



Skate Canada Cup • Coupe Patinage Canada

Waterloo 2026

2026 Skate Canada Cup Waterloo, Ontario March 6 – March 8, 2026 Announcement

All practices and competitions will take place at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex & RIM Park from Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Additional event details for participants will be posted on the Skate Canada Sportity Event app as they become available.

Public information can be found on the Skate Canada website (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.

Sincerely,

Terry Sheahan
Senior Director, Events & Production Services

General Information

Competition & Practice Rink

Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex
101 Father David Bauer Drive
Waterloo, ON
N2L 0B4

[Website](#)



Practice Rink

RIM Park
2001 University Avenue East
Waterloo, ON
N2K 4K4

[Website](#)



Rink Dimensions		
Competition Rink	Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex	200 feet x 100 feet
Practice Rink	RIM Park	200 feet x 100 feet

Accommodation

Officials, Data Specialists, Event Technicians, Organizing Committee

Accommodations for Officials, Data Specialists, Event Technicians and Organizing Committee will be booked by Skate Canada for the 2026 Skate Canada Cup.

Synchronized Skating Teams book through HTG Sport: Link

Synchronized skating teams that compete at the 2025 Skate Canada Cup are required to book their hotel rooms through Skate Canada's housing provider, HTG, in order to compete in the event. This applies to all teams that choose to stay in a hotel.

Please use this link: [Hotel Booking Link](#) to register your synchro team with your email address. Once you have submitted that you will receive an email with direct access to all host hotel information and rates and will be able to complete your booking at one of the host hotels. The deadline for Synchronized Skating Teams is January 23, 2025.

HTG Sports

Jane Vendette – jane@htgsports.com

Questions? Please email us at eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca

Submission of Entries Synchronized Skating Teams, and Additional Accredited Individuals

All entries must qualify per detail in [11.3 Selection of Entries from Regional Synchronized Skating Championships](#).

Submission of Entries – Synchronized Skating

Entries must be submitted by each Section using the template provided by Skate Canada by **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Midnight EST**.

Team Managers must complete their Team Registration Forms by **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Midnight EST**.

Only those skaters whose names are listed on the Team Registration Form for the Regional Championships will be allowed to compete in the Skate Canada Cup. No substitution or addition shall be allowed.

Individual Skater Registration – Athlete Confirmation Form

Skaters have until **Friday, February 13, 2026, Midnight EST** to complete their [Athlete Confirmation Form](#).

Photos WILL be required for accreditations.

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:

- **Synchro inclusive: \$400 (team fee) + \$50 per Skater**

Each section is responsible for collecting the fees from its teams 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. Refunds will only be considered for teams withdrawing from the event. There will be no refunds for individual skater withdrawals.

Please note: If a team withdraws on-site and there is no time to activate the alternate, the team **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 **Friday, March 13, 2026**. The invoice will include any Withdrawal refunds.

Coaches

Only registered Skate Canada coaches who are in good standing for the entire event with the required NCCP Provincial Coach certification status will receive [coach accreditation](#) privileges. Coaches with Junior, and Senior Elite 12 teams require a NCCP National Coach certification status. Only accredited coaches can support athletes in the competition environment at Canada Cup.

Non-resident coaches must submit valid screening from their country of residence by emailing safesport@skatecanada.ca at least two weeks before the event. A valid screening is required for accreditation at all Skate Canada qualifying events.

All coaches must respect and adhere to the [competition environment guidelines](#).

Maximum Number of Individuals with Accreditation Associated with a Competition Entry Registration

Three individuals may be accredited per team and can include coaches, team managers, and IST. A maximum of two coaches can be included as part of the three accredited individuals.

The names of the individuals requiring accreditation must be included in the competition registration process. Late applications may not be accepted.

Additional accredited individuals:

Sections may request accreditation for the following individuals:

- Section Team Leaders
- Section Chairs
- Section Executive Directors or relevant management position
- Section Technical Directors
- Integrated Support Team (IST) individuals

Section Team Leaders

Each Section is responsible for submitting to Skate Canada at eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca its list of section team leaders no later than 72 hours following their respective Regional Championship. The deadline is - **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Midnight EST.**

The number of section team leaders permitted is as follows:

- Two Section Team Leaders per Section for up to ten entries can be accredited.
- One additional Section Team Leader for every additional five entries can be accredited.

- Individuals accredited as a Section Team Leader 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.
- Requests for additional Section Team Leaders will be considered on an event-by-event basis.
 - The request must be submitted to eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca as part of the Section Team Leaders and Others Entry List.
 - The request must contain specific rationale as to why the additional Team Leaders(s) is (are) necessary.
 - Late requests may not be accepted.

Synchro Team Managers

Each Section is responsible for submitting to Skate Canada at eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca its list of synchro team managers no later than 48 hours following the completion of 2026 Synchronized Skating Regional Championships. **The deadline is - Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Midnight EST.**

Individuals accredited as Synchro Team Managers who are also Skate Canada Coaches are subject to the requirements as outlined in the [Coach Accreditation Policy](#). Exemptions may be considered on a case need basis.

