



COMPETITIONS POLICY

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COMPETITIONS

Competitions provide our skaters with an opportunity to challenge themselves and celebrate what they have learned. There are a number of competitive opportunities available to Arctic Edge skaters, including:

- Local Gold Nugget competition
- Club sponsored out of Territory competition
- Out of Territory competitions
- Major games include Arctic Winter Games and Canada Winter Games

PREPARING SKATERS FOR COMPETITION

The coaching team work with skaters to prepare them for competition. The coaching team will provide information to parents/skaters regarding which events the skater is ready to compete in. The Arctic Edge Skating Club will endeavor to offer a competition simulation at different times throughout the year to ensure skaters have the opportunity to practice in a competition-like environment. Coaching fees for simulations are paid by the club.

LOCAL GOLD NUGGET COMPETITION

The club endeavors to host a local competition each year providing ice-time, coaching support, judges, and volunteer support is available. The Arctic Edge Skating Club provides the following support for this event:

- Event coordination and scheduling in collaboration with BC/Yukon Section
- Volunteer coordination
- Coaching expenses and fees for competition day(s) paid by the club

CLUB SPONSORED OUT OF TERRITORY COMPETITION

Contingent on funding, the Arctic Edge Skating Club will sponsor one out of Territory competition for interested skaters. This support includes:

- Determining which competition would be appropriate for the majority of interested skaters
- Advertising competition to club members
- Travel cost support (airfare, hotel, vehicle rental and per diems) for coaches attending the competition with the skaters
 - o Coaching ratio of 1:10
 - o Coaching per diem of \$50 for meals and incidentals
 - o Car rental reimbursement for up to \$250
- Applications for subsidized funding for skaters (e.g. Lotteries)
- Information regarding suggested travel options (e.g. flights/hotels)

In addition, the club may explore opportunities to further subsidize competition costs for the skaters attending dependent on budget. If any additional funding is available this will be communicated to club members.

Coaching support for out of Territory competitions will be charged privately by the coaches to the skaters. The amount charged for competition support will be communicated to the parents prior to the competition by the coach. Where there is more than one coach supporting the competition the coaching team will coordinate billing to ensure skaters are not double charged (e.g. two coaches at rinkside). In exceptional circumstances (e.g.



mentorship) the Arctic Edge Skating Club board may choose to support coach attendance at club sponsored out of Territory competitions.

OUT OF TERRITORY COMPETITIONS

Skaters may wish to participate in more than one out of Territory competition each season. It is up to the parent/guardian/caregiver/skater to make all arrangements and pay for attendance to an out of Territory competition (other than the club sponsored competition described above). This includes identifying appropriate competitions to attend, discussion plans with coaching team to determine which events to register for, arranging travel, arranging for coaching support during the competition, and all associated costs.

MAJOR GAMES

As the figure skating sport governing body for the Yukon, the Arctic Edge Skating Club provides the following support for major games:

Arctic Winter Games:

- Creating the trial package and setting the criteria for team selection
- Hold trials for Arctic Winter Games team selection
- Creating a process for and selecting team coaches
- Supporting additional practice opportunities/ice time, as available
- Ensuring information regarding all major game details is provided to the coaching team, skaters/parents/guardians/caregivers (e.g. technical package)
- Coaching and mission staff fees paid to Sport Yukon
- Reimbursement for coach support paid for by the club at a rate of \$80 per day while at the games

Canada Winter Games:

- Coaching and mission staff fees paid to Sport Yukon
- Coaching fees and expenses while at the Games. The coaching fee and expenses will be negotiated at the time of the games

Financial support for attendance at the BC/YT Sectional Championships or another eligible competition for team selection is determined on a case-by-case basis. If applicable, the club will submit applications for funding support (i.e lotteries). Coaching fees will be charged privately by the coaches to the skaters. The amount charged for competition support is up to the coach/parent/skater to align on.

COACH SELECTION

Coaches interested in supporting out of territory competitions and major games will be asked to submit and expression of interest to the Board. The Board will review expressions of interest and choose which coach(s) will be offered the opportunity. This decision will be informed by:

- Estimated number of skaters participating
- Skating level of competitors
- Coach familiarity with competing skaters programs/events
- Competitive coaching experience