



Skate Canada
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2SLGBTQIA+ INCLUSION

WORK TO DATE

Clothing

Item (previous):

Clothing rule for Synchro

Change to:

ALLOW ALL SKATERS REGARDLESS OF GENDER TO WEAR THE SAME ATTIRE.

Implemented in 2017

Technical Competitions Requirements – STAR

Item (previous):

Terminology use of male and female

Change to:

UPDATE TERMINOLOGY TO “SKATER” TO IDENTIFY ATHLETES.

Implemented in 2019

Technical Competitions Requirements – STAR

Item (previous):

Terminology use of man/lady steps in dance

Change to:

CHANGE TERMINOLOGY TO LEAD AND FOLLOW.

Implemented in 2019

Technical Competitions Requirements – STAR

Item (previous):

Terminology use of couples or couple

Change to:

CHANGE TERMINOLOGY TO TEAM OR PARTNERED.

Note: further change will come with updated CSS.

Implemented in 2020 (continuing in 2022)

Technical Competitions Requirements – STAR

Item (previous):

Pair/dance team composition used to identify gender (i.e. male/female, female/female, male/male)

Change to:

TEAM COMPOSITION NOW IDENTIFIED AS – MUST BE TWO SKATERS.

Implemented in 2019

Technical Competitions Requirements – Adult

Item (previous):

Categories using terminology of couples pattern dance, couples free dance, couples interpretive

Change to:

CHANGE COUPLES TO TEAM AND INDICATE THE TEAM MUST BE MADE UP OF 2 SKATERS (NO LONGER IDENTIFY GENDER).

Implemented in 2021

Coach Guides (Manuals) – CanSkate, PowerSkate, STAR 1-5

Item (previous):

Terminology use of male, female, he, she etc.

Change to:

COMPLETE REVIEW OF WORDING TO ENSURE USE OF MALE/FEMALE IS CHANGED TO SKATER. REVIEW AND UPDATES INCLUDE ALL ONLINE E-LEARNING MODULES.

Implemented in 2018 (ongoing)

Program Guides – CanSkate, PowerSkate, STAR 1-5

Item (previous):

Terminology use of male, female, he, she etc.

Change to:

COMPLETE REVIEW OF WORDING IN ALL DOCUMENTS. REVIEW AND UPDATES INCLUDE ALL ONLINE E-LEARNING MODULES.

Implemented in 2018 (ongoing)

STAR Dance Assessments

Item (previous):

Resources including Assessment sheets, patterns using terminology Man/Lady

Change to:

CHANGE ALL REFERENCES OF MAN/LADY TO LEAD AND FOLLOW.

Implemented in 2019

STAR Competition Program Requirements

Item (previous):

Terminology use of he/her

Change to:

CHANGE ALL REFERENCES OF HE/HER TO THEIR OR THE SKATER ETC.

Implemented in 2019



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STAR 1-3 Event Categories

Item (previous):

Identified by gender: boys/girls (i.e. STAR 2 boys)

Change to:

ALL SKATERS WILL PERFORM TOGETHER IN GROUPS OF 6-8. GROUPINGS WILL NO LONGER BE GENDER BASED.

Implemented in 2019

STAR-Gold FreeSkate Assessment and Competition Requirements

Item (previous):

Different times and technical elements based on gender

Change to:

ALL SKATERS PERFORM PROGRAM OF SAME LENGTH WITH SAME TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS.

Implemented in 2019

Clothing

Item (previous):

Competition clothing rule

Change to:

IN ALL DISCIPLINES, CLOTHING OF THE COMPETITORS MUST BE MODEST, DIGNIFIED AND APPROPRIATE FOR ATHLETIC COMPETITION – NOT GARISH OR THEATRICAL IN DESIGN. CLOTHING MAY, HOWEVER, REFLECT THE CHARACTER OF THE MUSIC CHOSEN. THE CLOTHING MUST NOT GIVE THE EFFECT OF EXCESSIVE NUDITY INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE DISCIPLINE. FOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION, CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS ARE GENDER NEUTRAL. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON SKATERS CHOOSING TO WEAR SKIRTS, DRESSES, PANTS OR TIGHTS.

Implemented in 2018 (STAR) and 2019 (all levels)

STAR 10 FreeSkate Event & Competition Requirements

Item (previous):

Different program lengths and technical content based on gender

Change to:

ALL PROGRAM LENGTHS AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS ARE THE SAME FOR STAR 10.

Implemented in 2019

STAR 9 FreeSkate Competition Requirements

Item (previous):

Different spins based on gender

Change to:

ALL SKATERS ABLE TO PERFORM ALL SPIN OPTIONS LISTED WITHIN CATEGORY.

Implemented in 2019

Trans Inclusion Policy

Item (previous):

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION IN 2019 – POSTED TO INFO CENTRE

Change to:

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICY (approved by the Board of Directors in Summer 2021)

TRANS INCLUSION PROTOCOL (revised in 2021)

UPDATED TRANS INCLUSION PROTOCOL (2023)

Definition of Team

Item (previous):

The previous definition of 'team' was one woman and one man

Change to:

REVISED TO 'A TEAM CONSISTS OF TWO SKATERS.'

Implemented in 2023

The Federation of Gay Games Awards 2023

Skate Canada was awarded 'Inclusive Sports Organization'
Piper Gilles and Paul Poirier were awarded 'Outstanding Athletes'

