



**Skate
Ontario**

2024 SKATE ONTARIO PRE-NOVICE AND NOVICE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DECEMBER 7-10, 2023

HOSTED BY: SKATE ONTARIO & HUNTSVILLE SKATING CLUB

CANADA SUMMIT CENTRE

20 Park Drive
Huntsville, ON



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GENERAL INFORMATION

An invitation is extended to all eligible figure skaters to participate in the 2024 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championship. Skate Canada rules and regulations will apply throughout the competition unless otherwise specified. Rule amendments passed at the Skate Canada Ice Summit as well as any changes to ISU regulations, applicable to Skate Canada sanctioned events shall also apply.

The 2024 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championship is a qualifying event for the 2023-2024 Skate Canada Challenge Pre-Novice/Novice.

SKATE ONTARIO SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – DECEMBER	
EVENT DATES:	DECEMBER 7-10, 2023
HOST:	SKATE ONTARIO & HUNTSVILLE SKATING CLUB
VENUE:	CANADA SUMMIT CENTRE 20 Park Drive, Huntsville, ON
ICE SURFACE:	Don Lough Arena: 100' x 200' Jack Bionda Arena: 85' x 190'

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION OPENS:	12:00 PM EST on November 7, 2023
REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on November 10, 2023
MUSIC & PPC REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on November 12, 2023

FOR INQUIRIES:	Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact: Brittany Billsborough bbillsborough@skateontario.org
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CONFIRMATION EMAILS

An email copy of each registration invoice will be automatically generated and sent to the account holder at the email address on the registrant's profile.

Please Note: If you select "NO" for News, Upcoming Program and Registration Information in the Message List on your Uplifter Registration account, you will not receive general emails from Skate Ontario about the event. These emails may include links to the competition entry lists, start orders, results, and important athlete updates.

COACHES' CONFIRMATION EMAILS

Coaches will receive an email confirming their athlete's registration information (if the correct email is provided at registration). It is the responsibility of the registrant to ensure the accuracy of the coach(es) email.

PURPOSE OF SECTIONALS

The Skate Ontario Sectional Championships identify the top skaters in Ontario for advancement to the next round of qualifying events ultimately leading to the Canadian Figure Skating Championships for Novice competitors.

The 2024 Skate Canada – Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships will be conducted in accordance with Skate Canada Competition Rules.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

Entrants in Canadian Championship events or qualifying events for Canadian Championships shall:

- (1) Eligible Person Status: Be eligible as defined in the Skate Canada Rule Book
- (2) Associate Member: Be Associate Member in good standing of the association
- (3) Canadian Citizenships: Be Canadian citizens within the meaning of the Citizenship Act, RSC 1985. If the individual is not a Canadian citizen, such individual must have permanent resident status and have resided in Canada for at least one year prior to the date of the Championships they wish to enter. Also, if the entrant is of legal age, the entrant must file a declaration to indicate that he intends in good faith to become a Canadian citizen. If the entrant is an alien minor, he and the living parents (or guardians if both parents are deceased) must have also filed a sworn statement with the Chief Executive Officer of Skate Canada that said minor intends to become a citizen as soon as legally possible.

In the case of a pair or an ice dance couple, at least one partner must be a Canadian citizen. The other partner may be a citizen or resident of a country of any other ISU Member and need not reside in Canada.

All Non-Canadian citizens interested in competing in the 2023-2024 Skate Canada Qualifying Competitions are required to complete the [NON-CANADIAN CITIZEN APPLICATION](#) and present their “Acceptance Letter” from Skate Canada during entry registration for the 2023-2024 Qualifying Competition.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY (SKATE CANADA RULES OF SPORT)

- (1) **ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON:** Competitors wishing to enter Qualifying Events leading to Skate Canada Challenge and/or the Canadian Figure Skating Championships must have passed the assessments as outlined in the competition program requirements for each discipline at least three weeks prior to the Section Championships preceding those competitions.
- (2) **AGE PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter Qualifying Events leading to Skate Canada Challenge and/or Canadian Figure Skating Championship must meet the age

requirements to compete as specified in the competition program requirements for each discipline.

