

Party Time – People's Choice Interp

Michigan High School State Championships 2012

Saturday evening approx 6:20 the Michigan High School Series committee will host a People's Choice Interp skating and pizza party, available to all competitors in the Michigan High School Series State Championships competition.

We will begin the evening with an informal just-for-fun musical interp skating event available to the first 18 people who sign up between 3:00 and 4:30 Saturday. **A signup sheet will be available, at the competition registration/checkin table. Competition registration is limited to the first 18 skaters who sign up during this time window.** A \$5 fee will be charged to each competitor, payable at signup.

Competition begins at about 6:20. This will run like a normal "Interp" skating event, except the music will be music YOU like (we hope...) We will have several selections from current top 40 available, and at 6:20 we will announce the songs and allow all persons in the rink at that time to "vote" for the songs to be used – votes will be by applause – loudest/longest applause will determine the songs of choice.

Note that 2 different songs will be used – the first 9 skaters to signup (or 1st half if fewer than 18 total) will skate to the song with the most votes; the 2nd 9 skaters (or 2nd half) will skate to the song with the 2nd most votes.

Competition begins immediately thereafter. The first group of registered skaters are invited onto the ice. After a brief warmup, the selected song is played twice while competitors get to plan their programs, on-ice. Then all skaters except the first one leave the ice and are sequestered in a locker room where they cannot hear the music playing on the rink. No coaches/parents/etc are allowed in the locker room, and no coaching is allowed.

The first skater gets to hear the music one more time, off-ice. Then skater #2 is brought out to the rink, facing AWAY from the ice to listen while skater #1 performs. Then skater #3 is brought out to listen while skater #2 performs, etc, until all competitors have finished.

Then the process is repeated for the 2nd song.

The winner is determined by the crowd's applause as measured by official sound equipment sound meter. The announced winners receive the admiration of all their peers, and recognition of their achievement on www.sk8stuff.com.

Following the skating portion of the evening, pizza and soda will be served while everyone admires and showers appropriate adulation upon the victorious champion.

Thank you to Gretta Gast for inspiring this party and event!