



2026-2027 Skate Canada Challenge

Winnipeg, Manitoba

November 26 – 29, 2026

Announcement

All practices and competitions will take place at the Seven Oaks Arena from Thursday, November 26 to Sunday, November 29, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Kitcher".

Paul Kitcher
Director, Event Execution

General Information

Practice & Competition Rinks

Seven Oaks Arena
745 Kingsbury Ave,
Winnipeg, MB
R2V 3H9
[Website](#)



Rink Dimensions		
Competition Rink	Rink A	200 feet x 85 feet
Competition Rink	Rink B	200 feet x 85 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 Skate Canada Challenge. HTG will work with each Section's accommodations contact to discuss preliminary requirements, allocate hotels, and book all required rooms.

HTG Sports – Véronique Labrosse – vero@htgsports.com

Questions? Please email us at eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca.

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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](#) or [14 Byes](#).

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 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships 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.

All participants are required to have an account in Skate Canada's Event Registration System. Skate Canada is developing a new registration system, so all competitors will need to make a new account, which moving forward you will be able to use to register for future events.

Please note that when completing your Online Registration Forms and planned programs, accuracy of information is **VERY IMPORTANT**. The information provided will be used in athlete biographies (used by media), accreditation, live stream, and various printed materials.

Deadlines for Submission of Entries and Individual Skater Registration

Each Section is responsible for submitting to Skate Canada at eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca no later than the entry deadlines below.

Entries	Deadline	Section
Section Entries and additional accreditation requests submitted to Skate Canada	November 4, 2026, Midnight, EST	AB/NT/NU, MB
Individual Skater Registration (Byed Skaters Included) must be completed	November 6, 2026, Midnight, EST	AB/NT/NU, MB
Section Entries and additional accreditation requests submitted to Skate Canada	November 11, 2026, Midnight, EST	BC/YT, SK, ON, QC, NB, NS, PEI, NL
Individual Skater Registration (Byed Skaters Included) must be completed	November 13, 2026, Midnight, EST	BC/YT, SK, ON, QC, NB, NS, PEI, NL

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:

- **Junior and Senior Singles inclusive: \$375 per entry**
- **Junior and Senior Pair/Ice Dance inclusive: \$550 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.

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 18, 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 National Coach certification status will receive [coach accreditation](#) privileges. Only accredited coaches can support Train to Compete (junior) and Train to Win (senior) athletes in the competition environment at Skate Canada Challenge.

Non-resident coaches must submit a 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:

- Each competition entry may only have two accredited individuals for this event. These two individuals may be two coaches or one coach and one integrated support team personnel (IST).
- 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 Sectional Competition.

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.

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)

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 72 hours following their respective Sectional Competition.

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.

Only **two** accredited individuals will be allowed at the boards as determined by the skater/team (e.g., one Coach and one Section Team Leader or two coaches). A third individual may be permitted into Skater On and Skater Off area (e.g. Section Team Leader).

*Note: Area availability is determined by event set up and is subject to change.

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.
- 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 Seven Oaks Arena starting on **Thursday, November 26, 2026**. The detailed hours for registration will be included in the Event Information Package.

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 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 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.**

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 the Skate Canada Sportity Event App.

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 Competition and Event Regulations 10.2.2.3 a)(3), 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 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 immediately following each event. Medals will be presented to the top three finishers in each event. Skaters must be in skates and full costumes for Victory Ceremonies.

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.

Doping Control

It is possible that Sport Integrity Canada (SIC) representatives may do post competition or random testing as part of their regular testing protocols.

Medical

Medical services for athletes competing at the 2026-2027 Skate Canada Challenge 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.

Teams (skaters, coaches, section team leaders, 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, Section Team Leaders, skaters, and their accredited coaches between the official hotels and Seven Oaks Arena. The shuttle will begin on Thursday, November 26, 2026, and run through to Sunday, November 29, 2026.

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.

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](#)

[Scoring of Skate Canada Competitions](#)

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

[Technical Requirements Guide – Singles](#)

[Technical Requirements Guide – Pairs](#)

[Technical Requirements Guide – Ice Dance](#)