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Regina to host 2012 Skate Canada Challenge Competitions

OTTAWA, ON: Skate Canada announced today that Regina, Sask., will be the host city for the 2012 Skate Canada Challenge Competitions. The event will be scheduled at the Co-operators Centre at Evraz Place from November 30 – December 4, 2011.

“We are excited to be heading out to Saskatchewan again. This event is such an important stepping stone for all of our competitive skaters wishing to make that next step to the national championships,” said William Thompson, Skate Canada CEO. “With so many athletes making the trip to Regina and looking to advance their careers we can expect high energy in the Co-operators Centre arena.”

Over 500 skaters will participate in the event. All skaters will have to qualify through their respective sectional championships in order to compete at this event. This is the only opportunity for novice, junior and senior skaters to qualify for the 2012 Canadian Figure Skating Championships and 2012 Skate Canada Junior Nationals.

The Challenge event will also see the crowning of the 2012 Canadian Pre-Novice Champions in men’s, women’s, pair and ice dance.

“Evraz Place is thrilled to host this national event at our new Co-operators Centre facility. With competitors and their families, officials, judges and fans coming from across Canada, this is the exact type of event we had in mind when designing this multi-purpose venue. We hope we can make this an annual event in Regina” said Mark Allan, President & CEO of Evraz Place.

“Regina is thrilled to be chosen to host the 2012 Skate Canada challenge Competitions. The fit of these competitions with our rink and spectator facilities will make this a very successful event for competitors, coaches, spectators, and the media. We are pleased to welcome Skate Canada and its competitors to Regina for this event” said Larry Hiles president and CEO of Regina Regional Opportunities Commission.

Skate Canada, the national governing body responsible for the development and administration of skating in Canada, is the largest figure skating association in the world. With over 4,800 registered coaches, skating programs for athletes of all ages are offered at nearly 1,300 skating clubs and schools across the country. Skate Canada is an association dedicated to providing every Canadian the opportunity to learn life skills while experiencing the power, strength and creativity of one of Canada's premier sports.

In 2010, Skate Canada produced two Olympic medalists: Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, gold in ice dance and Joannie Rochette, bronze in ladies.

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