



2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships

Qualifying Structure

Athletes competing in the 2026-2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Series who wish to qualify for the 2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships should review the following information carefully. This qualifying structure applies to athletes competing in Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior, and Senior categories in the Men, Women, Pair, Coupled and Solo Ice Dance disciplines.

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Skate Ontario's Approach to Qualifying

The Sectional qualifying structure is designed to track each athlete's best performance across the season's Skate Ontario Sectional Series events, using their highest score to determine ranking for qualification into the 2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships. There is no minimum score an athlete needs to achieve to qualify for the 2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships.

Skate Ontario's focus is on providing athletes with a clear, predictable path to the Sectional Championships.

How Qualifying Works

- For Junior and Senior categories, scores from the **August, September and October** Skate Ontario Sectional Series events will be used for the 2026-2027 qualifying process.
- For Pre-Novice and Novice categories, scores from the **September, October and November** Skate Ontario Sectional Series events will be used for the 2026-2027 qualifying process.
- All athletes who compete in Pre-Novice through Senior category at any 2026-2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Series event will automatically have their scores tracked and ranked for qualifying purposes.
- The highest overall score achieved across the Sectional Series events listed above, from each athlete and/or team, will be used to create the final ranking order for qualification into the 2027 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.
- Only 2026 Skate Ontario Sectional Series event scores may be used as part of the 2026-2027 Sectional qualifying process. The only exception is when an athlete and/or team is assigned to an international assignment by Skate Canada. In that case, the score from the selected event may be used as their Sectional qualifying score.



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- If a category exceeds the maximum number of entries, athletes will be required to have achieved a score within the Sectional Series to be eligible to compete. If the category does not exceed the maximum number of entries, a score is not needed.

Athlete Eligibility

Active for Life Athletes

- Athletes who have previously competed in adult categories in events prior are not eligible to compete in Podium Pathway events, including but not limited to the Sectional Series.

OUA (Ontario University Athletics) Athletes

- Athletes who have previously competed or are currently competing in any OUA event are still eligible to compete in the 2026-2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Series and 2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships.

Extraordinary Circumstances

- Extraordinary circumstance considerations related to the 2026-2027 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 are not eligible for extraordinary circumstance consideration for the 2027 Skate Ontario 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 one week prior to the 2027 Skate Ontario Junior/Senior Sectional Championships and must contain a description of the grounds upon which it is being requested, as well as a Return to Play Plan.

Program Format

- **All categories** are Short Program/Rhythm Dance/Pattern Dance and Free Program events. The overall score used for qualifying is the combined total from both segments of the same event.

Qualifying Minimum Scores for Skate Canada National Events

In the absence of a Minimum Technical score, Skate Ontario reserves the right to ensure athletes assigned to both the Skate Ontario Challenge team and Skate Canada Trophy team are at an appropriate competitive level for those events.

[A minimum technical score outlined by Skate Canada is still required](#) for the 2026-2027 Skate Canada Challenge, and the 2026-2027 Skate Canada Trophy.

The QMS must be achieved in the same discipline and at the same level or at a lower competitive level than the one the skater plans to compete in at Skate Canada Challenge and/or Skate Canada Trophy.



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Example: If an athlete is moving up from Novice to Junior for the 2026-2027 season, and they achieved the Junior QMS while competing at the Novice level during the 2025-2026 season, the athlete will have met the QMS for Junior. In this case, the QMS was achieved at the Novice level but still meets the requirement for the Junior level.

Maximum Entries for 2027 Skate Ontario Sectional Championships

The maximum number of entries per category for the 2027 Skate Ontario Junior/Senior & Pre-Novice/Novice Sectional Championships is as follows:

Women Singles

Category	Number of Entries
Senior	Maximum of 36 entries
Junior	Maximum of 36 entries
Novice	Maximum of 42 entries
Pre Novice	Maximum of 42 entries*

There will be an Invitational Event option available for **Pre-Novice Women only, at the 2027 Skate Ontario 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 2027 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships.**

Men Singles

Category	Number of Entries
Senior	Maximum of 36 entries
Junior	Maximum of 36 entries
Novice	Maximum of 36 entries
Pre Novice	Maximum of 36 entries

Partnered Ice Dance

Category	Number of Entries
Senior	Maximum of 30 teams
Junior	Maximum of 30 teams
Novice	Maximum of 30 teams
Pre Novice	Maximum of 30 teams



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Solo Ice Dance

Category	Number of Entries
Senior	Maximum of 36 Entries
Junior	Maximum of 36 Entries
Novice	Maximum of 36 Entries
Pre Novice	Maximum of 36 Entries

Pair

Category	Number of Entries
Senior	Maximum of 24 teams
Junior	Maximum of 24 teams
Novice	Maximum of 24 teams
Pre Novice	Maximum of 24 teams

Questions?

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