

2022 Skate Canada Challenge

Regina, Saskatchewan

December 1 – 5, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENT

All practices and competitions will take place at the Evraz Place from Wednesday, December 1 to Sunday, December 5, 2021.

Additional event details for participants will be posted on the Skate Canada <u>Skate Canada Notice</u> <u>Board</u> as they become available.

Public information can be found on the Skate Canada website (<u>www.skatecanada.ca</u>). 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.

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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 2022 Skate Canada Challenge. All Federal, Provincial and Municipal COVID protocols will be strictly followed and monitored. All accredited individuals will be required to follow physical distancing protocols, as well as handwashing, coughing & sneezing guidelines. Every individual will be required to wear a face mask/protective covering, while in the venue or while being transported to/from the facility. The only instances when a facemask/protective covering will not be required is when a skater is performing and on-ice practices.

More detailed information will be provided regarding COVID-19 information and restrictions closer to the event as it becomes available.

Practice and Competition Rinks

Evraz Place 1700 Elphinstone Street Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2Z6 Website

Rink dimensions:		
Competition Rink	Co-operators Arena (Rink 6)	200 feet x 85 feet
Competition Rink	Re-Max Arena (Rink 2)	200 feet x 85 feet
Competition Rink	Regina Motor Products Arena (Rink 3)	200 feet x 85 feet
Practice Rink	Best Western Arena (Rink 1)	200 feet x 85 feet

Accommodations

Officials, Data Specialists, Event Technicians, OC

Accommodations for Officials, Data Specialists, Event Technicians and OC will be booked by Skate Canada for the 2022 Skate Canada Challenge.

Sections book for teams through HTG Sports

Accommodations for sections (Skaters, Coaches, Team Members) will be booked through Hudson Travel Group (HTG) for the 2022 Skate Canada Challenge. HTG will work with each section's accommodations contact to discuss preliminary requirements, allocate hotels and book all required rooms.

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Submission of Entries Individual Skater Registration/Additional accredited individuals

Entries

Qualifications of entries

All entries must qualify per detail in Skate Canada Competitions Rule – Sectional Championships.

Individual Skater Registration

Skaters have 48 hours to complete their individual skater registration once their Section has submitted their entries

Skaters granted a bye through to the 2022 Canadian Tire National Skating Championship must also complete all the skater registration forms (whether they attend Challenge or not) by the deadline dates indicated, below.

Photos WILL be required for accreditations.

Skater Registration Procedures

Skaters will have 48 hours (midnight EST) following the submission of the Section Entry Lists to complete their individual registration. All skaters who have received a bye are responsible for registering by the same deadline as all attending skaters.

Event Registration System is supplied by Uplifter Inc. Skate Canada's National Partner for Competition Registration Software.

All participants are required to have an account in Skate Canada's new Event Registration System. If you have already registered as a participant through Skate Canada's new Event Registration System, you do not need to make a new account for each competition – **simply log in**.

If this is the first time you will be using the Event Registration System, the following three steps will apply:

- 1. Create your account
- 2. Add yourself (or your skater if they are under the age of 18) as a participant in your account
- 3. Complete your required competitor details for each Challenge event

Please note that when completing your Online Registration Forms and planned programs, accuracy of information is <u>VERY IMPORTANT</u>. The information provided will be used in athlete biographies (used by media), in-venue score board display, accreditation and various printed materials.

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

Entry Fees

All skaters (including skaters who have received a bye who choose to compete in the Skate Canada Challenge) shall pay the following entry fees:

- Pre-Novice to Senior Singles inclusive: \$300 per entry
- Pre-Novice to 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 <u>10 days</u> 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 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. Sections will be sent a single invoice, no later than December 15, 2021. The invoice will include any Withdrawal refunds.

Coaches

Only registered Skate Canada Coaches In-Good Standing with the required NCCP status as per the <u>Coach Accreditation Policy for Qualifying Events</u> will obtain a "Coach" accreditation for this event. In addition, only accredited coaches for this event will be permitted to coach athletes.

- To coach pre-novice athletes at Challenge, a NCCP Provincial Coach or higher status is required. Provincial Coach status will be identified with a green symbol on the accreditation tag.
- To coach novice, junior, and senior athletes at Challenge, a NCCP National Coach status is required. National Coach status will be identified with a blue symbol on the accreditation tag.

Please note coaches must have an in-good standing status during the entire event to obtain an accreditation tag.

Maximum number of individuals with accreditation associated with a competition entry registration:

- A maximum of one coach per entry will be accredited.
- The name of the coach requiring accreditation must be included in the competition registration process. Late applications may not be accepted.

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 event by emailing <u>eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca</u>. A valid screening is required to obtain accreditation privileges at all Skate Canada qualifying events.

Additional accredited individuals:

Sections may request accreditation for the following individuals:

- Team Managers
- Section Chairs
- Section Executive Directors or relevant management position
- Section Technical Directors

Team Managers

Each Section is responsible for submitting to Skate Canada at <u>eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca</u> its list of team managers no later than 72 hours following their respective Sectional Competition.

