

Maximum Registration Numbers Overview

New* For the 2018/19 season, every category in each discipline will have a maximum registration number, relative to the maximum number of skates¹ for a particular competition².

The purpose of this document is to outline the rationale for setting maximum registration numbers at competitions and highlight the parameters that have been used to determine the maximum number of skates and the corresponding maximum registration numbers for each category.

Figure 1 is an example of a competition that has a maximum of 522 skates. The figure also shows maximum registration numbers for each category that compose a maximum number of skates for a competition.

Figure 1 - Super Series Star 5-Juv & Triathlon Example						
# of Categories (A)	Category (B)	Discipline (C)	2017 Actuals (D)	Registration Limit Based on Warm up Groups (# of Registrants) (E)	Total # of skates per category, based on registration #s and # of skates/category (Reference Column E & G) (F)	# of Skates/Category (G)
1	Pre Juv U11	Women	22	24	24	1
2	Pre Juv U13	Women	26	30	30	1
3	Pre Juv U11	Men	1	6	6	1
4	Pre Juv U13	Men	3	6	6	1
5	Juv U12	Women	9	12	12	1
6	Juv U14	Women	16	18	18	1
7	Juv U12	Men	2	6	6	1
8	Juv U14	Men	2	6	6	1
9	Star 5 U10	Women	22	24	24	1
10	Star 5 U13	Women	56	60	60	1
11	Star 5 O13	Women	50	54	54	1
12	Star 5 U10	Men	5	6	6	1
13	Star 5 U13	Men	5	6	6	1
14	Star 5 O13	Men	3	6	6	1
15	Star 6	Women	50	54	54	1
16	Star 6	Men	3	6	6	1
17	Star 7	Women	17	18	18	1
18	Star 7	Men	0	6	6	1
19	Star 8	Women	34	36	36	1
20	Star 8	Men	0	6	6	1
21	Star 9	Women	20	24	24	1
22	Star 9	Men	0	6	6	1
23	Star 10	Women	15	18	18	1
24	Star 10	Men	0	6	6	1
25	Gold	Women	14	18	18	1
26	Gold	Men	0	6	6	1
27	Bronze Triathlon	Women	6	6	18	3
28	Silver Triathlon	Women	6	6	18	3
29	Gold Triathlon	Women	4	6	18	3
Total based on warm up group sizes			391	486	522	

¹ **Number of skates** – This denotes the total number of skating starts. Number of skates differs from registration numbers as a registration can include one, two or three skates (for example, Triathlon = three skates, short program and freeski = two skates, Free program only = 1 skate).

² **Competition** – Indicates the title of a competitive opportunity. For example, Stratford December Classic is a competition in the Super Series.



Figure 1 illustrates that Skate Ontario has been purposeful with which categories have been offered at each competition. The method to regulating the maximum registration numbers supports competition planning to ensure athletes in all categories have opportunities to compete without the risk of other categories filling competition registration spots.

The following information provides details about maximum registration numbers for the Super Series, Synchro Series and STAR 1-4 Series events in the current competition year (ending March 2019)

**Please note that for Synchro, the competition review has not yet been completed; however, maximum registration numbers will be in effect for the 2018-2019 season.*

Why set maximum registration numbers at events?

The rationale to set maximum registration numbers at events stems from data collected and analyzed during the competition review. The following information highlights some of the pertinent numbers in Ontario:

- there are 1200 STAR 5 to juvenile athletes;
- 340 pre-novice to senior athletes;
- 3900 STAR 1-4 athletes;
- 110 adult athletes (not including adult synchro teams);
- 120 categories (singles, pairs, dance, supplementary); and
- 179 synchro teams.

Based on the analysis, the primary findings are:

Limitations	<p>Limited Human Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratios of officials to athletes to support all categories and events is unbalanced • More officials’ development is needed to support the current participation numbers <p>Limited Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited pool of equipment to support multiple simultaneous events <p>Limited Time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition days were running too long (14-16-hour days in 2017-2018 season) • Athletes were competing past 11:00 pm • In 2017/18, without setting a maximum registration capacity, officials were sent final numbers that required 16 + hour days
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<p>Updated qualifying system</p>	<p>Skate Ontario found that the qualifying system did provide challenges to the competition registration process, specifically in reference to requiring athletes to declare events.</p> <p>Based on this, Skate Ontario has changed the qualifying system for the 2018/19 season.</p> <p>In the current (2018/19) qualifying season, the system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no longer requires athletes or teams to declare events • uses best score • is aligned with which categories are offered at each competition; and • reflects participation levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The number of categories offered at every event has been reduced to allow increase of competitors in certain categories
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Given the considerable impact of these findings, Skate Ontario will implement maximum registration numbers (by category) in order to offer meaningful³ events for all athletes.