- (3) **COMPETING IN SINGLES AT SECTIONALS:** A skater may compete in Singles events only in the championships of the section in which that competitor's home organization is a member.
- (4) **COMPETING IN PAIR OR DANCE AT SECTIONALS:** A pairs or dance team composed of competitors having home clubs/skating schools in different Sections may enter the event of the Sectional Championships of any one, but only one, of the Sections represented by its members. The Chair of each Section concerned must be advised as to which championship the team will enter.

SKATE ONTARIO 2023-2024 SECTIONAL QUALIFYING STRUCTURE

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 Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships

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

NOVICE

Women Singles	Maximum of 60 entries
Men Singles	Maximum of 36 entries
Pairs	Maximum of 24 teams
Ice Dance	Maximum of 30 teams

PRE-NOVICE

Women Singles	Maximum of 84 entries
Men Singles	Maximum of 36 entries
Pairs	Maximum of 24 teams
Ice Dance	Maximum of 30 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.

CHALLENGE MINIMUM TECHNICAL SCORES

A [minimum technical score outlined by Skate Canada](#) is required for the 2023 Skate Canada Challenge events, the 2023 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, and the 2023 Novice Canadian Championships.

SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE ONTARIO AND SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE

Refer to Skate Canada Rules of Sport, Competitions, [Section 8 & 9](#).

Pre-Novice Women Singles Short Program Draw for Start Orders

For Pre-Novice Women Singles categories at the 2024 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice & Novice Sectional Championships, skaters will be seeded for the Short Program based on their overall rankings from the following Sectional Series Events: October – Barrie and November – York.

Skaters will be ranked from 1-84 based on their overall rankings from the following Sectional Series Events: October – Barrie and November – York. Skaters will then be seeded into groups based on their ranking number from the Sectional Series Events. Within these seeded groups, the start orders for the Short Program will be randomly drawn.

Draw for the Free Program will be based on the results from the Short Program.

Seeded Groups for Short Program

Skaters Ranked 50-84: Start order numbers 1-36

Skaters Ranked 25-49: Start order numbers 37-60

Skaters Ranked 1-24: Start order numbers 61-84

REGISTRATION

Registration for this event is an **online submission** and must be completed in full, including payment. Registrants must also acknowledge and agree to all policies listed in the cart for the entry to be finalized.

Please have the following ready before registering:

- Skate Canada number
- Category information
- Partner's name, Skate Canada number, date of birth, and home club (if applicable)
- Coach's email
- Credit card information

MUSIC UPLOAD & PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

Music and Planned Program Content (PPC) information will be submitted through [Uplifter](#). Deadline to submit music and PPC information is **Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM**.

Music file(s) and PPC information may be uploaded at the time of registration OR you may leave the music field and PPC fields blank and complete at a later time.

If you choose to submit your music and PPC information after completing your registration or need to update previously submitted files, log into your [Skate Ontario Uplifter account](#) to edit or submit the required information. Music and PPC information can be edited up until the deadline of Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM. All music files must be in MP3 format.

For detailed instructions on uploading your Music and PPC, [click here](#).

LATE SUBMISSIONS

Each late submission of music and/or PPC after the deadline will be subject to a \$50 late fee. For example, if a skater submits both their music and PPC information after the deadline, a total late fee of \$100 will be charged.

To avoid a late fee, skaters must submit their music by the deadline. Skaters can still make updates after the closing date by contacting the Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact for the event. Be advised that changes made in the week leading to the event may not be able to be accommodated and a USB back-up for music may have to be used on-site.

Any questions about submitting music should be sent to the Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact prior to the deadline.

REGISTRATION OPENING & CLOSING DATES

Registration for this event will open at 12:00 PM EST on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 and close at 11:59 PM EST on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Qualified Pre-Novice and Novice skaters/teams will receive a registration link directly to the email address associated with their Uplifter account. This email will come from Jarret Melanson - jmelanson@skateontario.org

Access to online registration will cease at 11:59 PM EST on Friday, November 10, 2023.

