



Skaters Pick

STARSKATE / COMPETITIVE —JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2012

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Test Days: Feb 13, Apr 4—5**
- Jan 13—15, 2012
Charles Dover Memorial Invitational Competition
- Jan 21—22, 2012
Pat Abela / Lyle McPhedran Memorial Invitational
- Feb 3—5, 2012
Dennis Silverthorne Memorial Invitational Skating Competition
- Mid-Feb
Spring Registration Begins
- Feb 20, 2012
NO SKATING—Family Day
- Mar 3—4, 2012
Futures—East Invitational Competition
- Mar 5—11, 2012
2012 Ontario Winter Games
- Mar 9, 2012
Recreational Programs End
- April 6, 2012
Fall / Winter Session Ends (PreTest, T1 & up)

SKATERS' LOTTERY BOOKS DUE IMMEDIATELY

Skaters' Lottery tickets were due in December 2011. If you have not turned in your Lottery Book Stubs, please do so immediately.

Payments for the tickets was included in registration for PreTest & higher.

NOTE: \$22 of every booklet sold is returned to HSC by the section and is used towards skater development and/or other skater related needs.

HSC 75TH GALA UPDATE

The 2012 / 2013 Season will be HSC's 75th Anniversary. As this is a major milestone being one of the oldest Skate Canada club's around, we will be forgoing the 2011/2012 biennial dinner/dance and 2012/2013 Carnival for a 75th Anniversary Gala which will be held Saturday April 6, 2013.

We are looking for volunteers in many capacities—see our Poster on the Bulletin Board for more volunteer details.

If you are interested in being a short-term or long-term volunteer for our Gala preparation, please email

NEWS

Pat Pearson at eyeskate2@hotmail.com or HamiltonSkating.Publicity@gmail.com.

HSC CLUB JACKETS

HSC now has Club Jackets available to order—sample sizes available in the office.

With Club Logo Youth - \$74.50 Adult: - \$89.90

With Club Logo, Skaters' Name & STAR-Skate Competitive Team or Competitive Team Youth - \$81.10 Adult \$96.50

*Price does not include any applicable Taxes or Shipping—this will be added on
** A 50% deposit at the time of order is required.

QUALIFICATIONS REMINDER

ALL skaters must register ONLY for the program that they qualify for at time of registration submission. Please check the Spring 2012 Brochure (ETA mid-Feb) for more details for session qualifications for T1, T2, T3, & Competitive.

Skaters who wish to change sessions after test day can only do so if space available. No double booking will be accepted due to skater volume / No Exceptions.

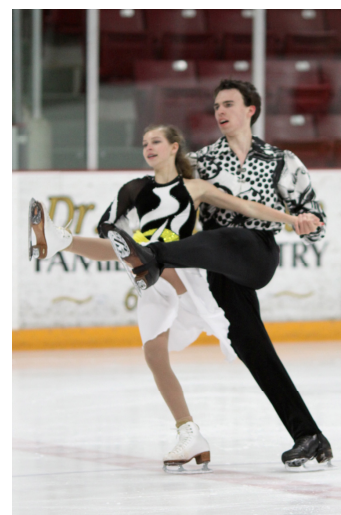
JEAN-LUC AND KATIA AT NATIONALS!!

Jean-Luc Jackson and his partner Katia (Ekaterina Fedyushchenko) (who have been skating together for approx. 7 months) competed at the 2012 Canadian Figure Skating Championships (aka "Nationals") in the Novice Dance Category which was held in Moncton, New Brunswick the week of January 16, 2011.

Jean-Luc and Katia finished in 11th (of 15).

Jean-Luc and Katia train at Mariposa (Barrie ON) and represent Western Ontario.

This event is archived at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/canadian-figure-skating-championships-2012/videos>





HAMILTON SKATING CLUB WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for Web Page sponsors.

\$100.00 12 Month Sponsorship \$60.00 6 Month Sponsorship
Please see Brenda in the office if you would like to support the Hamilton Skating Club.

TAX RECEIPTS

On-Line Access to print your Tax Receipts will be available sometime in February 2012—a notice with instructions will be posted for availability.

IMPLEMENTING LTAD INTO COMPETITIONS

Skate Canada has announced it will now be implementing LTAD into Competitions in Canada Effective July 1, 2012. Specifically -Competitive Tests will be eliminated as per Skate Canada LTAD Update on Oct 20, 2011. Skaters will still need to register as a Competitive or STARSkate skater and will not be permitted to cross streams during the season in their discipline.

More information can be found at <http://www.skating-wos.on.ca/technical/11-scLTADCompRestruc.pdf>.

Skate Canada LTAD Document is found at <http://www.skatecanada.ca/en-us/development/longtermathletedevelopmentltad.aspx>.

COMPETITION UPDATE

Charles Dover Memorial Invitational Competition (Jan 14—15, 2012)

In January, we had almost 60 skaters representing the Hamilton Skating Club at the Charles Dover Memorial Invitational Competition the weekend of Jan 13—15, 2012 including our Adult skaters. Some of these skaters competed for the 1st time ever! HSC skaters came home with 11 Golds, 8 Silver and 9 Bronze! Congratulations to all our skaters!

PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

HSC will post a selection of skater photo submissions from competitions on our photo gallery if you email a Hi-Resolution Picture (original file size). Pictures can include the skaters in their competition outfit(s), podium shots, skater with family, etc.. Details need to include skaters' name, competition category, and competition name. HamiltonSkating.Publicity@Gmail.com

ARE YOU NEW TO COMPETITIONS?

If this is the 1st year your child is competing, you must be wondering what you need to do to make it a successful experience for them.

Your child's private coach will have spoken to you regarding putting together a "solo" that will be used in the competition.

Depending on the progress of your child, your private coach will indicate when / where the competition is and provide you with a registration form with which you must submit your registration fee (fee is dependant on level of competition).

Your child will also need a "competition dress / outfit". Depending on the requirements, you may be able to find an "off the shelf" dress/outfit or may need to get it made (for the smaller sized children / boys). Your coach will give you some ideas / guidelines on what they would like (ie. Colour, style, etc..).

Girls: Depending on the age, many will wear some makeup appropriate for their age, and hair should be tidy and away from the face (ponytail, bun, etc..).

Boys: Hair should be tidy and should not distract from the performance.

On the day of the competition, you will be required to arrive at least 1 hour early to register your child, and the music (CD will be provided by your coach). Your coach will give you further directions on what time they will take the skater for warm up. After your child has skated, he/she will be returned to you by the coach. You must wait 15 – 30 minutes for the results to be posted as medals will not be mailed for absent skaters.

Upcoming Competitions

Date	Competition	Location
Feb 4-5, 2012	Dennis Silverthorne Memorial Invitational Skating Competition	Woodstock
Feb 25-26, 2012	Western Ontario STARSkate Championships	Waterloo
Mar 3-4, 2012	Futures - East Invitational (Hallwint, Niagara, Tri-County)	Simcoe
Mar 5-11, 2012	Ontario Winter Games *Skate Ontario Event (qualifier is Sectionals)	Collingwood/ Barrie (COS)
Mar 17-18, 2012	Trillium STARSkate Championships *Skate Ontario Event (qualifier is Western Ontario STARSkate Championships)	North Bay (NOS)
Apr 6-8, 2012	Skate Canada Adult Figure Skating Championships *Skate Canada Event	Charlottetown, P.E.I
May 11-13, 2012	Spring Fling Invitational ** This event has been suspended for 2012	N/A—Suspended

HSC's WEBSITE and FACEBOOK PAGE

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