## ENTRY FEES

Payable by VISA or MasterCard. No other form of payment will be accepted.  
All entry fees are subject to H.S.T.

STAR 1	\$64.00/person + H.S.T.
STAR 2 & STAR 3 Freeskate	\$75.00/person + H.S.T.
STAR 4 Freeskate	\$88.00/person + H.S.T.
STAR 2/3 Couples Dance	\$75.00/team + H.S.T.
STAR 2/3 Solo Dance	\$50.00/person + H.S.T.
Individual Supplementary Categories	\$50.00/person + H.S.T.
Team/Group Supplementary Categories	\$50.00/team + H.S.T.

## CATEGORIES

Starting Orders shall be determined by a random draw in each category.

Please refer to Skate Canada Rule Book for the applicable program requirements and program lengths for each event for the 2023/2024 season.

The following categories are to be held at STAR 1-4 Winter Whirl:

\* Note: Star 1-3, boys and girls may be placed in the same group.

STAR 1 Elements	Must not have passed any part of the STAR 6 freeskate assessment.
STAR 2 FreeSkate	Must not have passed any part of the STAR 6 freeskate assessment.
STAR 3 FreeSkate	Must not have passed any part of the STAR 6 freeskate assessment.
STAR 4 FreeSkate Girls/Boys	<p>Must not have passed any part of the STAR 6 freeskate assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U10 - Must not have reached the age of 10 before July 1, 2023</li> <li>• U13 - Must not have reached the age of 13 before July 1, 2023</li> <li>• 13&amp;O – Shall be 13 years or over on July 1, 2023</li> </ul>

STAR 2/3 Couples Dance	<p>Each skater must have passed the STAR 1 dance assessment.</p> <p>Pattern Dances to be skated:            Pattern Dance #1: Dutch Waltz (2 sequences)            Pattern Dance #2: Baby Blues (2 sequences)</p>
STAR 2/3 Solo Dance	<p>Each skater must have passed the STAR 1 dance assessment.</p> <p>Pattern Dance to be skated: Canasta Tango (2 sequences)</p>

## **SUPPLEMENTARY CATEGORIES**

Individual Elements	STAR 2 – STAR 4
Team Elements	STAR 2 – STAR 4
Individual Showcase	Showcase 1 Showcase 2
Group Showcase	Showcase 1 Showcase 2
Creative Improv	Creative Improv 1 Creative Improv 2

## MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

### GENERAL MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

**GOOGLE FORM MUSIC UPLOAD:** For STAR 1-4 - Winter Whirl, Coaches are asked to submit their skaters music online through Google Forms. Each entry must provide an MP3 audio file of the correct music for the competition.

Music registration will close at **11:59 PM EST on December 1, 2023**. Late music submissions will not be accepted, nor will they be accepted onsite.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR MUSIC](#)

MP3 file(s) **MUST** be named using the format below:

First & Last Name – Club Name – Category Program Type

EXAMPLE: John Smith – Skating Club – STAR 3  
Sally Skater – Skating Club – Individual Showcase 1

### BACK-UP MUSIC - USB:

#### **PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO PLAY CDS**

Skaters are asked to bring a MP3 version back-up of their music on a USB stick to the event, to be kept ice level with their coach. For skaters competing in more than 1 category, it is HIGHLY recommended that a separate back-up USB drive be available for each piece of music. Alternate electronic items such as cellphones, tablets, mp3 players etc. will not be accepted.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

Registration is finalized only when all information is filled in and payment completed. Your receipt of payment is your registration confirmation. Please print your receipt and retain for your records.

**STARTING ORDERS:** Starting orders shall be determined by a random draw in each category.

**LATE ENTRIES:** Entries received after the closing date will be considered by the Technical Representative for registration. Late entries are subject to a late fee of a 50% surcharge of registration fees for all categories. No late entries will be considered after start orders are posted (two weeks before event start). All late fees are 100% non-refundable.

**REFUNDS:** Full refunds will be given for any cancelled categories. NO REFUNDS (including medical) will be given after registration closes.

**WITHDRAWALS PRIOR TO REGISTRATION CLOSE:** If an entry is withdrawn prior to the registration closing date, a refund (less an administrative fee of \$50.00 per skater/team) will be granted.

**CHANGE OF CATEGORY FEE:** There will be a \$50.00 change of category fee applied for each granted change request after an online registration has been submitted.

**RESTRICTIONS:** In the case of a very large entry in any category, the entries will be drawn into groups. All groups are final and cannot be changed.

**AGE REQUIREMENTS:** As of July 1, 2023.

**MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS:** All categories have a maximum age limit of 21 as of July 1, 2023.

**TEST REQUIREMENTS:** As of February 15, 2024.

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION:** All competitors and Skate Canada registered coaches are required to register upon arrival at the arena. Specific on-site registration instructions will be shared prior to the competition.

**COACH ACCREDITATION:** To be accredited at any 2023/2024 Skate Ontario STAR 1-4 Series event, coaches must be Regional Coach trained or certified. Up to two certified coaches per entry will be accredited.

Ontario coaches must present their Skate Ontario issued Coach's Accreditation Tag. No other form of identification will be accepted. Out of province coaches must provide proof at that they are a Registered Skate Canada Professional Coach in Good Standing when registering at the Coaches' sign in table.

**AWARDS:** Medals for first, second and third place will be awarded for each STAR 4 category. Medal presentation information will be available at the competition.

**RIBBON CATEGORIES:** For all categories Assessed to Standard, including all STAR 1-3 categories, recipients will be called to the presentation area by their skating order and presented their ribbon and report card

**PROTESTS:** For events using the Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) scoring system, protests must be made as per the [Skate Canada Protest Procedure](#). Decisions of the officials categorized as field of play may not be protested, except as noted in the Protest Procedure. Items that can be protested: Participation of a competitor in the competition, Composition of panels of officials, Determination of the results of a competition

All protests regarding the determination of the result for a competitor(s) in the competition must be filed immediately after, but within no more than one hour, of the posting of the full and detailed results for the Segment in question.

# EVENT INFORMATION

## GENERAL ADMISSION

Adult:	\$7.00 per day
Seniors & Children (4-12):	\$5.00 per day
Children under 3:	Free

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Participants are required to book their own accommodations. Nearby hotels include:

Taboo Resort  
1209 Muskoka Beach Rd, Gravenhurst  
705-687-2233

Sleep Inn  
510 Muskoka District Road 118 West, Bracebridge  
705-645-8775

Quality Inn  
300 Ecclestone Dr, Bracebridge  
705-645-8775

Residence Inn by Marriott Gravenhurst Muskoka  
285 Steamship Bay Road, Gravenhurst  
705-687-6600

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