



## **2017 Competition Review**

Skate Ontario has completed a comprehensive review of the competition structure in Ontario. A detailed analysis of the competition structure, measuring and evaluating athlete participation over the past 6 months in each discipline, gender and age category. The numbers have been collected from the Ontario qualifying systems, specifically from the Summer, Fall and 17/18 Starskate and club event registrations to date.

The purpose of the review and subsequent restructuring was to create a competition calendar that is aligned with the Long-Term Athlete Development pathway, creating meaningful competitive experiences for athletes at each developmental stage.

Through the review process Skate Ontario considered the following: Athlete pathway(s), guiding principles for each developmental stage, roles and responsibilities of Host Clubs and Skate Ontario, data analysis of athlete participation, financial modelling, officials resourcing, number of events, locations, equipment resourcing, affordability, categories, multiple event series', event schedules qualifying systems and the impacts of all these factors at a Provincial scope.

The time spent on the analysis allowed Skate Ontario staff and the Competition Review Working Group to make athlete-focused, evidence based decisions about the upcoming 2018-2019 season that will best serve our Skating community.

### **This document outlines the following;**

- Current and Future Athlete Pathways
- Long Term Athlete Development - Principles and Purposes
- Skate Ontario Competition Structure Overview – 2018/19 and beyond
- The Bid Application Package and Process
- 2018-2019 Competition Calendar
- Information Sessions

## **Current and Future Athlete Pathways**

### **2017-2018 Athlete Pathway (Current)**

This pathway outlines the 2017-2018 competition calendar. The 17/18 calendar reflects the schedule based on the “traditional” or “historical” calendars of the four former Skate Canada sections based in Ontario.



2017/2018 Current State												
CATEGORY / MONTH	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Novice Pathway A	Summer Series		Fall Series		Sectionals	Challenge	Canadians	International Opportunities	Spring Events		Training	
Novice Pathway B	Summer Series		Fall Series		Sectionals	Challenge	Training		Spring Events		Training	
Novice Pathway C	Summer Series		Fall Series		Sectionals	Training			Spring Events		Training	
Novice Pathway D	Summer Series		Fall Series		Training			Spring Events		Training		
Pre Novice Pathway A	Summer Series		Fall Series		Sectionals	Challenge	Training		Spring Events		Training	
Pre Novice Pathway B	Summer Series		Fall Series		Sectionals	Training			Spring Events		Training	
Pre Novice Pathway C	Summer Series		Fall Series		Training			Spring Events		Training		
Juvenile A	Summer Series		Fall Series		Invitationals			Spring Events		Training		
Juvenile B	Training				Invitationals			Spring Events		Training		
Pre Juvenile A	Summer Series		Fall Series		Invitationals			Spring Events		Training		
Pre Juvenile B	Training				Invitationals			Spring Events		Training		
STAR 5 - GOLD	Summer Series		Fall Series		Invitationals/Club Events			Spring Events		Training		
STAR 6 - GOLD	Training				Invitationals/Club Events			Spring Events		Training		
STAR 1 - 4	Summer Series		Fall Series		Club Events			Spring Events		Training		



Skate Ontario Competition Pathway - Current State

## 2018-2019 Athlete Pathway

The mandate of the new competition calendar is to place a priority focus on the athlete development pathway as determined by the Skate Canada Long-Term Athlete Development Model (LTADM). In other words, developing an event structure that will provide the best possible competitive experiences for athletes at each stage of the LTADM.

2018/2019 Future State												
CATEGORY / MONTH	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Novice Pathway A	Sectionals Series				Sectionals	Challenge	Canadians	International Opportunities	Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods		
Novice Pathway B	Sectionals Series				Sectionals	Challenge	Canadians	Super Series	Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods		
Novice Pathway C	Sectionals Series				Sectionals	Challenge	Super Series		Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods		
Novice Pathway D	Sectionals Series				Sectionals	Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods		
Novice Pathway E	Sectionals Series				Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods			
Novice Pathway F	Training		Super Series			Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods		
Pre Novice Pathway A	Sectionals Series				Sectionals	Challenge	Super Series		Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods		
Pre Novice Pathway B	Sectionals Series				Sectionals	Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods		
Pre Novice Pathway C	Sectionals Series				Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods			
Pre Novice Pathway D	Training				Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods			
Juvenile A	3 options *Not qualifying		Super Series		Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods			
Juvenile B	Training				Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods			
Pre Juvenile A	3 options *Not qualifying		Super Series		Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods			
Pre Juvenile B	Training				Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods			
STAR 5 - GOLD	3 options *Not qualifying		Super Series		Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods			
STAR 5 - GOLD	Training				Super Series			Provincial Champs	Training/Active Rest Periods			
STAR 1 - 4	Training/Active Rest Periods						FUNDamentals Star 1-4		Training/Active Rest Periods			



Skate Ontario Competition Pathway - Future State



## Long Term Athlete Development - Principles and Purposes

The Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) principles are the guiding principles for decision making for each competition series in the 2018/19 calendar of events. The LTADM is a strategic framework, with its purpose being athlete development. Skate Ontario has created (4) Competition Series that offer meaningful competitive experiences for athletes at the Learn to Train, Learn to Compete and Train to Compete LTAD stages of development over the entire skating season. The number of events, geographic locations, timing of events, categories included at the events and length of events are driven by the LTAD Principles for each stage.

