

## Synchronized Skating Skate to Standard Pilot

### Technical Communication #12 - May 2017

As a result of the 2015 Synchro Summit, held with a wide range of Synchronized skating stakeholders, the following Action Items have been initialized:

- Move Beginner I and Beginner II to an assessed to standard format as per the STAR 1-3 events
- Have the Elementary teams assessed to standard with a ranking as per the STAR 4 events.

Both outcomes align with the philosophies of the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model at the Learn to Train stage, which is equivalent to the development stage of the indicated levels

**Beginner I** teams will be provided an assessment level of Gold, Silver, Bronze or Merit for each of the **FOUR** elements skated. They will also be provided an assessed level of two program components, Skating Skills and Performance. These assessments will then be combined to provide the team with an overall assessment of Gold, Silver or Bronze.

**Beginner II** teams will be provided an assessment level of Gold, Silver, Bronze or Merit for each of the **FIVE** elements skated. They will also be provided an assessed level of two program components, Skating Skills and Performance. These assessments will then be combined to provide the team with an overall assessment of Gold, Silver or Bronze.

**Elementary** teams will be assessed and ranked as they are in STAR 4 events. The teams will be assessed on **FIVE** elements and three program components: Skating Skills, Performance and Interpretation.

The skaters at the levels indicated above, align with the level of skaters in the CanSkate through STAR levels. This adjustment would allow for skater development to be equally aligned in all disciplines.

Sections who have piloted the Assessed to Standard protocol have received positive feedback from teams, coaches and officials.

All sections will have the opportunity to pilot this for the 2017-2018 season. We ask that feedback from the pilot events be sent to the Skating Program Coordinator at [hmcMahon@skatecanada.ca](mailto:hmcMahon@skatecanada.ca)

Our goal is to fully launch this event program for the 2018-2019 season

**Assessment criteria will be available on the Info Center by July 2017.**