



**Skate  
Ontario**

## **SECTIONAL SERIES - NOVEMBER**

NOVEMBER 2-5, 2023

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HOSTED BY: SKATE ONTARIO & YORK REGION SKATING CENTRE

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### **ED SACKFIELD ARENA**

311 Valleymede Drive  
Richmond Hill, ON



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

An invitation is extended to all eligible figure skaters to participate in 2023 Skate Ontario Sectional Series – November event. 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 2023 Skate Ontario Sectional Series November event is a qualifying event for the 2024 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships - December.

<b>SKATE ONTARIO SECTIONAL SERIES – NOVEMBER</b>	
EVENT DATES:	NOVEMBER 2-5, 2023
HOST:	SKATE ONTARIO & YORK REGION SKATING CENTRE
VENUE:	ED SACKFIELD ARENA 311 Valleymede Drive, Richmond Hill, ON
ICE SURFACE:	South Rink: 85' x 200' North Rink: 97' x 199'

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION OPENS:	12:00 PM EST on August 28, 2023
REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on September 10, 2023
MUSIC & PPC REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on October 15, 2023

<b>FOR INQUIRIES:</b>	<b>Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact:</b>  Stephanie Lafleur Slafleur@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.

## 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, October 15, 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, October 15, 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 Monday, August 28, 2023 and close at 11:59 PM EST on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

The detailed registration instructions are included on the registration site at:

### To be added when Registration Opens

Access to online registration will cease at **11:59 PM EST on Sunday, September 10, 2023**, or once registration is filled. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Please review your entry information before submitting.

In the event that registration is filled, skaters will be able to add their names to the waitlist. If a spot becomes available, skaters will have 24 hours to register. Waitlisted skaters will be accommodated until start orders are posted.

## 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 only. No other form of payment will be accepted. All entry fees are subject to H.S.T.

Pre-Novice – Novice Singles	\$273.00
Pre-Novice – Novice Pair	\$304.00
Pre-Novice – Novice Dance	\$304.00

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

## CATEGORIES

Starting Orders shall be determined by a random draw in each category.

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 2023 Skate Ontario Sectional Series – November:

**ALL DISCIPLINES AT ALL LEVELS ARE OFFERED AS COMBINED CATEGORIES ONLY**

## **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

## **PAIR**

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 requirement

## **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, October 15, 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, October 15, 2023 at 11:59 PM. You may also edit any submitted PPC information up until this date.

## [QUALIFYING STRUCTURE FOR THE 2024 SKATE ONTARIO SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS](#)

For skaters who are competing in Pre-Novice and Novice in the Men, Women, Pair, and Ice Dance categories, qualification will be based on the results of the 2023 Skate Ontario Sectional Series.

The highest overall score (combined total score of the Short Program/Rhythm Dance/Pattern Dance and the Free Program from the same event) from each athlete/team will be used to create a final ranking order for qualification in each category and discipline to the 2024 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships - December. Skaters/teams may enter any number of Sectional Series events in order to achieve their ranking.

# 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 in each category.

**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 2023 Skate Ontario Sectional Series – November event, coaches must be Regional Coach trained or certified. Up to two certified coaches or 1 coach and 1 choreographer per entry will be accredited.

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 at that they are a Registered Skate Canada Professional Coach in Good Standing when registering at the Coaches' sign in table.

**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

Adults - \$8.00/day  
Seniors/Children 4-12yrs - \$6.00/day  
Children 3 and Under – Free  
Adult Weekend Pass - \$20.00  
Senior/Children Weekend Pass - \$15.00

Payable in cash only. Exact change is appreciated!

### HOTEL INFORMATION

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

Best Western Parkway Hotel Toronto North  
600 Hwy 7, Richmond Hill  
905-882-3101

Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Markham  
65 Minthorn Boulevard, Markham  
905-707-6533

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Toronto Markham  
52 Bodrington Court, Markham  
905-752-5600

Hilton Garden Inn Toronto Markham  
300 Commerce Valley Drive E, Thornhill  
905-709-8008

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Toronto-Markham  
10 East Pearce Street, Richmond Hill  
905-695-5990

Monte Carlo Inn – Toronto Markham  
8900 Woodbine Ave, Markham  
905-513-8100

Park Inn by Raddisson Toronto-Markham  
555 Cochrane Drive, Markham  
289-806-1944

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites  
600 Hwy 7, Richmond Hill  
905-881-2121

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