

Synchro Competition Review Announcement

Hello Synchro Skating Family!

The Skate Ontario Synchro Skating working group has been facing an enviable problem: there are currently over 190 Synchro teams in fourteen categories across the province, showing a 6.7% increase in the number of teams this season.

Skate Ontario Synchro Teams by Category 2018-2019	
Category	Number of Teams
Pre- Novice	24
Elementary	24
Beginner 1	26
Adult 2	21
Adult 3	21
Adult 1	16
Juvenile	15
Beginner 2	13
Intermediate	8
Pre - Juvenile	8
Novice	7
Open	4
Junior	3
Senior	1
Total	191

**As of October 1, 2018*

With the robust number of teams calling Skate Ontario home, comes the challenge of figuring out a competition plan that allows for the maximum number of teams to gain meaningful competitive experiences during the season.

What follows are the efforts of the working group to find that balance. There will be a Facebook Live on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 5:30PM ET to which you are invited to bring your questions/comments and concerns to our panel.



Key Objectives of the Synchro Competition Review Project

- Allow more teams into more competitions
 - In 2018-2019 we could only accommodate 100 teams in a 3-day competition, for 2019-2020, we will be able to accommodate up to 162 of teams in a 3- day competition
- Host competitions in appropriate venues
 - We have been mindful of venues for competitions based on the teams across the province
- Update release time of competition schedule
 - Schedule will be released in mid-April

Key Points you need to know about the new plan

1. Teams will no longer have to be put on a waitlist with the new format as there is room for more teams
2. All things being equal, registration will no longer be executed on a first come first served basis
3. We have planned for and are happy to announce one more event in the 19/20 events calendar tentatively scheduled for February 2020
4. There are changes outlined below to the number of skates at all Ontario competitions in order to allow for more teams to compete at an event
5. Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Adult 1, Adult 2, Adult 3 will skate one-time per event next season

Category Grouping	Qualifying Towards What Event	Number of Skates
Beginner 1, Beginner 2, Elementary	Not qualifying - Skate to Standard	1
Pre-Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Juvenile	Provincials	1
Adult 1, Adult 2, Adult 3	Not qualifying - Active for Life	1
Novice, Intermediate, Open	Nationals	2
Junior, Senior	Nationals and Worlds	2

Looking forward to having participation from the entire Skate Ontario Synchro community during our Facebook Live event on Tuesday, February 26th at 5:30PM ET!

