



## Leading Edge Series – Frequently Asked Questions

Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut will implement an Annual Series Concept that will provide an additional recognition pathway for athletes within the Section. The Leading Edge Series will include:

- CompetitiveSkate singles athletes – Pre-Juvenile to Senior
- STARSkate freeski athletes – Senior Bronze to Gold

### 1. Who will be eligible to compete in the Leading Edge Series?

All STARSkate athletes from Senior Bronze to Gold and all CompetitiveSkate singles athletes from Pre-Juvenile to Senior. Both male and female athletes will be included in the Leading Edge Series.

### 2. What competitions can skaters compete at to earn points towards the Leading Edge Series?

The first competition of the 2016-2017 Series will be the Wild Rose Competition, July 29 – 31, 2016.

CompetitiveSkate athletes: For 2016-2017 events include the Wild Rose Competition, Canmore Invitational and the 2017 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships, with the winners being announced at the Sectional Championships.

STARSkate athletes: For 2016-2017 the Leading Edge Series begins with the Wild Rose Competition and includes all STARSkate Invitationals, Region Opens and Combined Invitationals, with the final competition being the 2017 STARSkate & Adult Championships, where the winners will be announced.

### 3. How does an athlete register for the Leading Edge Series?

Skaters who register for a competition that is currently on the 2016-2017 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Competition Grid will *automatically* be registered for the 2016-2017 Leading Edge Series. No additional registration will be required to be enrolled in the Series.

### 4. Which events must be skated in order to achieve points for the Leading Edge Series?

CompetitiveSkate athletes: Both the Short Program and Free Program (combined event in the same category) must be skated for points to be counted towards their total point's score for the Series.

STARSkate athletes: The points from their Free Program would be used to determine their total points for the Series.

### 5. When will the winners of the Leading Edge Series be awarded?

Yearly the winners of the Leading Edge Series will be awarded as follows:

- CompetitiveSkate athletes – Sectional Championships
- STARSkate athletes – STARSkate & Adult Championships

### 6. How are the scores tabulated to determine the medalists in the Leading Edge Series?

CompetitiveSkate athletes: The athlete's *top two scores* will be added for a total score. **NOTE:** In order for a score to be counted from Pre-Novice through Senior categories, both a short program and a free program must be skated in a competition.



STARSkate athletes: The athlete's *top two scores* will be added for a total score.

#### **7. How will the 2017-2018 Leading Edge Series be different than the 2016-2017 Series?**

CompetitiveSkate athletes:

- The 2017-2018 Leading Edge Series will commence at the first competition directly following the 2017 Sectional Championships.
- Pre-Juvenile to Senior singles, the *top three athletes* with the highest total points achieved in each category over three competitions would be recognized at the 2018 Sectional Championships.

STARSkate athletes:

- The 2017-2018 Leading Edge Series will commence at the first competition directly following the 2017 STARSkate & Adult Championships.
- Senior Bronze to Gold, the *top three athletes* with the highest total points achieved in each category over three competitions would be recognized at the 2018 STARSkate & Adult Championships.

#### **8. Will additional categories be considered in the Leading Edge Series in future years?**

Annually, the Competition Sub-Committee will review the Leading Edge Series, and will determine future categories.

#### **9. Will athletes and coaches be able to track their progress?**

Yes. On a monthly basis, Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut will post the Leading Edge Series results and standings on the Section website.

#### **10. What if an athlete competes in two different categories within one season?**

Athletes may change categories during one Leading Edge Series season with points from the lower category counting for the higher category (ex. Sr. Bronze to Jr. Silver or Pre-Novice to Novice). Once an athlete has entered a higher level category, they can only earn points in that level.

#### **11. Can an athlete use points from a STARSkate event towards a competitive event if they change categories throughout a season (ex: The athlete competes Sr. Bronze at Wild Rose but competes Pre Juvenile U11 at Canmore Invitational and Sectionals).**

Yes. Points achieved in STARSkate may count towards the CompetitiveSkate stream if it is one of the skater's two highest scores. The points will count towards the highest level skaters (in the example above this would be Pre-Juvenile).

#### **12. Can points achieved in Jr. Silver count towards Pre Juvenile or Juvenile events?**

No. Jr. Silver has an extra element and would be considered the higher category.

#### **13. If an athlete is changing categories many times throughout the season, what level will their points be counted at?**



The athlete will earn points in the highest level of competition competed in during that season. For example, an athlete competes Sr. Bronze at Wild Rose, Pre-Juvenile at Canmore, and Juvenile at Sectionals, their points will be tabulated in the Juvenile category.

**14. Will scores in STAR 5 be considered towards Sr. Bronze if a skater moves up to Sr. Bronze?**

No. STAR 5 scores will not be tracked and the athlete will enter the series at the lowest level, which would either be Sr. Bronze or Pre-Juvenile.

**15. For STARSkate athletes, can points from Triathlon Freeskate events be used?**

No. The Series is for Singles Freeskate events only. Points earned in Triathlon events, in its entirety or partial events, are not eligible for the Series.

**16. Can athletes use points from out of province or out of country competitions towards the Leading Edge Series?**

No. Only Section events are eligible for earning points.