

Skate Ontario Team Selection Policy

2023 Canada Winter Games – Skater Selection

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to select the Pre-Novice and Special Olympics athletes who will represent Ontario at the Canada Winter Games. Skate Ontario has set out eligibility and selection criteria designed to be transparent and to drive the development of Podium Pathway skating in Ontario.

Eligibility Requirements for Canada Games Athletes:

1. The athlete must be an Ontario resident with a permanent Ontario address
2. The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
3. The athlete must be a registered member in good standing with Skate Canada
4. The athlete must be an Ontario skating club or school member in good standing with Skate Ontario and Skate Canada
5. The athlete must be medically fit to compete in both training and competition.

Residential Exceptions for Canada Games:

If the case of a pair or dance team, one of the team members may be a resident of another Canadian province or territory. The team must represent the province of Ontario in the current skating season.

Team Selection for Canada Games:

- Four disciplines at one level of competition will be evaluated to compete at the Canada Games. Men, Women, Pair and Ice Dance at the Pre-Novice level. The age requirements are set by Skate Canada rules and the selection will abide by these age requirements.
- The team will be made up of five male and five female athletes
- The team will be selected based on an athletes' total body of work for competitions in the fall of 2022 through to the 2023 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships December competition that will be held December 9-11, 2022.
 - Body of work will include but not limited to:
 - Competition results
 - Short/Free program scores
 - Elements successful in competition programs
 - Competition scores increasing as the season goes on
- Athletes must be a team player and have shown fair play both on and off the ice
- 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 Coordinator, Provincial Programs, Skate Ontario Manager, Podium Pathway, and Skate Ontario Director, Sport Development will choose the alternate discipline based on the

athletes' body of work for competitions in the fall of 2022 through to the 2023 Skate Ontario Sectional Championship December competition held December 9-11, 2022.

Special Olympics:

- Two athletes, 1 male and 1 female will be selected
- Athletes must be a minimum of 13 years of age, and under 30 years of age, as of December 31, 2022
- Criteria for events are set out in the 2023 Canada Winter Games Technical Package. Skate Ontario will abide by these guidelines and rules
- The qualifying event will be Provincial Series – K.I.S, taking place November 25th – 27th, 2022

Team Confirmation

Athletes will be named to the 2023 CWG Team Ontario no later than December 15, 2022.

Canada Games Council COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

As per CGC's Vaccination Policy, all accredited individuals, including Major Technical Officials, at the 2023 Canada Winter Games must receive and provide proof of a complete and up-to-date series of a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to their arrival at the Games. Accommodations will be made for individuals who are either ineligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination or have received an exemption on medical or religious grounds.

Appeals

Any appeals to the selection of an athlete to the Canada Games must be made in writing, and within two weeks of the selection of team members, to the Skate Ontario Executive Director, Lisa Alexander, lalexander@skateontario.org.

Policy Administration

This policy will be reviewed by the Director, Sport Development in each season that includes Canada Winter Games on the schedule.