



Skate Ontario Team Selection Policy

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process to select athletes representing the province of Ontario for National events.

National Event Selection

There are four national events in each competitive season (July 1st – June 30th) that require selection onto a Skate Ontario team. These events are:

1. Skate Canada Challenge
2. Canadian National Skating Championships
3. Skate Canada Trophy
4. Skate Canada Cup

Skate Canada Challenge & Skate Canada Trophy

The qualifying pathways are as follows:

1. **Skate Canada Bye:** All Skate Canada assigned Grand Prix and Junior Grand Prix athletes from Ontario, in all disciplines, will receive a bye to the Skate Canada Challenge event in the discipline they represented Skate Canada internationally.
2. **Skate Ontario Sectional Championships:** Ontario athletes will qualify to their respective Skate Canada Challenge and Skate Canada Trophy events based on results at the Skate Ontario Sectional Championships:
 - Top 15 athletes or teams that have secured the Qualifying Minimum Score, in all disciplines, in Pre-Novice and Novice.
 - Top 14 athletes that have secured the Qualifying Minimum Score, in all disciplines, in Junior and Senior.
 - *If an athlete or team in the top 15 for Pre-Novice or Novice, or top 14 in Junior or Senior, does not meet the Qualifying Minimum Score, in all disciplines, the next ranked athlete or team from the Sectionals Result with the Qualifying Minimum Score will qualify to Skate Canada Challenge and/or Skate Canada Trophy.*

2025-2026 Qualifying Minimum Scores (QMS):

Category	Men	Women	Pair	Ice Dance
Pre-Novice	19	22	15	15
Novice	26	27.5	19	18
Junior	35.5	35.5	28	24
Senior	44.5	40	38	40

- **Pre-Novice and Novice:** The Qualifying Minimum Score must be met between July 1st of each season and the deadline date for entries to the Skate Canada Trophy.
- **Junior and Senior:** The Qualifying Minimum Score must be met between July 1st of the preceding season and the deadline for entries to the Skate Canada Challenge.
- The Qualifying Minimum Score must be met at the same or lower level of competition, and in the same discipline as that to be competed in at the Skate Canada Challenge and/or Skate Canada





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Trophy. Any STARSkate free program score may also be used to meet the established Qualifying Minimum Score.

Canadian National Skating Championships & Skate Canada Cup

The qualifying pathways for selection to the Canadian National Skating Championships and Canada Cup are as follows:

1. **Skate Canada Bye** – All Skate Canada assigned Grand Prix athletes and athletes reaching the Junior Grand Prix Final from Ontario, in all disciplines, will receive a bye to the Canadian National Skating Championships in the discipline they represented Skate Canada internationally.
2. **Skate Canada Challenge** – Ontario athletes will qualify for the Canadian National Skating Championships based on results from the Skate Canada Challenge. The top 18 men's and women's singles competitors, top 12 pair competitors, and top 15 ice dance competitors in Junior and Senior (including the Skate Canada bye athletes) will qualify.
3. **Skate Canada Cup** - The final result in the Skate Ontario Synchro Series #2 event (formerly Ontario Regional Synchronized Skating Championship Event) will determine the Ontario teams eligible to enter the applicable Skate Canada Cup based on the quota of entries as determined and [published](#) by Skate Canada.

Other Byes

Extraordinary Circumstances: Extraordinary circumstance Byes to Skate Canada Challenge or the Canadian Figure Skating Championships (each an "Event") at any level may be granted by Skate Canada. Such Byes will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances and are typically related to medical conditions. In all cases, the skater must have demonstrated through technical scores earned domestically and/or internationally that they are deserving of a Bye in terms of their level of performance.

Byed competitor(s) will be in addition to the designated maximum number of competitors in the relevant Event. Requests for consideration for a Bye must be made in writing and must contain a description of the grounds upon which such Bye is being requested with satisfactory evidence provided to support the request, including a satisfactory Return to Play Plan. All requests and documentation must be submitted no later than one week following withdrawal from the Event.

Athletes that are in the Skate Canada Trophy event pathway will be ineligible to apply for an Extraordinary Circumstances Bye.

Requests for consideration for a bye must be made in writing to the Skate Ontario Director, Sport Department and must contain a description of the grounds upon which such bye is being requested.

Policy Administration

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis prior to the beginning of the competitive season.