The LTAD stages are listed below, along with the guiding principles, categories and the corresponding 2018-2019 Event Series.

### **Learn to Train Stage:**

**Event:** STAR 1-4 Event Series & Synchro Events

**Categories:** Star 1-4, Beginner 1, 2, Elementary

#### **LTAD Principles:**

- Fun
- Affordability
- Skill development
- Not ranked, STAR 1-3
- No medals, STAR 1-3
- Report cards only, STAR 1-3
- Minimal travel
- Maximum 1, preferred ½ day competition time commitment/event

### **Learn to Compete Stage:**

**Event:** Super Series, Sectionals Series & Synchro Events

**Categories:** STAR 5 (U10,U13), Pre Juvenile (U11,U13), Juvenile (U12,U14), Pre Juvenile and Juvenile Synchro

#### **LTAD Principles:**

- Fun
- 1st introduction to competing
- Affordable
- more training than competing
- Time commitment per event should be 1 day,
- Medals & report cards

### **Train to Compete Stage:**

**Event:** Super Series, Sectionals Series & Synchro Events

**Categories:** Pre Novice, Novice, Junior (all disciplines)

#### **LTAD Principles:**

- Ranked
- 2-3 travel days per event
- Training more than competing



- Can drive 6+ hours to a competition
- Less focus on affordability

### **Learn to Win Stage:**

**Event:** Sectionals Series & Synchro Events

**Categories:** Senior Domestic athletes (all disciplines)

### **LTAD Principles:**

- Ranked
- 2-3 travel days per event
- Training more than competing
- Can drive 6+ hours to a competition
- Less focus on affordability

**Learn/Live to Win:** International Athletes (all Disciplines)

- Determined by Skate Canada and International Skating Union

### **Active for Life:**

**Event:** Sectionals Series, Super Series & Synchro Events

**Categories:** STAR 5 (Over 13), STAR 6-Gold, Triathlon, Adult(all Disciplines), Intermediate and Open Synchro

### **LTAD Principles:**

- Fun
- Opportunity to be active and to perform
- Outcome should not be the focus
- Skill development
- Activity
- Promoting Life Long participation in skating
- Ranked
- Providing meaningful opportunities
- Competitive pathway
- No qualifying structure- Adult
- 1 day competition commitment

## **Skate Ontario Competition Structure Overview**

For the 2018-2019 Competition Season, Skate Ontario has defined (4) Competition Series.

- Sectionals Series
- Super Series
- Star 1-4 Events
- Synchro Events

### **Sectional Series**

The Sectional Series will consist of four events between July 26 to October 14, 2018 and culminate with Sectionals on November 1-4, 2018. The events included in the Sectional Series will be used as qualifying events for the Sectionals in Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior, in men, women, pair and ice dance disciplines. The athlete priority for each of these events will be the Pre-Novice- Senior events in all disciplines. Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile



categories will be offered at all four events, and STAR 5-Gold categories will be offered in the first 3 events in the Series.

## **Super Series**

The Super Series will consist of seventeen events in the province of Ontario between October 19, 2018 to March 3, 2019. This series will determine the participants in the Provincial Championships taking place in March, 2019. Athletes in all STAR events between STAR 5-Gold, Triathlon, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Pre Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior in men, women, pair and dance will be participating in this qualifying series. A qualifying structure will be implemented to determine the final ranking of the athletes and the total number of participants advancing to the Provincial Championships.

## **STAR 1-4 Events**

This group of events is designed as an introductory experience for athletes at the STAR 1-4 level in the Learn to Train stage of LTAD. This group of events will offer STAR 1-4 categories plus supplementary categories chosen by the host club from a list provided by Skate Ontario. These events will be scheduled through January-February 2019. STAR 1-4 categories will also be offered in some of the Super Series events in January and February 2019. Review the Super Series dates to see the event locations which will contain these categories.

## **Synchro**

Synchro will have five scheduled events in 2018-19, plus Regionals. Synchro categories will also be included in the Provincial and Adult Championships.

In the 2018-19 season, all categories will be subject to a cap, based on the total maximum number of skates per day, per pad. This will be conditional on event formats, ice bookings and officials' capacity (ie. Official practice requirements, number of skates per category, Ice contracts). Skate Ontario is setting caps to ensure there is an appropriate number of opportunities for all categories.

Synchro will be included in the Provincial Championships along with all of the singles, pair and ice dance categories. Teams included in the Provincial Championships will be Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Novice and Intermediate.

Skate Ontario is committed to conducting a full competition review of Synchro events in 2018-2019 as we continue to gather the required data through the 2017-2018 season. Based on this review appropriate changes will be made to Synchro events.

## **Adult- Singles, Pair and Ice Dance**

Adult singles, pair and ice dance will be available in the 2018-19 season at three of the Super Series events. Review the Super Series dates to see the event locations which will contain these categories.



The 2018-19 season will also see the Skate Ontario Adult Championship event back into the calendar for March 29-31. This event will include all adult disciplines, including synchro.

Skate Ontario is committed to conducting a full competition review of Adult events in 2018-2019 as we continue to gather the required data through the 2017-2018 season. Based on this review appropriate changes will be made to Adult events.