



2024 Skate Ontario Qualifying Structure Sectional Championships 2023/24 Season

For the 2023/24 season, the following qualifying system will be used for entry into the 2024 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships. This qualifying system applies for skaters who are competing in Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior, in the Men, Women, Pair and Ice Dance categories.

Athletes will qualify for both the 2024 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships using the following criteria:

1. **Qualifying Registration:** In order to be eligible to qualify for Sectionals, athletes must have declared to have their scores tracked and published in ranking order.
2. **Qualifying Scores:** For Junior and Senior categories, scores from the August and October Skate Ontario Sectional Series events will be used for the 2023/24 qualifying process.

For Pre-Novice and Novice categories, scores from the October and November Skate Ontario Sectional Series events will be used for the 2023/24 qualifying process.

The highest overall score at the Sectional Series events listed above from each athlete and/or team, will be used to create the final ranking order for qualification in each category and discipline to both the 2024 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships.

- The overall score is the combined total score of the Short Program/Rhythm Dance/Pattern Dance and the Free Program from the same event.

****If a category does not exceed the maximum number of entries, there will be no required score needed to compete at either of the 2024 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships****

Only 2023 Skate Ontario Sectionals Series event scores may be used as part of the 2023/24 Skate Ontario Sectional qualifying process. The only exception to this is when an athlete and/or team is assigned to a travel team by Skate Canada. In this situation only, the score from the selected event may be used as their Sectional qualifying score.

Please note that there is no minimum score requirement for either of the 2024 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships. In the absence of a Minimum Technical score, Skate Ontario reserves the right to ensure athletes assigned to both the Skate Ontario Challenge teams are at an appropriate competitive level for those events.

A minimum technical score outlined by Skate Canada is still required for the 2023/2024 Skate Canada Challenge events, the 2024 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, and the 2024 Novice Canadian Championships.



Maximum Entries per Category for the 2024 Skate Ontario Junior/Senior & Pre-Novice/Novice Sectional Championships

The maximum number of entries per category will be as follows:

Women Singles:

Senior- Maximum of 36 entries
Junior- Maximum of 36 entries
Novice- Maximum of 60 entries
Pre Novice- Maximum of 84 entries

Men Singles:

Senior- Maximum of 36 entries
Junior- Maximum of 36 entries
Novice- Maximum of 36 entries
Pre Novice- Maximum of 36 entries

Dance:

Senior- Maximum of 30 teams
Junior- Maximum of 30 teams
Novice- Maximum of 30 teams
Pre Novice- Maximum of 30 teams

Pair:

Senior- Maximum of 24 teams
Junior- Maximum of 24 teams
Novice- Maximum of 24 teams
Pre Novice- Maximum of 24 teams

Extraordinary circumstance considerations related to the 2023-24 Sectional Qualifying structure may be granted by the High Performance Manager in consultation with the Skate Ontario Executive Director. Considerations will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances where the skater has demonstrated worthiness for such consideration. Such an exception will generally be related to medical conditions. Requests for an exception should be made in writing to the Skate Ontario High Performance Manager by October 19, 2023, and must contain a description of the grounds upon which it is being requested.