



**Skate
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2026 SKATE ONTARIO PRE-NOVICE AND NOVICE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DECEMBER 4-7, 2025

HOSTED BY: SKATE ONTARIO & SKATE CANADA WASAGA BEACH

WASAGA STARS ARENA

544 River Road West
Wasaga Beach, ON



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GENERAL INFORMATION

An invitation is extended to all eligible figure skaters to participate in the 2026 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships. 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 2026 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships is a qualifying event for the 2025-2026 Skate Canada Trophy.

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EVENT DATES:	December 4-7, 2025
HOST:	SKATE ONTARIO & SKATE CANADA WASAGA BEACH
VENUE:	WASAGA STARS ARENA 544 River Road West, Wasaga Beach, ON
ICE SURFACE:	Ice Pad 1: 85' x 200' Ice Pad 2: 85' x 200'

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

REGISTRATION OPENS:	10:00 AM EST on November 11, 2025
REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on November 13, 2025
MUSIC & PPC REGISTRATION CLOSES:	11:59 PM EST on November 13, 2025

FOR INQUIRIES:	Skate Ontario Event Staff Point of Contact (SOSPOC): Stephanie Lafleur slafleur@skateontario.org
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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: [2026 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships - Skate Ontario](#). Results and detail sheets will NOT be provided on-site at the competition.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION

Adult - Day Pass: \$8.00 per day
Seniors & Children (4-12) - Day Pass: \$6.00 per day
Children 3 years and under: Free

Adult – Weekend Pass: \$20.00
Seniors & Children (4-12) – Weekend Pass: \$15.00

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PURPOSE OF SECTIONALS

The Skate Ontario Sectional Championships identify the top skaters in Ontario for advancement to the 2025-2026 Skate Canada Trophy.

The 2026 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 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 Qualifying Competition.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY (SKATE CANADA RULES OF SPORT)

- (1) **ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON:** Competitors wishing to enter Qualifying Events leading to Skate Canada Trophy 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 Trophy 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 QUALIFYING STRUCTURE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2025/2026 SEASON

<https://skateontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/25-26-Sectional-Max-Qualifying-Entries.pdf>

For the 2025/2026 season, the following qualifying system will be used for entry into the 2026 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 2026 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships using the following criteria:

1. **Qualifying Declaration:** In order to be eligible to qualify for Sectionals, Pre-Novice and Novice athletes must have declared to have their scores tracked and published in ranking order by the declaration submission deadline. .
2. **Qualifying Scores:** For Junior and Senior categories, scores from the August and October Skate Ontario Sectional Series events will be used for the 2025/2026 qualifying process.

For Pre-Novice and Novice categories, scores from the October and November Skate Ontario Sectional Series events will be used for the 2025/2026 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 2026 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 2026 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships

Only 2025 Skate Ontario Sectional Series event scores may be used as part of the 2025/2026 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 2026 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 2025/2026 Skate Canada Challenge, the 2025 Canadian National Skating Championships, and the 2025-2026 Skate Canada Trophy.

Maximum Entries per Category for the 2026 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships

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

NOVICE

Women Singles: Maximum of 42 entries

Men Singles: Maximum of 36 entries

Pair: Maximum of 24 teams

Dance: Maximum of 30 teams

PRE-NOVICE

Women Singles: Maximum of 42 entries*

Men Singles: Maximum of 36 entries

Pair: Maximum of 24 teams

Dance: Maximum of 30 teams

***There will be an Invitational Event option available for Pre-Novice Women only, at the 2026 Sectional Championships, for those who rank outside of the maximum number listed above after the October & November Skate Ontario Sectional Series Events. The Free program scores from the Invitational Event only will be used to qualify to the 2026 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships. ***

Extraordinary circumstance considerations related to the 2025-2026 Sectional Qualifying structure may be granted by the Director of Sport in consultation with the Skate Ontario Executive Director for Junior and Senior athletes only. Athletes in the Skate Canada Trophy pathway will not be eligible for Extraordinary circumstance consideration for the 2026 Pre-Novice/Novice Sectional Championships.

*Considerations will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances where the athlete 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 **Director of Sport by October 24, 2025**, the request must contain a description of the grounds upon which it is being requested as well as a Return to Play Plan.*

CHALLENGE MINIMUM TECHNICAL SCORES

A [minimum technical score outlined by Skate Canada](#) is required for the 2025-2026 Skate Canada Challenge, the 2026 Canadian National Skating Championships, and the 2025-2026 Skate Canada Trophy.

SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE ONTARIO AND SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE

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

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 and completing event registration:

- Category information
- Coach's name
 - If your Coach's name is not listed, select "Unavailable Coach" as your coach's name. Then email the SOSPOC with your coach's name and email address and the information will be updated.
- Credit card information

Specific Instructions for Dance & Pairs Registration:

- Partner's name, Skate Canada number, date of birth, and home club
- Partner's email address

REGISTRATION OPENING & CLOSING DATES

Registration for this event will open at 10:00 AM EST on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Registration will close at 11:59 PM EST on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Qualified Pre-Novice and Novice skaters will receive a registration link direct to their email prior to registration opening.

Access to online registration will cease at **11:59 PM EST on Thursday, November 13, 2025.**

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	\$395.00/person + H.S.T.
Pre-Novice & Novice Pairs	\$473.00/team + H.S.T.
Pre-Novice & Novice Dance	\$473.00/team + H.S.T.

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 2025/2026 season.

The following categories are to be held at the 2026 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships:

SINGLES – Men & Women

Pre-Novice	Must have passed the complete STAR 6 (or equivalent) Freeskate Assessment or higher Must not have reached the age of 16 before July 1, 2025
Novice	Must have passed the complete Gold Freeskate Assessment Must not have reached the age of 17 before July 1, 2025

PAIRS

Pre-Novice	Must have passed the complete STAR 6 (or equivalent) Freeskate Assessment or higher Must not have reached the age of 18 before July 1, 2025
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, 2025 Pattern Dances to be skated: 1. Tango (2 sequences) 2. Blues (3 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, 2025 Pattern Dances to be skated: 1. Quickstep (4 sequences) 2. Argentine Tango (2 sequences)

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 **Thursday, November 13th, 2025 at 11:59 PM**. You may also edit any uploaded music file up until this date.

Music not submitted by the deadline of Thursday, November 13th 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 instructions to submit music and/or PPC - Singles](#)

[Click here for instructions to submit music and/or PPC - Pair/Dance](#)

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 (PPC) collection will be through SkateReg. You may upload your PPCs at the time of registration, OR leave the PPC fields blank, complete your registration, and then log back into your account at a later date to complete your PPC submission.

PPCs not submitted by the deadline of Thursday, November 13th, 2025 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.

[Click here for instructions to submit music and/or PPC - Singles](#)

[Click here for instructions to submit music and/or PPC - Pair/Dance](#)

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. 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, 2025

TEST REQUIREMENTS: As of February 15, 2026.

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.

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.

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 the 2026 Skate Ontario Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships, 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 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.

Competition Categories ↓	Domestic Events					NCCP Certification ↓
	Sectional & Regional Championships	Skate Canada Challenge	Canadian National Skating Championships	Skate Canada Trophy	Skate Canada Cup	
Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile	✓					Regional Coach
Pre-Novice	✓			✓		Provincial Coach
Novice	✓			✓	✓	Provincial Coach
Junior	✓	✓	✓			National Coach
Senior	✓	✓	✓			National Coach
Gold	✓				✓	Provincial Coach
Open	✓				✓	Provincial Coach
Elite 12	✓				✓	National 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. All protests must be in writing.

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