

### **Provincial Series Assignment Process FAQs**

### What is the Provincial Series Assignment Process?

The goal of the Provincial Series Assignment Process is to provide skaters across the province, if they so choose, with an opportunity to compete at least once in each of the three competition blocks:

- November/December
- o January
- February

Assigned athletes are offered advanced registration for one event per competition block in the 2023-2024 competitive season. For skaters to be assigned to an event, completion of the Provincial Series Assignment Process Survey is required.

# How do I access the Provincial Series Assignment Process Survey, and when should I complete it?

The Provincial Series Assignment Process Survey will open **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 12:00 PM ET.** The survey **must** be completed by **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET.** If you do not complete the survey by the deadline, you will not be included in the assignment process and must wait for public registration. Late survey completion requests cannot be accommodated.

The Provincial Series Assignment Process Survey will be communicated through the following channels:

- Sent via e-mail to all subscribers of the Skate Ontario mailing list\*
- o Posted on all Skate Ontario social media platforms including Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter
- $\circ$   $\;$  Shared on the Skate Ontario Members Portal for clubs and skating schools  $\;$
- Linked on this main page for the Provincial Series Assignment Process

\*To sign up for the Skate Ontario mailing list, please click <u>here</u>.

### What happens if I miss the deadline to complete the survey? Can I still complete it?

No – if you miss the deadline to complete the survey (Monday, September 11, 2023, at 11:59 PM), you will be required to wait until public registration opens for your desired event(s). Late survey completion requests cannot be accommodated. Please ensure you monitor your emails and Skate Ontario social media platforms so you don't miss any reminders about the survey.

### Can I still complete the survey if I plan to compete in non-qualifying categories this season?

Absolutely! Any eligible skater wishing to compete at a Provincial Series event may complete the survey.





### Am I guaranteed to be assigned to the events that I request on my survey?

Event assignments are not guaranteed; however, Skate Ontario will endeavour to assign every skater who completes the survey to their first or second choice.

# Will STAR 1-4 and supplementary categories that are offered at Provincial Series events be included in the survey?

No - The Provincial Series Assignment Process Survey includes only Free Skate, Pair, Artistic, and Ice Dance categories for STAR 5-Novice, as well as Adult categories for the 2023-2024 season. For any Provincial Series event that offers STAR 1-4 and supplementary categories, skaters will need to wait for public registration. Please refer to the 2023-2024 Provincial Series Calendar for a complete list of events and categories offered.

#### I am an adult skater - can I complete the survey too?

Yes! Skate Ontario is pleased to announce that as a pilot for the 2023-2024 season, Adult categories will be included in the Provincial Series Assignment Process. Adult skaters will have the opportunity to complete the survey and Skate Ontario will endeavour to assign each skater to the event of their choice. Please refer to the 2023-2024 Provincial Series Calendar to review which events will be offering Adult categories.

# I'm not sure what level I will be next season - will I be able to register for a different category than I indicated on my survey?

Yes, you can register for a different category than what you indicate on your survey. The purpose of collecting category information is to assist Skate Ontario with anticipating how many entries can be expected for each event. Skaters are encouraged to register for the category that is most appropriate for their level at the time of registration.

### By completing the survey, am I declaring that I wish to have my scores tracked for *Provincials*?

No – a separate survey will be available at a later date for skaters to declare which category they wish to have their scores tracked for Provincials.

### When will I find out which events I have been assigned to after I complete the survey?

Skaters can expect to receive an email with their event assignments by 4:00 PM ET Friday, September 15, 2023. Please ensure you make note of the email address you indicate on the survey as this email address is where you will receive not only your event assignment information, but your advanced registration links as well. If you need to update the email you indicated on your survey, please contact Stephanie Lafleur at slafleur@skateontario.org for assistance.







### How soon will I receive my advanced registration links for my assigned events?

You can expect to receive your advanced registration link to your email no later than 4:00 PM ET the business day prior to the scheduled Advanced Registration period for your assigned event. If you do not receive your link, please ensure:

- you are assigned to the event, and
- you have checked your junk mail.

If you are still unable to locate the email with your advanced registration link, please contact Stephanie Lafleur at <u>slafleur@skateontario.org</u> for assistance.

#### I can no longer attend the event I've been assigned to – can I change my event assignment?

Event assignments are final. Any requests to change event assignments will be reviewed on a case-bycase basis. You are not required to register for an event that you have been assigned to. Skaters may register for another event during public registration, space permitting.

## Can I receive an advanced registration link for other events, even if I have not been assigned to them?

No – the goal of the Provincial Series Assignment Process is to provide skaters across the province, if they so choose, with an opportunity to compete at least once in each of the three competition blocks. If you would like to register for an additional event, you will be required to wait until public registration opens. As public registration spots may be limited, skaters may be placed on a waitlist once public registration has filled. Skaters will be contacted by email only if additional spots become available. Skaters are not guaranteed registration for any events beyond those that they have been assigned to.

### I'm a coach - can I fill out the survey for my skaters?

It is recommended that skaters or their parent/guardians complete the survey. If a coach would like to complete the survey for their skaters, it is recommended that the email address entered on the survey be that of the skater, or the skater's parent/guardian.

## *I received an advanced registration link for an event that I am not assigned to – can I go ahead and register?*

Only assigned athletes should register during the advanced registration period. Following the close of the advanced registration period, any skater found to have registered that is not assigned to the event will be withdrawn. That skater will then be required to register during public registration, space permitting.