The number of team managers permitted is as follows:

- Two Team Managers per Section for up to ten entries can be accredited.
- One additional Team Manager for every additional five entries can be accredited.
- Individuals accredited as a Team Manager who are not executing the role of a coach for any competitors are not subject to the requirements as outlined in the Coach Accreditation Policy for Skate Canada Qualifying Events.
- Requests for additional Team Managers will be considered on an event-by-event basis.
 - The request must be submitted to <u>eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca</u> as part of the Team Managers and Others Entry List.
 - The request must contain specific rational as to why the additional Team Manager(s) is (are) necessary.
 - Late requests may not be accepted.

Section Chairs, Section Executive Directors and Section Technical Directors

Each Section is responsible for submitting to Skate Canada at <u>eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca</u> its list of Team Managers no later than 72 hours following their respective Sectional Competition.

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Deadlines for Submission of Entries and Individual Skater Registration

Entries	Deadline	Section	
Section Entries and additional accreditation requests submitted to Skate Canada	November 10, 2021, Midnight, EST	AB/NWT/NU, MB, NL, NS, ON, QC, SK	
Individual Skater Registration (Byed Skaters Included) must be completed	November 12, 2021, Midnight, EST	AB/NWT/NU, MB, NL, NS, ON, QC, SK	
Section Entries and additional accreditation requests submitted to Skate Canada	November 17, 2021, Midnight, EST	BC/YK, NB, PEI	
Individual Skater Registration (Byed Skaters Included) must be completed	November 19, 2021, Midnight, EST	BC/YK, NB, PEI	

Accredited Access:

Only accredited individuals will have access to the venue. The areas and services accredited individuals have access to while in the venue will be listed on the accreditations and dictated by schedule.

*Note: Area availability is determined by event set up and is subject to change. Only <u>one</u> person will be allowed at the boards as determined by the skater/team and the same individual will be permitted into Skater On and Skater Off/Kiss and Cry area.

Status Verification

- The Section is responsible for verifying that all coaches they register for the 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.

Compliance and Penalty

- The Technical Representative or Skate Canada Technical Liaison for an event has the authority to manage access to the Skater On and Skater Off/Kiss & Cry areas and may limit the number of people at the boards or in the Skater On/Skater Off/Kiss & Cry areas if they feel skater performance or safety is being compromised.
- Skate Canada has the authority to suspend an individual's accreditation privileges at a Skate Canada event should an accredited individual violate the Skate Canada Accreditation Procedures.
- If an individual's accreditation is suspended their accreditation tag will be removed.
- That individual would be required to obtain event tickets should they want to watch the competition/event.

 Skate Canada has the authority to apply additional sanctions post event, pending an investigation of the incident or actions that resulted in an individual's accreditation being suspended.

Event Registration On-Site

On-site event registration will take place at Evraz Place, starting on <u>Tuesday, November 30, 2021</u>. The detailed hours for registration will be included in the Event Information Package and will be posted on the Skate Canada <u>Skate Canada Notice Board</u> as soon as it is available.

Skaters

• Competitors must register for the competition before their official practice session immediately prior to the first portion of their event.

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

- Competitors must have their back-up file either USB flash drive or CD at the boards during official practice and/or competition.
- Alternate electronic items such as iPhones, tablets, mp3 players etc. will not be accepted for playing music.

Warm-up Groups

Warm-up groups will be based on the draw for the first portion of each event. Please note that there will be no program music played during practices and practice groups will be determined by skating order. The start order will be posted on the Skate Canada website, and will be available at registration.

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 <u>Skate Canada website</u>.

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 <u>Rule Competitions 3.2 Draws</u>, <u>Sub-groups Within a Warm-up Group</u>.

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.

Competition Schedule

The tentative competition schedule will be on the <u>Skate Canada website</u>. The final schedule will be posted in the same location following the completion of the Skate Canada Sectionals. In the development of the event schedule, conflicts and double entries must be considered, which may lead to schedule changes following the last Sectionals. Every effort is made to minimize changes to the schedule.

Ceremonies

Victory Ceremonies will take place in the lobby area 15 minutes following the conclusion of each event. Medals will be presented to the top three finishers in each event. In the case of only two entries, each entry shall be awarded a prize. In the case of only one entry in an event, an exhibition skate shall be performed but no prize shall be awarded. Skaters must be in skates and full costumes for Victory Ceremonies.

Services

Medical

Medical services for athletes competing at the 2022 Skate Canada Challenge will include emergency coverage only during all practices and competitions. For information about other medical services available, athletes can contact the medical room at the arena.

Transportation

Airport Transfers

Airport transfers to and from the airport will be provided for working officials and event technicians only.

Teams (skaters, coaches, team managers, etc.) are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport upon arrival and departure.

Event Shuttle for Accredited Persons

Transportation will be provided for all officials, Team Managers, skaters and their accredited coaches between the hotels listed in this Announcement and Evraz Place. The shuttle will begin on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 and run through to December 5, 2021.

There will be no shuttle access for non-accredited persons.

Accidents/Liability

Skate Canada and the volunteer team undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters or other accredited persons. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in the Skate Canada Challenge competition, all competitors and their parents or guardians shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks or injuries to the competitor's person and property resulting from, or caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition and to release any

and all claims they may have against the officials, Skate Canada, the volunteer team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

All participants will be required to complete the COVID-19 Waiver and Proof of Vaccination through the registration process prior to receiving accreditation.

Rules and other References

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

Pattern Dance Competition Technical Requirements

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