



## Bring On The Fun – FAQ's



**How does hosting a Bring on the Fun benefit our skaters?** – Hosting a BOTF gives your skaters an opportunity to compete in a fun, team based atmosphere in their home rink with the support of family and friends that may not be able to travel to STAR 1-4 Events.

**Can a BOTF event create revenue for our Club?** – Yes! Registration fees bring in revenue for your Club as well as all fundraising and vendors fees that are 100% retained by the Host Club.

**We do not have the volunteer base to host. Can we join with another Club to Co-Host an event?** - Absolutely! We encourage Clubs that may not have the facilities or volunteers needed to co-host with another local Club. Let's pool our resources to give our skater's an opportunity to perform.

**Who creates the Entry lists and Start orders?** – Skate Ontario will organize and create the entry lists and start orders for you, including posting them on the detailed events page on the Skate Ontario website.

**Who are the Officials/Assessors at a BOTF event?** - You can invite coaches, senior skaters, Officials, or members of the community to be assessors at your BOTF event. We encourage senior skaters to get involved from an assessor's perspective, allowing them to take leaderships roles within their Club and receive exposure to the Officiating side of the skating world.

**Are there events like Showcase offered at BOTF events?** – Yes! Individual, Group, and Production Showcase events are offered at BOTF events. These events are all about the “fun” and that's what the day is all about. Great costumes, Great Props!

**How many Clubs need to attend our BOTF event?** – You tell us how much ice time you have, and we adjust the number of registrations we accept. Your BOTF can include as many or as few surrounding Clubs as you wish. We cater it to the ice time and resources you have available!

**When can we host a BOTF event?** – You tell us! BOTF events can be held anytime from December to May. We understand ice is removed from arenas at different times through the spring, so you propose a weekend to us.

**How many days does our BOTF event have to be?** – We will make whatever ice time you can reserve work. Your event can be 1 pad, 2 pads, 1 day, 2 days? You tell us what ice time and number of days you have available and we adjust the registration accordingly. We will work with your availability.



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**What if our Club does not have many skaters that would participate?** – That's why we invite other clubs to join in the fun! This is a fantastic way for your skaters to meet new friends and have a performance opportunity in a fun atmosphere. Again, we make the schedule according to the number of registrations.

**Not all of our skaters have solos yet. Can they take part?** – Absolutely! BOTF events are the perfect introduction to a “competition setting” for new skaters. BOTF offers STAR 1 events, and many contests such as longest one foot glide, longest upright spin. BOTF events are a great tool for sparking excitement in those new skaters.

**How many Volunteers are needed to host a BOTF event?** – The exact number of volunteers needed varies from event to event. A list of suggested volunteer positions can be found in the [BOTF competition manual](#). Many jobs can be assigned to senior skaters, high school students looking for community hours, parents, or community members.

**Will we have guidance from Skate Ontario in the planning/executing of our event?** – YES! You will be assigned a Skate Ontario Event Staff member for your event. They will create the detailed event page on Skate Ontario website, registration page, Entry lists, schedules, and will meet one on one with your hosting committee to answer all your questions. You are not in this on your own. We are here to support you every step of the way!

**Can we host a BOTF in our area if another club is wanting to host?** – YES! We will work with both clubs to find a date and time that will work for each of you. Clubs can also join forces and host together! This can help provide more volunteers, officials, and work together to make a fun atmosphere while building relationships with surrounding clubs.

**We do not have much seating or parking available at our arena. Can we still host?** – Let's have a conversation and brainstorm some solutions. We can cater your competitions to your event space to some degree. Contact our events team and we will do our best to offer some solutions to get you a successful event.

**There is a special event that conflicts with the BOTF event local to us. What can we do?** – Send the Skate Ontario staff member an email. With BOTF events we create the schedule for certain clubs to compete certain days. If there is a special event such as “STARS ON ICE” coming to town on the weekend of your event, let's work to make both work. \*Please note that we cannot accommodate personal conflicts, but if it is the difference of a whole club attending an event, we will do our best to work together.



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**Should smaller Clubs host a BOTF event?** – ABSOLUTELY! BOTF events are designed for clubs of all sizes. These types of events give your skaters performance opportunities right at home! Travelling to competitions is a large hurdle for some skaters and their families. With BOTF events, you are offering your skaters a chance to perform on home ice, and they can invite all their family members to attend.

**Is there any additional insurance coverage needed for a BOTF event?** – Yes, but there is no cost! Your Skate Ontario staff member will send you a form to fill in and send off for an insurance certificate to give to your facility. There is no cost for this coverage, it only requires some general information about skate Ontario and the Host Club.

**Who do I contact to host a BOTF Event and when?** – If your club is interested in hosting a BOTF event, please contact the events team at [events@skateontario.org](mailto:events@skateontario.org) to discuss next steps. We are looking to book some dates and locations for the 2026-27 season now! Please have a possible date in mind to discuss.