



**Skate  
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## **SYNCHRO SERIES #2 – BALTIMORE**

JANUARY 24-26, 2025

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HOSTED BY: SKATE ONTARIO & BALTIMORE FIGURE SKATING CLUB

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### **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 2024/2025 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 2025 Skate Ontario Synchro Series #2 – Baltimore event is a Canada Cup qualifier for Novice, Gold, Open, and Senior Elite 12 teams, a Provincial Championship qualifier for STAR 6 and STAR 8, 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 24-26, 2025
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 28, 2024
REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on November 3, 2024
MUSIC & PPC REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on January 3, 2025

<b>FOR INQUIRIES:</b>	<b>Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact (SOSPOC):</b>  Brittany Bilsborough <a href="mailto:bbilsborough@skateontario.org">bbilsborough@skateontario.org</a>
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## SCHEDULE/ENTRY LISTS/START ORDERS

Schedule, entries, start orders, results, and skater details will be posted on the detailed event page for this event on the Skate Ontario website at: <https://skateontario.org/event/synchro-series-2-baltimore-2/> Results and detail sheets will NOT be provided on-site at the competition.

## SPECTATOR ADMISSION

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

## ON-SITE PARKING

Limited on-site parking is available. Teams & spectators are highly encouraged to carpool. Additional information about off-site parking will be available on the detailed event page.

**THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## 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.

Prior to event registration, Team Registrars are encouraged, if they haven't already, to create a SkateReg Account: <https://skatereg.ca/#!/login>

Team Registrars should review the [Team Registration Instructions](#) prior to completing registration to become familiar with the process.

Team Registrars should have the following ready before registering:

- Team name
- Team Skate Canada number
- Category information
- Team Manager Name & Email
- Chaperone Name(s)
- Attending Coaches Names
- Number of skaters (including alternates) that will be on your team roster
- Credit card information

Team Rosters must be completed by **11:59 PM EST on November 11, 2024**.

[Click here](#) for the Synchro Skater Registration guide. This guide is intended to assist parent/guardian/skaters with the registration process of adding themselves to the team roster and signing the required waiver.

**Any registration questions, can be directed to [bbilsborough@skateontario.org](mailto:bbilsborough@skateontario.org)**

## REGISTRATION OPENING & CLOSING DATES

**Registration for this event will open at 12:00 PM EST (Noon) on Monday, October 28, 2024.** Registration will close at 11:59 PM EST on Sunday, November 3, 2024.

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

<https://skatereg.ca/#!/events/synchro-series-2-baltimore>

Access to online registration will cease at **11:59 PM EST on Sunday, November 3, 2024**, 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 prior to the registration closing date, teams will be able to add their names to the waitlist. If a spot becomes available, teams will have 48 hours to register. Waitlisted teams will be accommodated until start orders are posted.

## 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.

1 Skate: \$152.00 per team PLUS \$18.00 per athlete, including all alternates.

2 Skate: \$222.00 per team PLUS \$28.00 per athlete, including all alternates.

**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, competitors will be assigned to skate the second segment in reverse order of the results from the first 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 2024/2025 season.

The following categories are to be held at 2024/2025 Skate Ontario Synchro Series #2 – Baltimore:

SENIOR

SENIOR ELITE 12

JUNIOR

NOVICE

OPEN

GOLD

STAR 8 – 1 SKATE ONLY

STAR 6 – 1 SKATE ONLY

STAR 4 O12 – 1 SKATE ONLY

STAR 4 U12 – 1 SKATE ONLY

STAR 3 ELEMENTS

ADULT SYS I – 1 SKATE ONLY

ADULT SYS II – 1 SKATE ONLY

ADULT SYS III – 1 SKATE ONLY

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

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h11-regional-synchronized-skating-championships>

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 conclude a minimum of seven days prior to the Canadian Figure Skating Championships or Skate Canada Cup for the respective Categories.

