

**THE ONTARIO SPEED SKATING ASSOCIATION**  
**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

*(To be executed by Participants over the Age of Majority)*

**WARNING! By signing this document, you will waive certain legal rights. Please read carefully**

1. This is a binding legal agreement; therefore, clarify any questions or concerns before signing. As a participant in the sport of speed skating and the orientation, instruction, activities, programs, and services of the Ontario Speed Skating Association (collectively the "Activities"), the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms:

**Disclaimer**

2. The Ontario Speed Skating Association and its Clubs, and their respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, sponsors, and representatives, as well as the owners/operators of the facility or facilities being used (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, the Activities, caused in any manner whatsoever including, but not limited to, the negligence of the Organization.

*I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 and 2*

**Description and Acknowledgement of Risks**

3. I understand and acknowledge that
  - a) The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life; and
  - b) The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of my fitness or abilities may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.
4. I acknowledge while participating on the ice in the Activities I am required to wear a securely fitting helmet.
5. I am participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of my participation, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to the Activities. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:
  - a) The sport of speed skating;
  - b) Variations in ice surface;
  - c) Falling, tumbling or hitting any ice, boards, mats, ground, surface, concrete, track or other surfaces;
  - d) Vigorous physical exertion, strenuous cardiovascular workouts and rapid movements;
  - e) The failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
  - f) Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed;
  - g) Serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other aspects of my body or to my general health and well-being;
  - h) Abrasions, sprains, strains, fractures, or dislocations;
  - i) Concussion or other head injuries, including but not limited to, closed head injury or blunt head trauma;
  - j) Physical contact with other participants, spectators, equipment, and hazards;
  - k) Not wearing appropriate safety equipment, such a helmet;
  - l) Failure to act safely or within my own ability or within designated areas;
  - m) Negligence of other persons, including other spectators, participants, or employees;
  - n) Travel to and from competitive events and associated non-competitive events which are an integral part of the Organization's Activities; and
  - o) Negligence on the part of the Organization, including failure on the part of the Organization to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with my participation in the Activities.

*I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3-5*

## Terms

6. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate in the Activities, I agree:
  - a) That my mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate in the Activities and I assume all risks related to my mental or physical condition;
  - b) To comply with the rules and regulations for participation in the Activities;
  - c) To comply with the rules of the facility or equipment;
  - d) That if I observe an unusual significant hazard or risk, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of an Organization representative immediately;
  - e) The risks associated with the Activities are increased when I am impaired and I agree not to participate if impaired in any way;
  - f) That it is my sole responsibility to assess whether any Activities are too difficult for me. By commencing an Activity, I acknowledge and accept the suitability and conditions of the Activity; and
  - g) That I am responsible for my choice of helmet and the secure fitting of the helmet.

## Release of Liability and Disclaimer

7. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:
  - a) That the sole responsibility for my safety remains with me;
  - b) To ASSUME all risks arising out of, associated with or related to my participation;
  - c) That I am not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or its agents, whether in a brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to be involved in the Activities;
  - d) To WAIVE any and all claims that I may have now or in the future against the Organization;
  - e) To freely ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME all such risks and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in the activities, events and programs of the Organization; and
  - f) To FOREVER RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, damages (including direct, indirect, special and/or consequential), losses, actions, judgments, and costs (including legal fees) (collectively, the "Claims") which I have or may have in the future, that might arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in the Activities, even though such Claims may have been caused by any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to, the negligence, gross negligence, negligent rescue, omissions, carelessness, breach of contract and/or breach of any statutory duty of care of the Organization;
  - g) That negligence includes failure on the part of the Organization to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Activities; and
  - h) This release, waiver and indemnity is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law of the Province of Ontario and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

## Jurisdiction

8. I agree that in the event that I file a lawsuit against the Organization, I agree to do so solely in the province of Ontario, Canada and further agree that the substantive law of Ontario will apply without regard to conflict of law rules. I further agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining document shall remain in full force and effect.

*I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 6-8*

## Acknowledgement

9. I acknowledge that I have read and understand this agreement, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, spouse, children, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives. I further acknowledge by signing this agreement I have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the Organization on the basis of any claims from which I have released herein.

10. I acknowledge that this agreement is in force from the date of signing until the next August 1.

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Name of Participant (print)

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Signature of Participant

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Date