

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 the Skate Ontario interprovincial travel teams.

National Event Selection

There are two national events in each calendar year (April 1-March 31) that will require selection to a Skate Ontario team. These events are Skate Canada Challenge and the Canadian Tire National Skating 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 five finishers in pre-novice and novice pairs and ice dance earn automatic byes to Challenge.
 - The top five finishers in all junior categories earn automatic byes to Challenge.
 - The top three finishers in all senior categories earn automatic byes to Challenge.
3. **Skate Canada - Skate Ontario Sectionals:** Ontario athletes will qualify to the Skate Canada Challenge based on protocol results at Skate Ontario Sectionals.
 - In addition to the Skate Canada bye athletes, the top 16 athletes or teams in pre-novice and novice (in all disciplines) that have secured the Challenge Minimum Score (CMS), will qualify for Challenge.
 - In addition to the Skate Canada bye athletes, the top 15 athletes in junior and senior (in all disciplines) that have secured the CMS, will qualify for Challenge.

Challenge Minimum Scores:

	MEN	WOMEN	PAIR	ICE DANCE
PRE-NOVICE	18.5	21.5	10	10
NOVICE	27	25.5	13	12
JUNIOR	28.5	28.5	23	22
SENIOR	37.5	34.5	28	30

1. If an athlete has earned a bye to Challenge through the National Summer Series but has not met the CMS established for this season, the athlete will be permitted to compete despite failing to meet the CMS. The benefit of this discrepancy will go to the athlete(s).
2. **The CMS established last season (2017-2018) and not the new CMS (2018-2019) will be applied across all categories to determine who is eligible to participate at Challenge.**
3. Bonuses **WILL** be counted towards the CMS. Please note that they do not get calculated though in the Technical Element Scores.



Canadian Tire National Skating Championships - There are two qualifying pathways for selection to the Canadian Tire National Skating 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 Skating Championships in the discipline they represented Skate Canada internationally.
2. **Skate Canada Challenge:** In addition to the Skate Canada bye athletes, the top 18 Ontario athletes in novice, junior and senior (in all disciplines) will qualify to the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships based on protocol results from Skate Canada Challenge.

Ontario and Canada Winter Games Teams

Ontario Games: The top 12 athletes in all disciplines in the pre-novice and novice events will be selected for the Ontario Games team.

2019 Canada Games:

1. Four disciplines at two levels of competition will be evaluated to compete at the Canada Games: men, women, pair and ice dance at the pre-novice and novice levels. The age requirements for these levels are set by Skate Canada rules and the selection will abide by these age requirements.
2. All athletes must be Canadian citizens or have permanent resident status.
3. The team will be made up of six males and six females, for a maximum total of 12 pre-novice and novice athletes.
4. The team will be selected based on an athlete's or team's overall *body of work* for competitions in the summer through to Skate Canada Challenge. Body of work will include but not be limited to the following:
 - competition results;
 - short/free program scores;
 - elements successfully completed in competition programs; and
 - athletes must be team players and have displayed fair play both on and off the ice.
5. The selection process will be carried out by a committee.
6. In the case of a discipline not being represented, the alternate from another discipline will be selected, maintaining the male/female balance for the team. A panel of five, consisting of the male team coach, female team coach, Skate Ontario Manager High Performance Development, Skate Ontario Manager Sport Development and Skate Ontario Executive Director will choose the alternate discipline based on the athlete's or team's body of work for competitions in the summer through to the Skate Canada Challenge competition.

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 two or more Skate Ontario sport staff members, and athletes will be ranked based on their performance. The top performers from the tryout series will be selected for the team.