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, 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 (Junior, and Senior) or Skate Canada Cup (Novice, Gold, Open, and Senior Elite 12). 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 Canadian Figure Skating Championships or Skate Canada Cup in any Regional competition, the Region may dispense with the competition and approve the entry of the competitors to the Canadian Figure Skating Championships or Skate 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, Gold, Open, and Senior Elite 12) 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 Canadian Figure Skating Championships and the Skate 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
- 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 Canadian Figure Skating Championships or Skate 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 Skate 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 Skate Canada Cup is as follows:

REGION	Mountain	Prairie	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
Novice, Gold, Open	3	1	6	5	2
Senior Elite 12, 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 SkateReg as an MP3 file. This includes all Series 8 pattern dance music. You may upload your music file at the time of registration, OR leave the music field blank, complete your registration, and 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 **Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 11:59 PM**. You may also edit any uploaded music file up until this date.

Music not submitted by the deadline of Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:59 PM will be subjected to a \$50.00 late fee. Skaters will not be permitted to register at the competition until this fee has been paid and their music has been submitted.

Click below for instructions on how to upload/update your music file(s) after completing the registration process:

[Click Here for Synchro Music/PPC Instructions – REFER TO PART 3](#)

### **BACK-UP MUSIC - USB:**

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.

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

## PPC INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Planned Program Content must be submitted through online submission. PPC collection details will be included prior to registration opening. Link to submit your PPC will be added here once registration is opened.

PPCs not submitted by the deadline of Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:59 PM will be subjected to a \$50.00 late fee. Skaters will not be permitted to register at the competition until this fee has been paid and their PPCs have been submitted.

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## CONFIRMATION EMAILS

A summary of the registration will be automatically generated and sent to the email address on the registrant's profile. Registration receipts can be found on your SkateReg account.

Coaches will not receive an email confirmation of their skater's registration. The SkateReg Coach Dashboard is still in development and therefore coaches will not be able to see which categories their skater(s) have registered in at this time. Skaters should confirm with their coaches that they have registered.

## 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.

**AGE REQUIREMENTS:** As of July 1, 2024.

**TEST REQUIREMENTS:** As of February 15, 2025, with the exception of STAR 3 & 4 synchro categories. Skaters registered in a STAR 3 or STAR 4 synchro category must have passed their STAR 1 Skills prior to the start of competition.

**REGISTERED IN MULTIPLE CATEGORIES:** Skaters choosing to enter multiple categories, do so with the understanding that there may be scheduling conflicts that allow for minimum preparation time between categories.

**STARTING ORDERS:** Starting Orders shall be determined by a random draw for the first segment. For categories with 2 segments, competitors will be assigned to skate the second segment in reverse order of the results from the first segment.

**START ORDERS/RESULTS/DETAIL SHEETS:** The start order/results and detail sheets will be posted on the [Skate Ontario website](#). Results and detail sheets will NOT be provided on-site at the competition.

**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 \$50.00. No late entries will be considered after start orders are posted (two weeks before event start). All late fees are 100% non-refundable.

**SINGLE ENTRIES:** Skate Ontario reserves the right to cancel any categories with only 1 registrant. If an event has only one registrant, they will be contacted about next steps after registration closes.

**CANCELLED CATEGORIES:** Skate Ontario reserves the right to cancel any categories based on registration needs.

**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.

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

**PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):** There will be a \$50.00 late fee applied for failing to submit PPCs by the deadline listed in the announcement. Skaters will not be permitted to register at the competition until this fee has been paid and their PPCs have 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.

**WITHDRAW PROCEDURE:** Skaters needing to withdraw from the event, should email the Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact (SOSPOC). Written notice should come directly from the skater, parent/guardian, or either of the listed attending coaches.

**WAIVERS:** All waivers must be signed and completed through SkateReg, Skate Ontario's event registration system, prior to on-site registration.

**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 a 2024/2025 Skate Ontario Synchro Series event, coaches must be Regional Coach trained or certified and in Good Standing with Skate Canada. 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. These coaches may be asked to show their Skate Canada dashboard.

**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. All protests must be in writing.

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