

Skate Ontario Team Selection Policy

The purpose of this policy is to outline the selection process of athletes representing the province of Ontario for:

- national events;
- Ontario and Canada Games teams; and
- interprovincial initiative travel teams.

National Event Selection

There are two national events in each competitive season (April 1 – March 31) that require selection onto a Skate Ontario team. These events are:

- **Skate Canada Challenge**; and
- the **Canadian Tire National Skating Championships**.

Skate Canada Challenge

There are two 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. **Skate Canada – Skate Ontario Sectionals:** Ontario athletes will qualify to the Skate Canada Challenge event based on protocol results at the Skate Canada – Skate Ontario Sectionals championships:
 - Top 16 athletes or teams that have secured the Challenge Minimum Score, in all disciplines, in Pre-Novice and Novice.
 - Top 15 athletes or teams that have secured the Challenge Minimum Score, in all disciplines, in Junior and Senior.

Challenge Minimum Scores:

Category	Men	Women	Pair	Ice Dance
Pre-Novice	20	23	10	10
Novice	27	31	13	12
Junior	37.5	35.5	23	20
Senior	44.5	42	28	30

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** – Ontario athletes will qualify for the Canadian Tire National Skating 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) will qualify.

Other Skate Ontario Team Opportunities

Ontario Games and Canada Games – Selection for the Ontario Games and Canada Games will be defined and communicated in the competitive year in which the Games take place.

Skate Ontario Interprovincial Travel Teams – Selection for the Skate Ontario Interprovincial Travel Teams will be determined through athlete tryouts. Tryouts will be evaluated by Skate Ontario sport staff members. Athletes will be selected based on their performance and top performers from the tryouts will be selected for the team.

Skate Ontario Tier 1 Development Team – Selection for the Skate Ontario Tier 1 Development Team will be determined through athlete tryouts. Tryouts will be evaluated by Skate Ontario sport staff members. Team selection will be based on performance at the tryouts with consideration given to the previous season's qualifying event results.

Skate Ontario Tier 2 Development Team – Selection for the Skate Ontario Tier 2 Development Team will be determined by Skate Ontario sport staff members. Candidates will be selected using the Skate Ontario Provincial Championships results from the previous season.

