



**Skate  
Ontario**

**PROVINCIAL SERIES #4  
STRATFORD DECEMBER CLASSIC**

DECEMBER 15-17, 2023

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HOSTED BY: SKATE ONTARIO & STRATFORD SKATING CLUB

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**STRATFORD ROTARY COMPLEX**

353 MCCARTHY ROAD  
STRATFORD, ON



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

An invitation is extended to all eligible figure skaters to participate in 2023 Skate Ontario Provincial Series #4 – Stratford December Classic. 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.

This event has qualifying categories for the 2024 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships. Qualifying Structure details for the Provincial Championships can be [found here](#).

This event is the Special Olympics West Qualifier.

PROVINCIAL SERIES #4 – STRATFORD	
EVENT DATES:	DECEMBER 15-17, 2023
HOST:	SKATE ONTARIO & STRATFORD SKATING CLUB
VENUE:	STRATFORD ROTARY COMPLEX 353 MCCARTHY ROAD, STRATFORD, ON
ICE SURFACE:	RINK A: 85' X 200' RINK B: 85' X 200'

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

ASSIGNED ATHLETE REGISTRATION OPENS:	12:00 PM EST on October 6, 2023
ASSIGNED ATHLETE REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on October 9, 2023
REGISTRATION OPENS:	12:00 PM EST on October 11, 2023
REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on October 15, 2023
MUSIC REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on November 19, 2023

FOR INQUIRIES:	<b>Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact:</b> Michelle Hunsley <a href="mailto:mhunsley@skateontario.org">mhunsley@skateontario.org</a>
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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**

Music information will be submitted through [Uplifter](#). Deadline to submit music is **Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11:59 PM**.

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

If you choose to submit your music 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 can be edited up until the deadline of Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11:59 PM. All music files must be in MP3 format.

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

## **LATE SUBMISSIONS**

All late submissions of music after the deadline will be subjected to a \$50 late fee each.

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

### ASSIGNED ATHLETE REGISTRATION

Registration for this event opens to all skaters who receive confirmation of advanced registration and the registration link at 12:00 pm EST on October 6, 2023 and closes at 11:59 pm EST on October 9, 2023.

### PUBLIC REGISTRATION

Registration for this event opens to the public at 12:00 PM EST on October 11, 2023, and will close at 11:59 PM EST on October 15, 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, October 15, 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.

STAR 5 to Gold Singles	\$165.00/person + H.S.T.
Pre-Juvenile - Juvenile Singles	\$165.00/person + H.S.T.
Artistic	\$124.00/person + H.S.T.
STAR 2 & STAR 3 Freeskate	\$75.00/person + H.S.T.
STAR 4 Freeskate	\$88.00/person + H.S.T.
Special Olympics – Introductory Dance	\$39.00 + H.S.T.
Special Olympics – All Other Categories	\$88.00 + H.S.T.
Adult Categories, except Artistic	\$165.00 + H.S.T.
Adult Artistic	\$130.00 + H.S.T.

**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 Provincial Series #4 – Stratford December Classic:

### **SINGLES FREESKATE– Men & Women**

STAR 5	Qualifying & Non-Qualifying	Must not have passed any part of the STAR 8 freeskate assessment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U10 - Must not have reached the age of 10 before July 1, 2023</li><li>• U13 - Must not have reached the age of 13 before July 1, 2023</li><li>• O13 – Shall be 13 years or over on July 1, 2023</li></ul>
STAR 6	Qualifying & Non-Qualifying	Must have passed the complete STAR 5 freeskate assessment.
STAR 7	Qualifying & Non-Qualifying	Must have passed the complete STAR 5 freeskate assessment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U12 - Must not have reached the age of 12 before July 1, 2023</li><li>• O12 - Shall be 12 years or over on July 1, 2023</li></ul>
STAR 8	Qualifying Only	Must have passed the complete STAR 5 freeskate assessment.
STAR 9	Qualifying Only	Must have passed the complete STAR 5 freeskate assessment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U14 - Must not have reached the age of 14 before July 1, 2023</li><li>• O14 - Shall be 14 years or over on July 1, 2023</li></ul>
STAR 10	Qualifying Only	Must have passed the complete STAR 8 freeskate assessment.
GOLD	Qualifying Only	Must have passed the complete STAR 8 freeskate assessment.
Pre-Juvenile	Qualifying Only	Must have passed the complete STAR 5 (or equivalent) Freeskate Assessment or higher <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U11 - Must not have reached the age of 11 before July 1, 2023</li><li>• U13 - Must not have reached the age of 13 before July 1, 2023</li></ul>
Juvenile	Qualifying Only	Must have passed the complete STAR 5 (or equivalent) Freeskate Assessment or higher <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U12 - Must not have reached the age of 12 before July 1, 2023</li><li>• U14 - Must not have reached the age of 14 before July 1, 2023</li></ul>

## **ARTISTIC**

STAR 5	Qualifying & Non-Qualifying	Must have passed the STAR 4 Skills assessment.
STAR 7	Qualifying & Non-Qualifying	Must have passed the STAR 4 Skills assessment.
STAR 9	Qualifying Only	Must have passed the STAR 5 Artistic assessment.
GOLD	Qualifying Only	Must have passed the STAR 7 Artistic assessment.

