

## Skate Ontario Team Selection Policy

The purpose of this policy is to indicate the selection process of athletes representing the Province of Ontario for national events, Ontario and Canada Games teams, and Skate Ontario interprovincial initiative travel teams.

### National Event Selection

There are two national events in each calendar year (April 1-March 31) that will require selection onto a Skate Ontario team. These events are Skate Canada Challenge and the Canadian Tire National Championships.

**Skate Canada Challenge - There are three qualifying pathways for selection to the Skate Canada Challenge event:**

1. Skate Canada Bye-All Skate Canada assigned Grand Prix and Junior Grand Prix athletes from Ontario, in all disciplines will receive a bye to the Skate Canada Challenge event in the discipline they represented Skate Canada internationally.
2. National Summer Series Bye- Athletes will receive a bye to the Skate Canada Challenge through the Skate Canada National Summer Series.
  - The top 10 finishers in Pre-Novice and Novice Men and Women earn automatic byes to Challenge.
  - The top 5 finishers in Pre-Novice and Novice Pairs and Ice Dance earn automatic byes to Challenge.
  - The top 5 finishers in all Junior categories earn automatic byes to Challenge.
  - The top 3 finishers in all Senior categories earn automatic byes to Challenge
3. Sectional Championship- Ontario athletes will qualify to the Skate Canada Challenge based on protocol results at the Skate Ontario Championships.
  - Top 16 athletes or teams that have secured the Challenge Minimum Score, in addition to the Skate Canada bye athletes, in all disciplines in Pre Novice and Novice.
  - Top 15 athletes or teams that have secured the Challenge Minimum Score, in addition to the Skate Canada bye athletes, in all disciplines in Junior and Senior.

Challenge Minimum Scores:

	Men	Women	Pairs	Ice Dance
Pre-Novice	24	26	10	10
Novice	30	29	13	12
Junior	37.5	35.5	23	20
Senior	44.5	42	28	30

**Canadian Tire National Championships - There are two qualifying pathways for selection to the Canadian Tire National Championships**

1. Skate Canada Bye - All Skate Canada assigned Grand Prix athletes and athletes reaching the Junior Grand Prix final from Ontario, in all disciplines will receive a bye to the Canadian Tire National Championship event in the discipline they represented Skate Canada internationally.
2. Skate Canada Challenge - Ontario athletes will qualify to the Canadian Tire National Championships based on protocol results from the Skate Canada Challenge. The top 18 in all disciplines in Novice, Junior and Senior including the Skate Canada bye athletes.



**Ontario Games and Canada Games-** Selection for the Ontario Games and Canada Games will be selected from the protocol at the Skate Canada Challenge event in the year in which the Games will be operating.

**Ontario Games** will select the top 12 athletes in all disciplines in the Pre Novice and Novice events.

**Canada Games** will select the top athlete or team from all disciplines in the Pre Novice and Novice events to a maximum of 12 athletes. If an event is not filled due to participation, the next highest ranked man and/or women from the Pre Novice or Novice Skate Canada Challenge will be selected to fill out the team of 12 athletes.

**Skate Ontario Interprovincial Travel Teams-** Selection for the Skate Ontario Interprovincial Travel Teams will be through a series of athlete tryouts. Each tryout will be evaluated by an identical panel of 2 or more Skate Ontario sport staff members. Athletes will be ranked based on their tryout performance and the top performers from the tryout series will be selected for the team.