SCHEDULE

Schedule, entries, and start orders will be posted on the Skate Ontario website at: <http://www.skateontario.org>

ENTRY FEES

Payable by VISA or MasterCard. No other form of payment will be accepted.

All entry fees are subject to H.S.T.

Pre-Novice - Novice Singles	\$358.00
Pre-Novice – Novice Pairs	\$429.00
Pre-Novice – Novice Dance	\$429.00

A \$10.00 + HST Streaming Development Fee will be added to each entry.

CATEGORIES

Starting Orders shall be determined by a random draw for the first segment; with the exception of Pre-Novice Women as noted above. Competitors will be assigned to skate the 2nd segment in reverse order of the results from the 1st segment.

Please refer to Skate Canada Rule Book and/or ISU website for the applicable program requirements and program lengths for each event for the 2023/2024 season.

The following categories are to be held at the 2024 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championship:

SINGLES – Men & Women

Pre-Novice	Must have passed the complete STAR 5 (or equivalent) Freeskate Assessment or higher Must not have reached the age of 16 before July 1, 2023
Novice	Must have passed the complete Gold Freeskate Assessment Must not have reached the age of 17 before July 1, 2023

PAIRS

Pre-Novice	Must have passed the complete STAR 5 (or equivalent) Freeskate Assessment or higher Must not have reached the age of 18 before July 1, 2023
Novice	Must have passed the complete STAR 10 (or equivalent) Freeskate Assessment or higher No age requirements

ICE DANCE

Pre-Novice	At least one partner must have passed the complete STAR 5 (or equivalent) Dance Assessment or higher Must not have reached the age of 18 before July 1, 2023 Pattern Dances to be skated: Pattern Dances to be skated: Pattern Dance #1: Rocker Foxtrot (4 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Starlight Waltz (2 sequences)
Novice	At least one partner must have passed the complete STAR 8 (or equivalent) Dance Assessment or higher Must not have reached the age of 21 before July 1, 2023 Pattern Dances to be skated: Pattern Dance #1: Starlight Waltz (2 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Paso Doble (3 sequences)

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

Program music must be submitted through Uplifter as an MP3 file. This includes all Series 8 pattern dance music. You may upload your music file at the time of registration, OR you may leave the music field blank, complete your registration, then log back into your account at a later date to upload your music file. If you checkout without uploading your music file, you must log into your account and upload your music file by Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM. You may also edit any uploaded music file up until this date.

BACK-UP MUSIC - USB:

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO PLAY CDS

Skaters are asked to bring a MP3 version back-up of their music on a USB stick to the event, to be kept ice level with their coach. For skaters competing in more than 1 category, it is HIGHLY recommended that a separate back-up USB drive be available for each piece of music.

Alternate electronic items such as cellphones, tablets, mp3 players etc. will not be accepted.

PPC INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Registrants will be asked to submit their Planned Program Content at the time of registration. You will have the option to complete the PPC fields at the time of registration, OR you may leave the fields blank, complete your registration, then log back into your account at a later date to complete your PPC information. All required PPC information must be submitted by Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM. You may also edit any submitted PPC information up until this date.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Registration is finalized only when all information is filled in and payment completed. Your receipt of payment is your registration confirmation. Please print your receipt and retain for your records.

STARTING ORDERS: Starting Orders shall be determined by a random draw for the first segment; with the exception of Pre-Novice Women as noted above. Competitors will be assigned to skate the 2nd segment in reverse order of the results from the 1st segment.

LATE ENTRIES: Entries received after the closing date will be considered by the Technical Representative for registration. Late entries are subject to a late fee of a 50% surcharge of registration fees for all categories. No late entries will be considered after start orders are posted (two weeks before event start). All late fees are 100% non-refundable.

