



**Skate
Ontario**

SYNCHRO SERIES #2 - BALTIMORE

JANUARY 19-21, 2024

HOSTED BY: SKATE ONTARIO & BALTIMORE FIGURE SKATING CLUB

BALTIMORE RECREATIONAL CENTRE

23 Community Centre Road
Baltimore, ON



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GENERAL INFORMATION

An invitation is extended to all eligible synchronized skating teams to participate in the 2024 Skate Ontario Synchro Series #2 – Baltimore. 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 Synchro Series #2 – Baltimore event is the Novice Nationals qualifier for Novice teams, a Canada Cup qualifier for Gold (Intermediate) and Open teams, a Provincial Championship qualifier for STAR 6 (Juvenile) and STAR 8 (Pre-Novice) and a non qualifying (invitational) opportunity for all other synchro categories including STAR 3 & 4 and Adult. This event is open to out of province teams.

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EVENT DATES:	JANUARY 19-21, 2024
HOST:	SKATE ONTARIO & BALTIMORE FIGURE SKATING CLUB
VENUE:	BALTIMORE RECREATIONAL CENTRE 23 Community Centre Road, Baltimore, ON
ICE SURFACE:	85' x 200'

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION OPENS:	12:00 PM EST on October 23, 2023
REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on October 29, 2023
MUSIC & PPC REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on January 1, 2024

FOR INQUIRIES:	Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact: Brittany Bilsborough bbilsborough@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:

- Team Skate Canada number
- Team name
- Category information
- Coach's email
- Credit card information

MUSIC UPLOAD & PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

All program music must be submitted online through [Uplifter](#). Planned Program Content must be submitted via email to bbilsborough@skateontario.org. Blank planned program sheets can be found [here](#). The deadline to submit music and PPC information is **Monday, January 1, 2024 at 11:59 PM**.

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

If you choose to submit your music file(s) 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 files can be edited online up until the deadline of Monday, January 1, 2024 at 11:59 PM. All music files must be in MP3 format.

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 team 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 and PPC information 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 into 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, October 23, 2023, and will close at 11:59 PM EST on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

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

<https://registration.skateontario.org/pages/events-2023-2024/synchro-series-2-baltimore/>

Access to online registration will cease at **11:59 PM EST on Sunday, October 29, 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. No other form of payment will be accepted.
All entry fees are subject to H.S.T.

1 Skate Price: \$145 per team PLUS \$16 per athlete, including all alternates + H.S.T.
2 Skate Price: \$211 per team PLUS \$26 per athlete including all alternates + H.S.T.

A \$40.00 + HST Streaming Development Fee/Team will be added to each entry.

CATEGORIES

Starting Orders shall be determined by a random draw for the first segment. For categories with 2 segments, teams 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 2024 Skate Ontario Synchro Series #2 – Baltimore:

SENIOR

SENIOR ELITE 12

JUNIOR

OPEN

GOLD (INTERMEDIATE)

NOVICE

STAR 8 (PRE-NOVICE) – 1 SKATE ONLY

STAR 6 (JUVENILE) – 1 SKATE ONLY

STAR 4 – 1 SKATE ONLY

STAR 3 – 1 SKATE ONLY

ADULT SYS CLASS I – 1 SKATE ONLY

ADULT SYS CLASS II – 1 SKATE ONLY

ADULT SYS CLASS III – 1 SKATE ONLY

REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS (FROM SECTION 10 SKATE CANADA RULES OF SPORT)

A regional competition will be held for each of the following groups of Sections:

- Atlantic: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland/Labrador
- Quebec: Quebec
- Ontario: Ontario
- Prairie: Manitoba, Saskatchewan
- Mountain: British Columbia/Yukon, Alberta/Northwest Territories/Nunavut

Full authority over the planning, organization and conduct of the championships is delegated to the host Section, except for those matters specifically given to the technical representative and Skate Canada. The host Section may delegate all or any part of its authority and responsibility as necessary.

Regions may choose to hold two Regional Synchronized Championships and/or hold the Regional Championship in conjunction with an invitational event.

Regional Synchronized Skating Championships must be held annually for at least the obligatory Events and must include a minimum of seven days prior to the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships or the Canada Cup for the respective disciplines.

The announcement of the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships must be distributed to all Clubs in the Section belonging to the defined regional event not later than six weeks before the date of the first Event.

There is no qualification process to enter this competition, however a qualifying round may be held if entry numbers warrant.

The registration rules apply.

