



## **2021 Skate Canada Challenge (Junior and Senior)**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
& January 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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All events will be officiated virtually from Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Each Section will designate at least one Section Hosted Challenge Recording Event where each skater's performances will be recorded. All recordings must take place on or before **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**.

Additional event details for participants will be posted on the [Skate Canada Notice Board](#) as they become available.

As a result of the global pandemic, certain Competition Rules were suspended for the 2020-2021 season. Refer to the [Skate Canada Notice Board](#) communication for event specific information.

Public information can be found on the Skate Canada website ([www.skatecanada.ca](http://www.skatecanada.ca)). The final schedule will be posted in both locations following the completion of all Skate Canada Sectionals.

Should there be any questions, please contact us at [eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca](mailto:eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca).

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# General Information

## COVID-19

The safety of all Skaters, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers and Staff will be a top priority at the 2021 Skate Canada Challenge. All Federal, Provincial and Municipal COVID protocols will be strictly followed and monitored at the Section Hosted Challenge Recording Event in each hosting section.

**Each section will provide more detailed information about the protocols for their respective Section Hosted Challenge Recording Event(s).**

## Section Hosted Challenge Recording Events

Each section will organize at least one Section Hosted Challenge Recording Event where each skater's competitive performance will be captured. These events will follow the guidelines outlined in the Skate Canada Remote Officiating Event Planning and Execution Manual.

- The date, time and location of these events must be established and communicated in advance. Performances must be recorded at the prescribed date, time and location. One performance will be recorded. No re-skates or editing is permitted.
- A Section Appointed Referee or Monitor must be present in person to verify compliance of Competition Rules 3.9. Warm-Up and 3.11 Interruptions, Music Deficiencies.
- The Section Appointed Referee or Monitor must verify that the video submitted is of the same program(s) skated at the time of recording.
- There must be no more than 48 hours between the short/rhythm dance and the free.
- All videos must be recorded and submitted on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- All submitted videos are the property of Skate Canada and can only be used for the 2021 Sectional Championships and the 2021 Skate Canada Challenge and no other usage is permitted.
- Sections are responsible for communicating how and when videos will be recorded

Sections should have an alternate plan in the case that a skater is unable to perform at the scheduled Section Hosted Challenge Recording Event due to local health authority restrictions only. This may include an alternate date or the submission of the pre-recorded competitive performance from the Sectional Championships. ***This exemption is only applicable when a skater is prevented from performing due to local health authority restrictions.***

## Section Contacts

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## Live Remote Officiating

All events will be officiated live by remote officials' panels Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Friday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The event will be live streamed with live scoring.

## Submission of Entries Individual Skater Registration

### Entries

#### Qualifications of entries

Please see the [Skate Canada Notice Board](#) for qualification of entries to Challenge.

#### Individual Skater Registration

All athletes must submit a video entry for the 2021 Skate Canada Challenge to qualify for the 2021 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships **unless provided a written exemption by Skate Canada.**

Requests for exemptions must be directed by the Section to Mike Slipchuk ([msslipchuk@skatecanada.ca](mailto:msslipchuk@skatecanada.ca)) on or before December 15, 2020.

**More detailed information on registration requirements and deadlines will be provided to Section Contacts and posted on the event Noticeboard.**

## Entry Fees

All skaters shall pay the following entry fees:

- ◆ **Junior & Senior Singles inclusive: \$300 per entry**
- ◆ **Junior & Senior Pair/Ice Dance inclusive: \$450 per entry**

Each section is responsible for collecting the fees from its skaters and remitting these fees to Skate Canada.

**Refunds for medical withdrawals** will be processed after the event only when given proper notification and a copy of a medical certificate, which must be received no later than **10 days** following the conclusion of the event. All refund requests will be subject to a \$25 administrative fee.

**Please note:** If a skater withdraws on-site at the Section Hosted Challenge Recording Event and there is no time to activate the alternate, the skater **will not** receive a refund.

**Payment of Entry fees to Skate Canada:** Entry fees will be paid post-event, the same as the previous season. Sections will be sent a single invoice, no later than January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The invoice will include any Withdrawal refunds.

## Coaches

Only registered Skate Canada Professional Coaches In-Good Standing with the required NCCP status as per the [Coach Accreditation Policy for Qualifying Events](#) may obtain a “Coach” accreditation for the Section Hosted Challenge Recording Events. In addition, only individuals with a coach accreditation will be permitted to coach athletes.

- ◆ To coach junior and senior athletes at Challenge, an NCCP National Coach status is required.

**Please note:** coaches must have an in-good standing status during the entire Section Hosted Challenge Recording Event.

Non-resident coaches are required to have a valid screening done from their country of residence and must email this information to Skate Canada at least two weeks prior to the Section hosted Challenge Recording Event by emailing [eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca](mailto:eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca). A valid screening is required to obtain accreditation privileges at all Skate Canada qualifying events.

## Status Verification

- ◆ The Section is responsible for verifying that all coaches attending the Section Hosted Challenge Recording Event meet the requirements as outlined in the Coach Accreditation Policy for Skate Canada Qualifying Events.
- ◆ If a Section registers a coach that does not meet the requirements as outlined in the Coach Accreditation Policy for Skate Canada Qualifying Events, a penalty may be applied.
- ◆ The Section is responsible for verifying that all other individuals for which accreditation is requested, are registered for the event and are Skate Canada registrants in good standing for the current season, an eligible IST individual, or a current Skate Canada Section employee.
- ◆ If a Section registers an individual that is not a Skate Canada registrant, in good standing for the current season or a current Skate Canada Section employee, a penalty may be applied.

## Music

### Standard Music Specifications

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights societies.

Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, are responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and/or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights societies.

### Music Requirements

- ◆ All skaters must submit music online as part of the registration process.
- ◆ Music will only be accepted electronically via MP3 format. Do not begin the registration process until you have your music file ready to upload.
- ◆ The music submitted online through the registration process must be the same as the music on the submitted performance video.
- ◆ Note: It is the individual skaters' responsibilities to ensure the correct music files for both the short/rhythm dance and free programs are uploaded.

## Choreographer Authorization

In accordance with ISU Rule 131, choreography presented and used by the competitor must be fully cleared and authorized for public use and television broadcast and rebroadcast throughout the world without further clearances or payments of any kind being required on the part of the ISU, Skate Canada or the relevant television networks or broadcasters. A choreographer clearance is included as part of the online entry.

## Draw for Starting Order for the First Segment of an Event

The starting order for the first segment shall be randomly drawn by lot and will be posted on the [Skate Canada Notice Board](#).

## Draw for Starting Order for Subsequent Segments of an Event

Competitors will be assigned to skate the subsequent segment at the Skate Canada Challenge per detail in Skate Canada [Rule Competitions 3.2 Draws, Reverse Order](#).

## Competition Schedule

The tentative competition schedule will be on the [Skate Canada website](#). The final schedule will be posted in the same location following the deadline for Section entries. Every effort is made to minimize changes to the schedule.

# Rules and other References

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Technical information related to the disciplines and categories held during this event are included in the following Skate Canada Rules and Technical Documents:

[Competition Program Requirements - Competitive](#)

[Scoring of Skate Canada Competitions](#)

[Scale of Values \(SOV\) Tables](#)

[Competitive Technical Requirements Guide – Singles](#)

[Competitive Technical Requirements Guide – Pairs](#)

[Competitive Technical Requirements Guide – Ice Dance](#)