Section Chairs, Section Executive Directors, and Section Technical Directors

Each Section is responsible for submitting to Skate Canada at eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca its Section Team Leader and Others Entry List no later than 48 hours following the completion of 2026 Synchronized Skating Regional Championships. **The deadline is - Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Midnight EST.**

Integrated Support Team (IST)

IST are defined as athlete development experts that support coaches, athletes and teams in areas of sport sciences and sport medicine, and who have one of the following professional designations:

- Medical Doctor
- Physiotherapist (Member of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA))
- Athletic Therapist (Certified by the CATA)
- Sport Psychologist (Must be licensed by and in good standing with their provincial governing body; and/or a member in good standing of the Canadian Sport Psychology Association)
- Registered dietitian
- Strength and Conditioning Coach (NSCA-CSCS)

Each Section is responsible for submitting to Skate Canada at eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca no later than 48 hours following the completion of 2026 Synchronized Skating Regional Championships. **The deadline is – Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Midnight EST.**

Accredited Access

Only accredited individuals will have access to the venue as outlined in the [Domestic Events Accreditation Procedure](#). The areas and services accredited individuals have access to while in the venue will be listed on the accreditations and dictated by schedule.

Rink side Access

Note: Area availability is determined by event set-up and is subject to change. The Technical Representative has the authority to alter the rink side access based on the venue.

- Only individuals with a coach accreditation, per the Coach Accreditation Policy, will be permitted to coach athletes.
- Only two people will be allowed at the boards as determined by the team (e.g. one Coach and one Section Team Leader or two Coaches).
- A third individual may be in the Skater On and Skater Off area (e.g. Section Team Leader or Synchro Team Manager).
- A Section Team Leader may be a fourth individual in the Skater On or Skater Off area, if the other three positions are filled by team coaches and managers.
- One alternate (skater) will stand at Skater On. The other alternates must stand near the Skater Off area (Kiss & Cry).
- All alternates should be dressed in costume.

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.
- If a Section registers a coach that does not meet the requirements as outlined in the Coach Accreditation Policy, 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 Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex starting on **Friday, March 6, 2026**. The detailed hours for registration will be included in the Event Information Package.

Teams

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 legally obtained and covered by the collective societies who manage music performance rights, reprography, and mechanical reproduction rights in Canada. Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, that has been significantly mixed or altered from the original recording, are also responsible for obtaining the appropriate licenses to create a derivative work for the compositions and sound recordings selected.

Music Requirements

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

Planned Program Content

Synchronized Skating Team Managers will need to submit the Planned Program as part of the Team Registration. Connections between elements must NOT be included in the Planned Program submission.

Practice

Practice order will be based on the draw for the first portion of each event. Any special requirements should be communicated to Skate Canada (eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca) no later than Monday, February 9, 2026. Requests received after the deadline will not be accommodated.

All teams will have regularly scheduled official practice times throughout the competition schedule. At the official practices on the day of the Free Program #1 and Free Program #2, the music of the team will be played twice, each time without interruption.

Category / Segment	Practice Time	1 st Program Music played at:	2 nd Program Music played at:
Novice & Gold	11 minutes	1 min 30 seconds	6 minutes 30 seconds
Open	12 minutes	1 min 30 seconds	7 minutes

Off-ice Warm-Up

Guidelines for team warm-up time will be developed as part of the dressing room schedule and will be distributed to teams through the Skate Canada Sportity App.

Problems During a Performance:

The Ice Level Referee may ask a team alternate to go onto the ice during a performance to retrieve any objects that have dropped onto the ice (hair accessories, etc.) so that a performance does not have to be interrupted and so that there is no danger to the skaters. To this end, it is requested that each team, where possible, have an alternate

dressed in skates on and skate guards off available at the entrance area during the team's performance.

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 website](#) and the Skate Canada Sportity Event App.

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](#).

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 [Skate Canada website](#). The final schedule will be posted in the same location following the completion of the Skate Canada Regional Championships. In the development of the event schedule, conflicts and double entries must be considered, which may lead to schedule changes following the 2026 Synchronized Skating Regional Championships. Every effort is made to minimize changes to the schedule.

Victory Ceremonies

The Victory Ceremony schedule and order of medal presentations are indicated on the event schedule.

- Format – 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- All ceremonies will be on ice
- Skaters in full costume with skates on

Team Manager to escort skaters to chute and confirm their arrival. Medals will be presented or available to the skaters (including alternates), that are registered and included on the team's official registration form for the Skate Canada Cup.

Only those team members in properly tied skates will be allowed on the ice to accept their award. No shoes or crutches will be allowed on the ice surface. Skaters without medical clearance may not wear skates and go on the ice surface.

Services

Skate Canada Sportity Event App

An iPhone and Android compatible app will be available for direct participants at this Event. Information on how to download and gain access to items specific to this event will be provided in the Event Information Package.

Medical

Medical services for athletes competing at the 2026 Skate Canada Cup will include emergency coverage only during all practices and competitions. More information about other medical services will be available through the Sportity App.

Transportation

Airport Transfers

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

Synchronized Skating Teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport upon arrival and departure.

Event Shuttle for Accredited Persons

There is no shuttle bus loop for the 2026 Skate Canada Cup. Transportation will be provided for all officials, between the official hotels and the competition and practice rinks. Shuttling of officials will begin on Friday, March 6, 2026, and run through to Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Synchronized Skating Teams will be responsible for their own transportation to/from the competition and practice rinks.

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 Cup 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.

Rules & 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 – Podium Pathway](#)

[Competition Program Requirements - STAR](#)

[Scoring of Skate Canada Competitions](#)

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

[Technical Requirements Guide – Synchronized Skating](#)