



## **2022-2023 Skate Ontario Events Calendar Update**

Skate Ontario is proud to announce the launch of our Events Calendar for the 2022-2023 season. The structure of the competition calendar in Ontario is based on Sport for Life and Skate Canada Long Term Development (LTD). Each stage of development has a focused set of principles that we have considered to maximize the growth and development of the Skate Ontario athletes on the Podium and STAR pathways. A balance between appropriate event timing, number of events, training time and recovery time required for each stage was carefully planned in the design of the 2022-2023 schedule.

The calendar was developed as part of an Annual Competition Calendar Review in collaboration with a Sectionals Series Coach Focus Group to ensure Skate Ontario is meeting the objectives for competitions in Ontario. For the full list of objectives for the annual competition review and Coach Focus Group, see below.

### **COACH FOCUS GROUP**

Annual Competition Review Overview for 2022-2023

**Purpose:** An annual review of the competition calendar to ensure Skate Ontario is meeting the objectives for competitions in Ontario

**Objectives:**

- Provide meaningful competition experiences for skaters at the Learn to Train to Train to Win, including Active and Competitive for Life
- Align with Skate Canada's Long Term Development Model and updated calendar
- Ensure effective collaboration with stakeholders
- Leverage LTD values and principles at all developmental stages
- Consider sport development needs
- Ensure different perspectives are included
- Set an annual timeline for stakeholder (internal and subject matter experts) engagement, regarding event systems
- At the end of the review, stakeholders feel as though they were included in the process
- Collect coach needs and requirements, so that Skate Ontario can build a competition system to support and reflect identified needs and requirements for each event series. (Train to Train – Train to Win LTD stages).
- This will be the objective for each level and series



## **SECTIONAL SERIES**

The Annual Competition Calendar review included considerations regarding the Skate Canada Events Calendar, specifically with the introduction of a Novice Nationals in February and new competition timelines for Novice and Pre-Novice Challenge.

It is important to note, that based on the Skate Canada calendar changes, Skate Ontario's Sectional Series calendar reflects and supports these updates. We have included important format updates for the upcoming season in bullet points below.

### **Important updates to the Sectional Series calendar for the 2022-2023 season:**

#### **July**

- This will not be a qualifying event
- Combined programs are not required. Skaters may register for a Short and/or a Free Program
- Pre-Juvenile or Juvenile categories will NOT be offered at this event
- Skate Canada is organizing a Next Gen competition and camp for NextGen Team members in conjunction with the July event. Some additional Junior skaters/teams may be invited to compete in this NextGen competition. More details to be released from Skate Canada.

#### **August**

- This will not be a qualifying event
- Only combined categories will be offered
- Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile categories will be offered at this event

#### **September**

- No Sectional series event in September

#### **October**

- This will be the first qualifying event of the Sectional Series
- Only combined categories will be offered
- Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile categories will be offered at this event

#### **November**

- Junior and Senior Sectional Series Championships
- Qualifying event for Novice and Pre-Novice categories
- All categories will be combined
- Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile categories will not be offered at this event

#### **December**

- Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Series Championships
- Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile categories will be offered at this event
- This event will not be a qualifying event for Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile categories



## **SYNCHRO SERIES**

The Annual Competition Calendar review included considerations regarding the Skate Canada Events Calendar, specifically with the introduction of Junior and Senior synchronized skating categories at Nationals in January.

It is important to note that based on the Skate Canada calendar changes, Skate Ontario's Synchro calendar reflects and supports these updates. We have included important format updates for the upcoming season in bullet point below.

### **Important updates to the Synchro calendar for the 2022-2023 season:**

#### **November**

- New event added to the calendar for Intermediate, Novice, Open, Junior, Senior
- This will not be a qualifying event

#### **December**

- ISU Challenger Series for Senior and Junior teams (Skate Canada to assign teams)
- Junior and Senior opportunity for teams not assigned to ISU Challenger Series
- This will not be a qualifying event
- Programs will be combined
- Non-qualifying event for Adult

#### **January**

- Novice Nationals qualifier for Novice teams
- Canada Cup qualifier for Open and Intermediate (Gold) teams
- Provincial qualifier for Juvenile (STAR 6) and Pre-Novice (STAR 8) teams
- Non-qualifying event for Adult and all other categories

#### **February**

- Provincial qualifier for Juvenile (STAR 6) and Pre-Novice (STAR 8) teams
- Non-qualifying event for Adult and all other categories

#### **March**

- Adult Championships
- Provincial Championships



## **PROVINCIAL SERIES**

The Annual Competition Calendar review included considerations regarding qualifying versus non-qualifying opportunities and a realistic approach to the number of events offered given ongoing COVID uncertainties.

As a result of the changes made to the Skate Canada calendar, including the addition of the Pre-Novice and Novice Challenge in January, Skate Ontario has updated the Provincial Series calendar to reflect these changes.

### **Important updates to the Provincial Series calendar for the 2022-2023 season:**

- Name change from Super Series to Provincial Series
- Option for athletes to choose if they want to compete in a qualifying or a non-qualifying category at the time of each event registration (Ex. STAR 5 O13 qualifying or STAR 5 O13 non-qualifying)
  - Skaters will be separated into different flights based on how they registered
  - No annual declaration required
  - Qualifying events will be part of Provincial Championship structure
  - Non-qualifying events can be used as practice events
  - Skaters will be judged the same in non-qualifying and qualifying categories
- The assignment process is to be launched in early October
  - To assist with yearly planning for coaches and skaters
  - Increased offering of STAR 5 and above supplementary categories
  - Increased capacity in busy urban areas
  - 4-day events in the Greater Toronto Area in January and February
- Synchro STAR 3 & 4 Categories will be offered at (2) Provincial Series events to reduce travel
- Event registration will open 8 weeks before the competition start date
- Schedule will be released 3 weeks before the event starts
- Video submission option for selected clubs that will not get the number of suggested events



## **STAR 1-4 SERIES**

The Annual Competition Calendar review included considerations regarding qualifying versus non-qualifying opportunities and a realistic approach to the number of events offered given ongoing COVID uncertainties.

As a result of the changes made to the Skate Canada calendar, Skate Ontario has updated the STAR 1-4 Series calendar to reflect changes.

### **Important updates to the STAR 1-4 Series calendar for the 2022-2023 season:**

- Events run from January to March
- Event registration will open 8 weeks before the competition start date
- Schedule will be released 3 weeks before the event starts
- Synchro STAR 3 & 4 Categories will be offered at (2) Provincial Series events to reduce travel