The following parameters were considered when determining the maximum registration numbers for each competition in the 2018/19 calendar:

- Total number of participants and teams from the 2017/18 season (179 Synchro Teams)
- Minimum and maximum skates per event are based on a 12-hour day for the following series:
 - Super Series Events
 - Synchro Series
 - STAR 1-4 Events
 - If the competition is multiple days and ends on a Sunday, the Sunday will be a maximum nine-hour day, ending no later than 5:00 pm.
- Number of skates, not number of registrations
- Number of days and number of ice pads required for each event
- Creation of a viable financial model for both the host club and Skate Ontario
- Limiting supplementary events⁴, based on a ratio of freeski to supplementary events. Warm up group sizes (six singles athletes, five dance teams and four pair teams, per warm-up group)

³ Meaningful events - Developmental stage appropriate competitive opportunities that promote fun and safe skill progression. For skaters, it means a competitive opportunity that challenges them, giving them the opportunity to push themselves and test their abilities.

⁴ **Supplementary Events** – See Appendix 1



Based on this information, we want to be clear that you will not be guaranteed a spot at each competition. We will continue to take learnings from this season to make improvements for next season, however we will move forward with defining maximum registration numbers for each category at each competition for the 2018/19 season.

Frequently Asked Questions:

When will competition announcements be posted?

Super Series	Synchro Series	STAR 1-4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 weeks prior to the competition start date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 weeks prior to the competition start date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 weeks prior to the competition start date
Announcements will be posted on Wednesdays , on the Skate Ontario events page:	Announcements will be posted on Wednesdays , on the Skate Ontario events page:	Announcements will be posted on Wednesdays , on the Skate Ontario events page:

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When will competition registration open?

Super Series	Synchro Series	STAR 1-4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 weeks prior to the competition start date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 weeks prior to the competition start date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 weeks prior to the competition start date
Registration will open on Wednesdays , on the Skate Ontario events page:	Registration will open on Wednesdays , on the Skate Ontario events page	Registration will be posted on Fridays , on the Skate Ontario events page

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For Super Series and Synchro Series, registration opening times will be staggered by category groupings, into two or three time slots to mitigate the high volume of website traffic. Please see competition announcements and event pages for further details.

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For STAR 1-4 Events, registration opening times will be staggered by Competition. Please see competition announcements and event pages for further details. [Skate Ontario Events Calendar](#)



How long will competition registration be open?

Super Series	Synchro Series	STAR 1-4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 days, unless otherwise outlined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 days, unless otherwise outlined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 days, unless otherwise outlined
Registration for all competitions will close on Sunday evenings at 11:59 EST, or until registration maximums are filled.	Registration for all competitions will close on Sunday evenings at 11:59 EST, or until registration maximums are filled.	Registration for all competitions will close on Sunday evenings at 11:59 EST, or until registration maximums are filled.

- *Special Olympics registration will be open for 5 weeks.

How do the waitlists work for each category?

- Once maximum registration numbers per category are met, athletes will be given a number on the waitlist
- If there is a withdrawal in a category while registration is open, an athlete or team will be notified and placed in that category, with no late fee penalty
- If an athlete or team are on a waitlist after registration closes, there is still a chance the athlete or team will be able to compete. Skate Ontario will notify all waitlisted individuals if they are in the event **within five business days** of the registration closing date.
- As this is our first year of setting maximum registration numbers, we will be reviewing this process for 2019/20 season, based on 2018/19 activity.

Why not open registration on a first come, first serve, basis until the registration maximum is met?

- Because certain categories require multiple skates (Triathlon, Pattern Dance etc.), the registration system cannot account for varying skate requirements when factoring the total maximum registration
- With 30+ categories at each event, the registration system does not-ensure equal spots for each category
- “First come, first serve” does not ensure that a posted category will end up being offered at a competition because one category could (in theory) always fill first and fill up all available spots
- Skate Ontario has been purposeful with which categories have been offered at each competition, the registration system needs to further support that planning to ensure athletes have opportunities to compete
- Skate Ontario wants the registration process to be organized and calculated based on data to ensure the best planning decisions are made for athletes at all stages of development.



For further information in support of maximum registration numbers at Skate Ontario events, please read the [2017 Competition Review Document](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Bennett at kbennett@skateontario.org.



Appendix 1

	
Supplementary Category Options for STAR 1-4 Skate Ontario Events for the 2018-2019 Season	
Supplementary Category	
STAR 2 Elements	
STAR 3 Elements	
STAR 4 Elements	
STAR 5 Elements	
STAR 6 Elements	
STAR 7/8 Elements	
STAR 9/10 Elements	
Gold Elements	
Showcase 1	
Showcase 2	
STAR 2 Team Elements	
STAR 3 Team Elements	
STAR 4 Team Elements	
STAR 5 Team Elements	
STAR 6 Team Elements	
STAR 7/8 Team Elements	
STAR 9/10 Team Elements	
Gold Team Elements	
Pre-Introductory Interpretive	
Introductory Interpretive	
Creative Improv 1	
Creative Improv 2	
Solo Pattern Dance STAR 2/3	
<i>*The following categories will only be offered at select Super Series and only if Pre Novice categories are offered</i>	
Solo Pattern Dance STAR 4/5	
Solo Pattern Dance STAR 6/7	
Solo Pattern Dance STAR 8/9	
Solo Pattern Dance STAR 10/Gold	

