

EGLR Championship Qualifying Skaters:

We are in the final stages of getting ready for EGLR October 5-9, 2012 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The schedule has been posted on both the official website www.egl2013.annarborfsc.com and on www.sk8stuff.com. Based on comments and emails, it seems that most people are looking at sk8stuff. However, please be advised that the official website has the complete information, including the list of **credentialed coaches**. Please check that your coach's name is on the list. Coach information should be added to sk8stuff later this week.

Practice ice is now ready to view. It is posted on www.sk8stuff.com because we will be using their online practice ice sign up system. It will "go live" at 7pm Friday September 28. It has been very complicated to put together, so **please read this** before you try to sign up for practice ice.

First...what was printed in the announcement:

Unofficial and official practice ice will begin on Thursday October 4, 2012. All official practice sessions are 30 minutes long. **Music will be played only on each skater's designated official practices.** A 20-minute warm up on the day of each event entered is included in the official practice ice package. Skater's music will not be played on warm-up or unofficial practice ice sessions. **Depending on the schedule, official practices and/or warm-ups may take place on the secondary surface.** The LOC and chief referee are responsible for official practice and day-of-event warm-up schedules.

If you filled out the PI form that was part of the announcement, and sent in the check, this information pertains to you. About 50 skaters did NOT order any practice ice, official or unofficial. Those skaters will need to order practice ice on site. We do NOT take phone or online orders. Questions should be directed to Melissa Sperling at carlandmel@gmail.com

We have reserved every skater a spot on their Official PI to get their music played. But if a skater has not paid for that spot at least an hour before the session, we reserve to right to sell the spot as unofficial practice. If you know you are NOT going to use your official PI, that would be nice to know in advance too. (some of you already have –thank you.)

We have assigned skaters to their Official Practice Ice (**OPI**) sessions (the ones with music). You should NOT change these assignments. (If you must, contact Melissa first and get her to do it, if it works out, so you don't lose your music being played.)

The OPI for each event is scheduled for the day before the event. Each event, except the small men's flights, has two or three OPI sessions since there is not time for everyone's music on one session. Since only 6 to 9 skaters may get music played on any given session, we have opened the "Official PI" sessions as "Unofficial PI" to skaters who will NOT have their music played on that particular session.

Therefore, if you have prepaid for unofficial PI sessions, that number will be noted on your record in sk8stuff. Using your PIN (get it from sk8stuff if you don't know it), you may then choose your session online, and you may choose any of those 'Official PI' sessions as unofficial, provided there are slots open. Or you may sign up for an unofficial PI session, of which there are many.

The Chief Referee has scheduled all day-of-event ("ED") PI 20-min warm-ups. **Each ED is restricted to skaters in that flight.** No additional skaters are added to it. But all skaters must pay for the ED PI. If you purchased an official music package, you have been assigned to your ED PI; if you didn't order the session, you can pay for it at the PI desk. (\$10) No one is allowed on any PI without paying first.

The Practice Ice Desk at The Cube will be located on the LOWER LEVEL in the back of the Registration Desk area. Melissa Sperling is in charge. Be nice to her. You may contact her with questions at carlandmel@gmail.com.

If you need to withdraw from EGLR, you must contact Gia Witmer at US Figure Skating headquarters: gwitmer@usfigureskating.org

Last but not least, if you want a nice jacket or shirt with the EGLR logo, the Main Event logo wear company, finally sent us a link to their site, which we rather buried on our official website, and few people have found it. It is:
<http://www.usfschampionships.com/EGL>

And welcome. We look forward to finally getting EGLR off the ground. See you in Ann Arbor next week.

Ann Dougherty
EGLR Competition Chair

PS. Yahoo has temporarily locked up the email account I've been using.....it didn't like the batches of this letter I tried to send to each of you individually. I've been recorded as having "suspicious activity", so while I've been able to read your questions, I'm not allowed to answer for the next 48 hours.....talk about frustrating!!