



Music Rights 101
Question/Answers

1. What does this mean if I am a STAR Skater?

- You are required to obtain the music to which your programs will be choreographed legally. As an example, purchasing music from Apple Music is entirely legal.
- If you choose to heavily mix/alter the original recordings you are responsible to obtain the appropriate licenses to create a derivative work for the Compositions and Sound Recordings you have selected. A derivative work is where music has been heavily adapted: mixing with other songs, adding voice overs, adding sound effects, altering tempo, etc.
- The simple editing of music selections; trimming of songs, sequencing one song after the other, is not considered a derivative work.
- No other action is required.

2. What does this mean if I am a Podium Pathway skater participating in Skate Canada Qualifying Events?

- You are required to obtain the music legally. As an example, purchasing music from Apple Music is entirely legal.
- If you choose to heavily mix/alter the original recordings you are responsible to obtain the appropriate licenses to create a derivative work for the Compositions and Sound Recordings you have selected. A derivative work is where music has been heavily adapted: mixing with other songs, adding voice overs, adding sound effects, altering tempo, etc.
- The simple editing of music selections; trimming of songs, sequencing one song after the other, is not considered a derivative work.
- Skate Canada is responsible to obtain the required licenses to allow you to perform your choreographed program in Skate Canada Qualifying Events.



3. What does this mean for Skate Canada Skating Clubs/Schools?

- Skate Canada has obtained all necessary licenses from Entandem (SOCAN and Re Sound) on behalf of Skate Canada Clubs and Skating Schools. These licenses provide our registrants of Skate Canada the right to perform to their selected compositions and sound recordings during practices, training, and to perform to the sound recordings during competitions.

4. What does this mean if I am competing in ISU events?

- The International Skating Union (ISU) will be issuing formal communication on the requirements for music rights clearances internationally.
- The ISU has informally communicated that no competitor will be denied accreditation to ISU events if they have not obtained appropriate music clearance for their programs. However, athletes will be fully liable for any repercussions due to competing with uncleared music.