Entries (from Section 10.1 Skate Canada Rules of Sport)

The following categories are mandatory Novice, Intermediate (Gold), Open, Junior and Senior. All specifications at the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships must be identical to the corresponding Events at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships (Novice, Junior, and Senior) or the Canada Cup (Intermediate (Gold) and Open). Other Events may be added at the discretion of the Regional Synchronized Championships committee. Details for such Events must be included in the announcement.

If there are fewer entries than the normal quota of entries to the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships or the Canada Cup in any Regional competition, the Region may dispense with the competition and approve the entry of the competitors to the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships or the Canada Cup of the same Category (if applicable).

The entry fees, if any, for the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be set by the host Section.

The host Section must verify the eligibility of all competitors. The Section must submit all teams entering Qualifying Events to Skate Canada no later than October 3 (Junior and Senior) or December 15 (Novice, Intermediate (Gold), and Open) or the next business day following that date.

Team Composition Requirements (from Section 10.2 Skate Canada Rules of Sport)

The following composition requirements apply for teams competing at Regional Synchronized Skating Championships, at the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships and the Canada Cup:

- Teams may consist of members from different Clubs; Clubs may join together to form a synchronized skating team if there is not a sufficient number of skaters from one Club to make a team
- A team must represent at least one Skate Canada Club and members of the team must be Registrants of Skate Canada
- Skaters may skate with as many Clubs as they wish but can only represent one Club in the same Event
- A Club may enter teams in more than one Event Category provided that for each additional Category entered, 50% of the skaters are different (the calculation does not include alternates), different music is used, and a different routine is skated
- Teams may be comprised of females and males
- There shall be no substitution of registered team members or additional names

added; only those skaters who competed at the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be allowed to skate in the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships or the Canada Cup

- Each team may have up to four alternates listed on the Event team roster

Selection of Entries from Regional Synchronized Skating Championships (from Section 10.3 Skate Canada Rules of Sport)

Final Result

The final result in each Regional Event will determine the competitors eligible to enter the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships or the Canada Cup based on normal quota of entries

Normal Quota of Entries

Selection of entries from Regional Synchronized Skating Championships to the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships or Canada Cup is as follows:

REGION	Mountain	Prairie	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
Novice, Intermediate (Gold), Open	3	1	6	5	1
Junior and Senior	2	1	5	4	1

The normal quota of entries will be reviewed on a periodic basis.

Alternates: The next placed entry in each regional Event may be nominated as an alternate entry and may replace an entrant who has withdrawn before the start of the Event.

If the maximum quota at a Regional Synchronized Skating Championship is not filled due to insufficient entries, that Event may be held, but is not mandatory.

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

Program music must be submitted through Uplifter as an MP3 file. 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 Monday, January 1, 2024 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

Planned Program Content must be submitted via email to bbilsborough@skateontario.org. Blank planned program sheets can be found [here](#). The deadline to submit PPC information is **Monday, January 1, 2024 at 11:59 PM**.

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. For categories with 2 segments, teams 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 \$50.00. 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 or PPC by the deadline. Skaters will not be permitted to register at the competition until this fee has been paid and their music and/or planned program sheet has been completed.

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 Synchro Series #2 - Baltimore, coaches must be Regional Coach trained or certified. Up to two certified coaches 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.

TEAM MANAGERS & CHAPERONES: All team managers and chaperones must be current registered members of Skate Canada per the Accreditation Policy.

If a team manager or chaperone is a coach, then he/she must meet all the requirements of a professional coach for the relevant event including NCCP certification level, valid First Aid certificate and coaching membership with the Association.

Two coaches, one team manager and two chaperones for a total of five people per team will be accredited. The names and Skate Canada numbers for these accreditations **MUST** be included on the online registration page under “Attending Personnel”.

The main coach and one alternate (skater) will stand at the entrance to the ice, and the team manager and other alternates in the exit area. The chaperones will be allowed in the dressing rooms **ONLY** and will not have access to ice level during competition.

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:	\$10.00 per day
Seniors and Children 4 – 12 years:	\$5.00 per day
Children 3 years and under:	Free

HOTEL INFORMATION

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

Comfort Inn
121 Densmore Road, Cobourg
905-372-7007

Best Western Plus Cobourg Inn
930 Burnham Street, Cobourg
905-372-2105

Comfort Inn
Route 2211, Northumberland County Rd 28,
Port Hope
437-293-6485

Hampton Inn by Hilton Port Hope
80 Henderson Street, Port Hope
905-800-9010

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