



GUIDE TO

**SKATE CANADA:
ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT**

**ATHLETE FUNDING
SYSTEM**

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VISION STATEMENT

Inspiring all Canadians to embrace the joy of skating.

MISSION STATEMENT

Skate Canada will have a continuing legacy of champions and be recognized as a leader in the delivery of skating programs.



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INTRODUCTION

This guide provides all members of Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut (the Section), parents, and administrators with an overview of the athlete funding system.

The Section is committed to supporting the development of figure skating within Alberta, the NWT & Nunavut by providing financial support when available to athletes who have demonstrated success by meeting the funding eligibility standards.

The Section acknowledges the financial support of the Alberta Sport Connection as well as the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation.

Funding assistance is dependent on available funds.

ATHLETE FUNDING

Goal of the Program:

The intent of the Athlete Funding Program is to provide Section athletes with financial assistance for approved training expenses in the following season. Eligibility for funding is determined based on the athlete's successful performances at Skate Canada Challenge and Canadian Tire National Skating Championships.

Athletes who receive funding **must** represent the Section in the following season.

Athletes who do not compete for the Section in the following season must return 100% of funds to the Section prior to October 1.

Athletes who are Nationally Carded and/or receive funding from Skate Canada will **not** be eligible for Gold Silver Bronze, Next Gen/Summer Series or Discretionary funding.

Athletes who receive funding are encouraged to send a letter of appreciation to the Alberta Sport Connection and the Section.

Athlete Eligibility for Funding:

- Funding is provided in four categories:
 - A) Gold Silver Bronze
 - B) Excel Funding
 - C) Early Season Competition Funding
 - D) Discretionary Funding

- **Singles:** Athletes eligible for funding are registered with a Section club and represent the Section.
- **Pairs and Dance:** One or both athletes eligible for funding are registered with a Section club and represent the Section.
Pair and Dance teams whose partnership dissolve will only be eligible for funding if they continue to compete with a new partner and represent the Section the following season.

In the situation where a partnership dissolves the following guidelines will apply.

- Each continuing partner will receive half of the team's allocated funding.
- If either partner continues and does **not** represent the Section, no funds will be allocated.

A. GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE FUNDING

- Funding will be allocated in Gold, Silver, and Bronze categories for ***Novice, Junior, and Senior*** single, pair and dance athletes who have competed at the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships of the current competitive season and who have met placement requirements.
- Funding will be allocated in Gold, Silver, and Bronze categories for ***Pre-Novice*** single, pair and dance athletes who have competed at the Skate Canada Challenge of the current competitive season and who have met placement requirements.
- Funding will be allocated in Gold Silver and Bronze categories for Synchronized Skating Teams in the Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior, and Senior categories.
- Funds may be used for the following items.
 - Coaching fees
 - Travel and accommodation to from competitions and seminars
 - Choreography
 - Dryland training
 - Physical Therapy and/or Mental training
 - Equipment
 - Ice fees

Pre-Novice Gold, Silver and Bronze Funding Placement requirements

Pre Novice Singles

Gold – Placement - in the top 5 of the event

Silver – Placement - 6-10 of the event

Bronze – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the event.

Pre Novice Dance and Pair

Gold – Placement - 1-3 of the event

Silver – Placement - 4-6 of the event (must be in the top half of the event)

Bronze – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the event.

Novice / Junior / Senior Categories

Singles, Dance and Pair

Gold – Placement -Top third of the event.

Silver – Placement - Middle third of the event.

Bronze – Placement - Bottom third of the event.

Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior, Senior, Synchronized

Gold –Placement - 1-3 of the event

Silver – Placement - 4-6 of the event (must be in the top half of the event)

Bronze – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the event.

B. Excel Funding

ISU World Figure Skating Championships, ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, & Olympic Winter Games, International Competition Assignment, Grand Prix Final, Junior Grand Prix Final, World Synchronized Championship, Special Olympics World Championship, or World University Games

Section athletes who compete at any of the above events may be awarded funding upon recommendation of the Athlete Development Disbursement Group.

C. Early Season Competition Funding (Next Gen, Skate Canada Summer Series, Summer Series Final, Spring, Summer and Fall)

This funding is intended to support eligible athletes within the Train to Compete and Learn to Win stages of development.

Funding must be used to support participation in a sanctioned international event; approved summer series event; and/or a spring or fall competition.

Application for funding is available to Section Select Team Athletes.

Application Process

- Applications must be completed 30 days prior to the event.
- Coaches must complete athlete competition goals.
- See Link for application.

D. DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

- This funding is available by application only to members of the Section Select Team who may be experiencing financial need. Applications of athletes new to the Section or returning to compete for the Section may also be considered.
- Illness or injury that prevents a qualified athlete from competing at the Skate Canada Challenge will be taken into consideration.

Application Process

- Discretionary Funding application is ongoing.
- See Link for application.