## **STAR 2-4**

\* Note: Star 2-3, boys and girls may be placed in the same group. **STAR 1 not offered**

STAR 2 FreeSkate	Must not have passed any part of the STAR 6 freeskate assessment.
STAR 3 FreeSkate	Must not have passed any part of the STAR 6 freeskate assessment.
STAR 4 FreeSkate Girls/Boys	<p>Must not have passed any part of the STAR 6 freeskate assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U10 - Must not have reached the age of 10 before July 1, 2023</li> <li>• U13 - Must not have reached the age of 13 before July 1, 2023</li> <li>• O13 – Shall be 13 years or over on July 1, 2023</li> </ul>

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Singles: Male & Female (FreeSkate Program only)	Levels 1 – 6 Open	
Dance: Solo & Pattern	Introductory	Elements Only (Solo Dance ONLY)
	Level 1	Pattern Dance #1: Dutch Waltz (2 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Baby Blues (3 sequences)
	Level 2	Pattern Dance #1: Swing (2 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Willow (2 sequences)
	Level 3	Pattern Dance #1: European (2 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Fourteenstep (4 sequences)
	Level 4	Pattern Dance #1: Tango (2 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Rocker Foxtrot (4 sequences)
	Level 5	Pattern Dance #1: Rocker Foxtrot (4 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Paso Doble (3 sequences)
	Level 6	Pattern Dance #1: Westminster (2 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Argentine (2 sequences)
Pair (FreeSkate Program only)	Levels 1-3	
Masters - Freeskate	Masters Level 1/2 Freeskate Masters Level 3/4 Freeskate	
Artistic	STAR 5 STAR 7 STAR 9 Gold	

## **ADULT**

\*Please note the following age categories MAY apply to Singles Free Skating and Artistic categories and will depend on the number of registrations:

Young Adult	18 – 27 years
Class I	28 – 37 years
Class II	38 – 47 years
Class III	48 – 57 years
Class IV	58 – 67 years
Class V	68 years and older

Adult Singles FreeSkate  Women & Men	Adult Intro Open Free Skate Adult Bronze Free Skate Adult Silver Free Skate Adult Gold Free Skate Adult Masters Free Skate Adult Masters Elite Free Skate	
Artistic	Adult Introductory Artistic Adult Bronze Artistic Adult Silver Artistic Adult Gold Artistic Adult Elite Artistic Adult Open Partner Artistic Adult Open Masters Partner Artistic	
Partnered & Solo Pattern Dance	Adult STAR 4/5 Dance	Pattern Dance #1: Canasta (3 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: European (2 sequences)
	Adult STAR 6/7 Dance	Pattern Dance #1: Paso Doble (3 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: American (2 sequences)
	Adult STAR 8/9 Dance	Pattern Dance #1: Argentine (2 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Blues (3 sequences)
	Adult STAR 10/Gold Dance	Pattern Dance #1: Argentine (2 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Viennese (3 sequences)
Partnered Pattern Dance	Adult STAR Elite Dance (For former competitive skaters or skaters approximately at this level)	Pattern Dance #1: Argentine (2 sequences) Pattern Dance #2: Viennese (3 sequences)
Solo Dance	Adult Open Solo Rhythm Dance	Rocker (Follow criteria as outlined in 2023-2024 STAR Program Requirement Guide)
Free Dance	Adult Bronze Free Dance Adult Silver Free Dance Adult Gold Free Dance	
Pairs	Adult Pair Adult Masters Pairs	

## 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 19, 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.



# 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 \$50.00 late fee. 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 SUBMISSION:** There will be a \$50.00 late fee applied for failing to register Music online by the deadline. Skaters will not be permitted to register at the competition until this fee has been paid and their music 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.
- Single skaters are permitted to enter only one singles freeskate category. For example: registering for STAR 6 Freeskate and Juvenile Freeskate are not permitted. Athletes may register for one freeskate category and one short program category (STAR 7 or STAR 9). Athletes may register for two different disciplines such as a singles category and a dance category.

**AGE REQUIREMENTS:** As of July 1, 2023.

**MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS:** All categories have a maximum age limit of 21 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 any 2023/2024 Skate Ontario Provincial Series event, coaches must be Regional Coach trained or certified. Up to two certified coaches 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 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, with the exception to Accessed to Standard categories. Medal presentation information will be available at the competition.

**RIBBON CATEGORIES:** For all categories Assessed to Standard, including all STAR 1-3 categories, recipients will be called to the presentation area by their skating order and presented their ribbon and report card

**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

### ADMISSION

General Admission	\$5.00 per day
Children under 3:	Free

### CITY OF STRATFORD

For information about accommodations, dining, shopping and events in the area click: [here](#)

**THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**