



Skate Ontario Team Selection Policy

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process of athletes representing the province of Ontario for:

- National events
- Canada Winter Games teams
- Travel teams
- Development teams

National Event Selection

There are four national events in each competitive season (July 1st – June 30th) that require selection onto a Skate Ontario team. These events are:

1. Skate Canada Challenge – Junior/Senior
2. Skate Canada Challenge – Pre-Novice/Novice
3. Canadian Tire National Skating Championships
4. Novice Canadian Championships/Skate Canada Cup

Skate Canada Challenge

There are two qualifying pathways for selection to each Skate Canada Challenge event:

1. **Skate Canada Bye:** All Skate Canada assigned Grand Prix and Junior Grand Prix athletes from Ontario, in all disciplines, will receive a bye to the Skate Canada Challenge event in the discipline they represented Skate Canada internationally
2. **Skate Ontario Sectional Championships:** Ontario athletes will qualify to their respective Skate Canada Challenge events based on results at the Skate Ontario Sectionals Championships:
 - a. Top 16 athletes or teams that have secured the Challenge Minimum Score, in all disciplines, in Pre-Novice and Novice
 - b. Top 15 athletes or teams that have secured the Challenge Minimum Score, in all disciplines, in Junior and Senior

Challenge Minimum Scores:

Category	Men	Woman	Pair	Ice Dance
Pre-Novice	20	23	10	10
Novice	27	29	13	12
Junior	37.5	35.5	23	20
Senior	44.5	42	34	36

Canadian Tire National Skating Championships & Novice Canadians/Skate Canada Cup

The qualifying pathways for selection to the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships and the Novice Canadian Championships/Skate Canada Cup are:

1. **Skate Canada Bye** – All Skate Canada assigned Grand Prix athletes and athletes reaching the Junior Grand Prix Final from Ontario, in all disciplines, will receive a bye to the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in the discipline they represented Skate Canada internationally
2. **Skate Canada Challenge(s)** – Ontario athletes will qualify for the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships based on results from the Skate Canada Challenge – Junior/Senior. The top 18 men’s and women’s singles competitors, top 12 pair competitors, and top 15 ice dance competitors in Junior and Senior (including the Skate Canada bye athletes) will qualify. Ontario athletes will qualify for the Novice Canadian



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Championships based on results from the Skate Canada Challenge – Pre-Novice/Novice. The top 18 men's and women's singles competitors, top 12 pair competitors, and top 15 ice dance competitors in Novice will qualify.

3. **Regional Synchronized Skating Championships** - The final result in the Ontario Regional Synchro Event will determine the Ontario athletes eligible to enter the applicable Novice Canadian Championships and Canada Cup based on the quota of entries as determined and published by Skate Canada

Other Skate Ontario Team Opportunities

Canada Winter Games – Selection for the Canada Winter Games will be defined and communicated by the Skate Ontario Sport Department in the competitive year in which the Games take place

Skate Ontario Provincial Development Teams - Skaters will be selected for this team based on the results from the preceding Skate Ontario Provincial Championship.

Byes

Extraordinary Circumstances & Medical Byes: Extraordinary Circumstances & Medical Byes through Sectionals may be considered by Skate Ontario. Such byes will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances where the skater has demonstrated worthiness for a bye as per Skate Canada's Competition Rule Book.

Requests for consideration for a bye must be made in writing to the Skate Ontario Director, Sport Development and must contain a description of the grounds upon which such bye is being requested.

Policy Administration

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis prior to the beginning of the competitive season.