

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES TO  
2022 CANADIAN TIRE NATIONAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
JAN 6-13, 2022 – TD ARENA, Ottawa, ON**

Canada is now battling an escalating situation with the Omicron variant and another wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The safety of all participants in the 2022 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships (CTNSC) is paramount. Accordingly, the following changes will apply to the 2022 CTNSC effective immediately:

Events

- No spectators will be permitted in the main (TD Arena) or practice (Jim Durrell Recreation Centre) facilities. Only accredited people will be allowed in the building (athletes, coaches, officials, Skate Canada staff and essential volunteers).
- The Senior Event will run as planned; however, the Gala scheduled for January 9, 2022, has been cancelled.
- The Junior Event will run however there are changes to the originally planned schedule as follows:

Jr Pairs & Ice Dance:      Practice: 9/01, Practice & Competition 10/01 & 11/01  
Jr Women & Men:          Practice: 11/01, Practice & Competition 12/01 & 13/01

An updated schedule will be posted as soon as possible.

- The Novice Event has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a later date.

Onsite Protocol

- Skate Canada is highly recommending that all participants obtain a Rapid Antigen or PCR test in advance of attending.
- No one is permitted to attend the event if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have not completed the required period of self-isolation resulting from either a symptomatic case of COVID or the collection of a positive specimen for an asymptomatic case. Based on recent guidance from the Province of Ontario, this means participants must not have any symptoms or start self-isolation as of January 1, 2022 for Senior Events and January 4, 2022 for Junior Events. All participants must be fully vaccinated to enter the venue.
- Our goal is to do all that is necessary to keep participants in the event safe. Accordingly, we will enforce broadly communicated public health guidance including:
  - Medical grade masks must be worn at all times, except by athletes during a practice or performance. KN95 or N95 masks will be available at registration.
  - Social distancing protocols must be followed.
  - No food or beverage will be available or can be consumed in the venue (other than water consumed by athletes during warmup, on-ice sessions or cool down periods).

- If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 during the event, you must immediately advise your Section Team Leader. Additional information for suspected cases will be provided upon accreditation.
- Please ensure that the size of delegations from each Section (including coaches, team leaders and other support staff) are minimized and are limited to those absolutely required.
  - ***For clarity, only one coach is permitted to stand at the Boards and/or Kiss&Cry, per athlete/team. This will be strictly enforced to minimize numbers rink-side at all times. One team leader is also permitted so long as social distancing is maintained. Skate Canada reserves the right to remove individuals if social distancing is not respected.***

We understand these actions are disappointing, but they are being adopted to preserve the competitions necessary for the selection of teams for the Olympic Winter Games and ISU Championship Events. Skate Canada is grateful for your ongoing support during these difficult times.

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