

Sectionals Competition Qualifying Structure 2019/2020 Season

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For the 2019/20 season, Skate Ontario will be using a qualifying structure for entry into the 2020 Skate Canada – Skate Ontario Sectionals championship. The Sectionals Series is for athletes eligible to qualify for Sectionals who are competing in pre-novice, novice, junior and senior, in the men, women, pair and ice dance categories. Final participant numbers for each category are noted below.

Athletes will qualify using the following criteria:

1. Skate Ontario will be offering Sectionals Series events between July 25, 2019 and October 20, 2019. Athletes must register for the Sectionals Series with Skate Ontario for their Sectionals Series scores to be tracked and listed in the ranking order. Registration will open on May 24, 2019 and close at 3:00 pm EST on August 19, 2019. Please use the following link to access the registration form:

<https://skatecanada.wufoo.com/forms/20192020-sectional-qualifying-series-registration/>
2. The best overall score from each athlete and/or team will be used in the final ranking order to qualify for the Skate Canada – Skate Ontario Sectionals championships. Overall score is the combined short and free program total score from the same event.
3. Only Skate Ontario Sectionals Series scores will qualify an athlete and/or team for a ranking position.
4. There is no maximum number of events an athlete can enter in the Sectionals Series. The best overall score will be used in the ranking order.
5. If an athlete and/or team is assigned to a provincial travel team by Skate Ontario or a North American Cup event by Skate Canada, the score from the selected event can be used as their Sectional qualifying score.

Sectional Qualifying Example					
Athlete	SS Event 1	SS Event 2	SS Event 3	SS Event 4	Final Score
1	98.6	79.81	102.73		102.73
2	90.15		101.45		101.45
3				100.6	100.6
4	90.1	91.2	93.4	97.5	97.5



2019 Skate Ontario Sectionals Championships Maximum Entry Numbers

The maximum number of entries per category for the 2020 Skate Canada – Skate Ontario Sectionals championships will be as follows:

Women Singles: Senior - Maximum of 24 entries
Junior - Maximum of 48 entries
Novice - Maximum of 60 entries
Pre-Novice - Maximum of 60 entries

Men Singles: Senior - Maximum of 24 entries
Junior - Maximum of 48 entries
Novice - Maximum of 60 entries
Pre-Novice - Maximum of 60 entries

Sectional Minimum **Technical** Score:

Skate Ontario will be implementing a Sectional Minimum **Technical** Score (SMS) for the junior and senior women and men's categories. The SMS is the benchmark Technical Element Score (TES) for the free program that must be met or exceeded in order to enter Sectionals. The SMS must be achieved at one of the four Sectionals Series events in the current or previous season or at a National Qualifying event (Sectionals, Challenge or Canadians) in the previous season. The SMS must be achieved in the same discipline.

Junior Women SMS – 24.00

Junior Men SMS – 26.00

Senior Women SMS – 30.00

Senior Men SMS – 36.00

Extraordinary circumstance exceptions to the Sectional Minimum Technical Score requirement may be granted by the High Performance Manager in Consultation with the Skate Ontario Executive Director. Exceptions will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances where the skater has demonstrated worthiness for an exception. Such an exception will generally be related to medical conditions. Requests for an SMS exception should be made in writing to the Skate Ontario High Performance manager by October 20, 2019 and must contain a description of the grounds upon which it is being requested.

Junior and senior Singles skaters who have not yet achieved the Sectional Minimum Technical Score are expected to register for Sectionals during the yearly Sectionals Registration Window. If they do not achieve the SMS prior to Sectionals, a full refund of their Sectionals Registration fee will be processed.

