



2027 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships

Qualifying Structure

Athletes competing in the Skate Ontario Provincial Series who wish to qualify for the **2027 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships** should review the following information carefully.

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Skate Ontario's Approach to Qualifying

At Skate Ontario, we believe the path to the Provincial Championships should support athletes, not overwhelm them. The Provincial Championship qualifying structure is built with Skate Canada's Long-Term Development (LTD) framework in mind, and we encourage coaches and clubs to use it that way.

The Provincial Series offers multiple opportunities throughout the season, with an athlete's highest score used for qualifying purposes. While the structure itself doesn't limit competition volume, we encourage coaches to be intentional about how many events their athletes attend, particularly at the STAR level, in keeping with LTD guidelines around stage-appropriate competition loads.

The Provincial Championships is designed to be the natural peak event of the season. How athletes get there should reflect that.

Coaches and parents are encouraged explore Skate Canada's [Long-Term Development resources](#) and [Parent Education Resource Guide](#) to learn more.

How Qualifying Works

- The highest Provincial Series score achieved by each athlete or team in a qualifying category will be used to determine their final ranking position for qualification into the 2027 Provincial Championships.
- All athletes who compete in a qualifying category at any 2026–2027 Provincial Series event will have their scores automatically tracked for qualifying purposes. There is no declaration form required.
- Only scores from Skate Ontario Provincial Series events can be used to determine a ranking position.
 - Pre-Novice athletes who compete at the 2026-2027 Pre-Novice/Novice Sectional Championships have an additional opportunity to qualify for the 2027 Provincial Championships. Their free skate score from that event will be tracked alongside any Provincial Series scores, with the athletes highest score used for ranking purposes.



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- The interim ranking list for each category will display scores only up to the maximum number of entries for the 2027 Provincial Championships.
- Skate Ontario reserves the right to make final decisions regarding any qualifying result disputes.

Tiebreaker Rules

If two athletes or teams receive the same score and are tied within the rankings, the following criteria will be applied:

- **Single-Program events (Star free skating or any pattern dance categories):** the athlete with the higher Total Element Score will be ranked higher. If still tied, the athlete with the higher Program Components Score will be ranked higher.
- **Free Program/Dance or Artistic Categories:** the athlete or team with the higher Program Components Score will be ranked higher. If still tied, the athlete with the higher Total Element Score will be ranked higher.

Athlete Eligibility

Category Limit

- Athletes may qualify for a maximum of 2 categories.
 - Athletes competing in Podium Pathway Partnered Ice Dance (Juvenile and higher) are not eligible to also compete in Solo Ice Dance.
 - If an athlete qualifies for more than 2 categories in singles, pairs, ice dance and/or artistic, the athlete and/or their coach must notify Skate Ontario of their chosen categories prior to the Provincial Championships registration deadline.
 - Synchronized skating is not counted in the category/discipline total for an athlete.

Age Requirements

- Any athlete competing in a category divided by age brackets is required to compete in the appropriate age bracket based on their age as of July 1 of the relevant year. For example: an athlete competing in Pre-Juvenile who is 10 years old as of July 1 is not eligible to compete in Pre-Juvenile U13.
- Athletes competing in STAR 5 through Gold categories in any discipline must not have reached the age of 21 by July 1, 2026.

Podium Pathway Athletes

- Athletes who have registered for the 2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships in a Podium Pathway category (Pre-Novice-Senior) are not eligible to qualify for the 2027 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships in a STAR category in the same discipline. Example: Pre-Novice Women who competed at the 2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships is not eligible to qualify for Star 9 Free Skate. However, they are eligible if they qualify for the 2027 Provincial Championships in STAR 5-6 Solo Dance.



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Skate Canada Trophy

- Athletes who compete in the 2027 Skate Canada Trophy event will be ineligible to compete at the 2027 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships in the same discipline.
 - These athletes may still compete in any other Skate Ontario Provincial Series events throughout the 2026–2027 season in the same discipline.

Non-Canadian Citizens

- Athletes who are not Canadian citizens are eligible to qualify for the 2027 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships, provided all of the following criteria are met:
 - The athlete is registered with a Skate Canada member club or skating school in Ontario.
 - The athlete is not representing another country at a qualifying event (e.g., Regionals or Sectionals).
 - The athlete has been released by their current Federation, and
 - All assessment qualifications for the Skate Ontario Provincial Series event(s) entered are met.

Program Format

- **Pre-Novice** categories are **free program/free dance only** events.

Maximum Entry Numbers

Skate Ontario reserves the right to adjust the number of entries based on the previous 2025–2026 season and to comply with capacity limits at the competition venue for the 2027 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships.

Men's Singles

Category	Number of Entries
Pre-Novice	Maximum of 6 entries
Juvenile U12	Maximum of 12 entries
Juvenile U14	Maximum of 12 entries
Pre-Juvenile U11	Maximum of 12 entries
Pre-Juvenile U13	Maximum of 12 entries
STAR 5 U10	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 5 U13	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 5 O13	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 6	Maximum of 12 entries



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Category	Number of Entries
STAR 7 U12	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 7 O12	Maximum of 12 entries
STAR 8	Maximum of 6 entries
STAR 9 U14	Maximum of 6 entries
STAR 9 O14	Maximum of 6 entries
STAR 10	Maximum of 6 entries
Gold Free Program	Maximum of 6 entries

Women's Singles

Category	Number of Entries
Pre-Novice	Maximum of 18 entries
Juvenile U12	Maximum of 18 entries
Juvenile U14	Maximum of 18 entries
Pre-Juvenile U11	Maximum of 18 entries
Pre-Juvenile U13	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 5 U10	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 5 U13	Maximum of 30 entries
STAR 5 O13	Maximum of 24 entries
STAR 6	Maximum of 24 entries
STAR 7 U12	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 7 O12	Maximum of 24 entries
STAR 8	Maximum of 24 entries
STAR 9 U14	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 9 O14	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 10	Maximum of 18 entries
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Pairs

Category	Number of Entries
Pre-Novice	Maximum of 4 teams
Juvenile	Maximum of 4 teams

Partnered Ice Dance

Category	Number of Entries
Pre-Novice	Maximum of 5 teams
Juvenile	Maximum of 10 teams
Pre-Juvenile	Maximum of 10 teams
STAR 4/5	Maximum of 10 teams
STAR 6/7	Maximum of 5 teams
STAR 8/9	Maximum of 5 teams
STAR 10/Gold	Maximum of 5 teams

Solo Ice Dance

Category	Number of Entries
STAR 4/5	Maximum of 6 entries
STAR 6/7	Maximum of 6 entries
STAR 8/9	Maximum of 6 entries
STAR 10/Gold	Maximum of 6 entries
STAR 6 Solo Free Dance	Maximum of 6 entries
Pre-Novice Solo Free Dance	Maximum of 6 entries

Artistic

Category	Number of Entries
STAR 5	Maximum of 18 entries



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Category	Number of Entries
STAR 7	Maximum of 18 entries
STAR 9	Maximum of 18 entries
Gold	Maximum of 12 entries

Synchronized Skating

Category	Number of Entries
Star 6	Maximum of 10 teams
Star 8	Maximum of 10 teams

Questions?

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