LATE MUSIC & PPC SUBMISSION: There will be a \$50.00 late fee applied for failing to register Music and/or PPC online by the deadline. Skaters will not be permitted to register at the competition until this fee has been paid and their music or PPC has been submitted.

REFUNDS: Full refunds will be given for any cancelled categories. NO REFUNDS (including medical) will be given after registration closes.

WITHDRAWALS PRIOR TO REGISTRATION CLOSE: If an entry is withdrawn prior to the registration closing date, a refund (less an administrative fee of \$50.00 per skater/team) will be granted.

CHANGE OF CATEGORY FEE: There will be a \$50.00 change of category fee applied for each granted change request after an online registration has been submitted.

RESTRICTIONS: In the case of a very large entry in any category, the entries will be drawn into groups. All groups are final and cannot be changed.

AGE REQUIREMENTS: As of July 1, 2023.

TEST REQUIREMENTS: As of February 15, 2024.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION: All competitors and Skate Canada registered coaches are required to register upon arrival at the arena. Specific on-site registration instructions will be shared prior to the competition.

COACH ACCREDITATION: To be accredited at the 2024 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championship, coaches must meet the following conditions:

- Meet the NCCP Requirements for the level of athlete attending with
- Be a current Professional Coaching Member of Skate Canada in good standing

Ontario coaches must present their Skate Ontario issued Coach's Accreditation Tag. No other form of identification will be accepted. Out of province coaches must provide proof that they are a Registered Skate Canada Professional Coach in Good Standing when registering at the Coaches' sign in table.

Competition Categories ↓	Domestic Events					NCCP Certification ↓
	Sectional & Regional Championships	Skate Canada Challenge (Junior/Senior)	Canadian Figure Skating Championships	Skate Canada Challenge (Pre-Novice Novice)	Canada Cup	
Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile	✓					Regional Coach
Pre-Novice	✓			✓		Provincial Coach
Novice	✓		✓	✓		Provincial Coach
Junior	✓	✓	✓			National Coach
Senior	✓	✓	✓			National Coach
Intermediate	✓				✓	Provincial Coach
Open	✓				✓	Provincial Coach

Additional Considerations:

- Skate Canada Coaches in good standing who are in the process of achieving an NCCP certification may obtain a one-time exemption during one skating season. Those with a NCCP in-training or trained status may obtain temporary accreditation privileges provided the NCCP status of the coach aligns with the Competition Category and the Skate Canada event. An exemption request must be submitted to the Section for consideration.
- To obtain accreditation privileges, non-resident coaches who are not registered Skate Canada coaches in good standing, must submit proof of a valid screening from their home country prior to traveling to a Skate Canada domestic event.

AWARDS: Medals for first, second and third place will be awarded for each category. Medal presentation information will be available at the competition.

PROTESTS: For events using the Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) scoring system, protests must be made as per the [Skate Canada Protest Procedure](#). Decisions of the officials categorized as field of play may not be protested, except as noted in the Protest Procedure. Items that can be protested: Participation of a competitor in the competition, Composition of panels of officials, Determination of the results of a competition

All protests regarding the determination of the result for a competitor(s) in the competition must be filed immediately after, but within no more than one hour, of the posting of the full and detailed results for the Segment in question.

EVENT INFORMATION

GENERAL ADMISSION

Adult:	\$8.00 per day
Seniors & Children (4-12):	\$6.00 per day
Children under 3:	Free
Adult Weekend Pass:	\$20.00
Senior & Children Weekend Pass:	\$15.00

HOTEL INFORMATION

Participants are required to book their own accommodations. Nearby hotels include:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Huntsville
100 Howland Drive, Huntsville
705-788-9500

Home2 Suites by Hilton Huntsville
159 Howland Drive, Huntsville
705-990-4661

Comfort Inn
86 King William Street, Huntsville
705-789-1701

Best Western Plus Muskoka Inn
86 Howland Drive, Huntsville
705-788-3345

Hotel 6
70 Howland Drive, Huntsville
705-787-0118

Econo Lodge
117 Main St West, Huntsville
705-788-5051

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