



National Summer Series

Objectives

The intent of the Skate Canada National Summer Series is to raise the level of skating across the country by rewarding consistent performances and by providing an opportunity for skaters from each part of the country to compete against each other.

Overview

The Skate Canada National Summer Series (NSS) will launch in the summer of 2016, and will include all disciplines from Pre-Novice to Senior. Skaters wishing to participate in the National Summer Series must compete in a minimum of two (2) approved events, and upon registering for the Series, must declare which (up to) 3 events they wish to use as their scoring events. The top 2 scores from each competitor's declared events will be used to generate categorical rankings. Category ranking lists will be updated and released weekly until the conclusion of the Series on September 5, 2016, and will be calculated using the following equations:

- *Pre-Novice* and *Novice* events: The sum of the total competition TES+Bonus-Deductions achieved at 2 of the skater's declared events;
- *Junior* and *Senior* events: The sum of the total competition scores achieved at 2 of the skater's declared events.

Skate Canada National Summer Series Rewards

At the conclusion of the Series, those skaters who have achieved top overall placements in the Series will be rewarded as follows:

- Pre-Novice to Novice categories:
 - a bye through to the Skate Canada Challenge
 - included as members of the identified NextGen athlete pool for the season, and
 - a development opportunity prior to Challenge as follows:
 - Singles: an invitation to the Skate Canada Fall Development Seminar to be held in conjunction with the Skate Canada Autumn Classic International;
 - Ice Dance: an invitation to the Skate Canada National Dance Development Workshop to be held in conjunction with one of the NSS events.
 - Pairs: an invitation to the Skate Canada Nationals Pairs Development Workshop to be held in conjunction with one of the NSS events.
- Junior and Senior categories (for athletes not issued an assignment to represent Canada at an international competition by September 5, 2016):
 - a bye through to the Skate Canada Challenge,
 - if meeting the NextGen age/score benchmarks:
 - included as members of the identified NextGen athlete pool for the season, and
 - Individualized development support for the athlete(s) prior to Challenge.
 - will be considered for entry into the Autumn Classic International event, should they have achieved a benchmark score in the NSS events (Junior Worlds technical qualifying scores for Junior categories; Four Continents technical qualifying scores for Senior categories).

Skaters achieving the following placements in the Series will be eligible for the above mentioned opportunities:

	Men	Ladies	Pairs	Ice Dance
Pre-Novice	Top 10	Top 10	Top 5	Top 5
Novice	Top 10	Top 10	Top 5	Top 5
Junior	Top 5	Top 5	Top 5	Top 5
Senior	Top 3	Top 3	Top 3	Top 3

Further details on byes through to Challenge can be found in the Byes Policy section of this document.

Competition Details

The list of approved Canadian competitions is as follows:

- BC/YK: BC Summer Skate
- AB/NT/NU: Wild Rose
- SK: Sask Skate
- WO: Summer Sizzle
- CO: Summer Skate
- EO: Minto Summer Skate (TBC)
- QC: Quebec Summer Skate
- NL: SCNL Summer Skate

The list of approved USFSA competitions for JUNIOR AND SENIOR only is as follows:

- CA, USA: Anaheim Summer Classic
- MI, USA: Skate Detroit
- PA, USA: Philadelphia Summer Championships
- NY, USA: Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships
- CA, USA: Golden West Skate

All events must adhere to the following conditions:

- Video replay must be available and used by the technical panel in all cases;
- The technical panel must be comprised of 3 qualified members, with preference towards those qualified at the Challenge level or higher;
- The event must conclude no later than September 5, 2016; and
- Athletes must have the opportunity to register a combined short and free program score.

Participant Details

The entry form for the Skate Canada Summer Series will be posted to the Skate Canada Info Centre, and must be submitted no later than June 15, 2016. All sections will be notified once the entry form has been posted.

Entry fees are as follows:

- \$50 per skater for Singles categories.
- \$50 per team for Pairs and Ice Dance categories.

Bye Policy

Skate Canada National Summer Series Byed Athletes: Competitors who register for an event(s) at the Sectionals Competition and who in the same competitive season have placed in the top of the Skate Canada National Summer Series, shall be granted an automatic entry into the Challenge Competition for the event discipline in which such competitor competed in the Skate Canada National Summer Series.

- i. In the case of Pre-Novice and Novice Singles events, the top 10 individuals in the Skate Canada Summer Series shall receive byes through to the Challenge Competition.
- ii. In the case of Pre-Novice and Novice Pairs and Ice Dance events, the top 5 teams in the Skate Canada Summer Series shall receive byes through to the Challenge Competition.
- iii. In the case of all Junior events, the top 5 individuals and teams in the Skate Canada Summer Series, who have not been assigned by Skate Canada to a Junior Grand Prix or International event for the current competitive season, will receive byes through to the Challenge Competition.
- iv. In the case of all Senior events, the top 3 individuals and teams in the Skate Canada Summer Series, who have not been assigned by Skate Canada to a Junior Grand Prix or International event for the current competitive season, will receive byes through to the Challenge Competition.

To ensure continued excellence, those skaters receiving byes through to the Challenge Competition from the Skate Canada National Summer Series will be expected to compete at a Sectionals Competition to retain their bye; however placement in the Sectionals Competition will not affect the status of the bye.