



GUIDE TO

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

**ATHLETE FUNDING
PROGRAM**

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Athlete Funding

Program Overview

This guide provides all members of Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section (the “Section”), parents and administrators with an overview of the Athlete Funding Program. This program is effective as of April 1, 2018.

The Section is committed to supporting the development of figure skating within Alberta, the Northwest Territories and 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.

All funding categories are reviewed by the Athlete Funding Working Group, which is a sub-set of the Athlete Development Committee.

All funding assistance is dependent on available funds.

Eligibility for funding is determined based on the athlete’s successful performances at Skate Canada Challenge and Canadian Tire National Skating Championships.

Funding is provided in five categories:

- Evolution Competition Funding
- Excel Funding
- Next Gen Funding
- Gold, Silver, Bronze Funding
- Discretionary Funding

Overall Eligibility

Singles Competitors: Athletes eligible for funding must be registered with a Section club and represent the Section.

Pair and Dance Competitors: One or both athletes eligible for funding must be registered with a Section club and the team must represent the Section. Should a partnership dissolve, each partner will only be eligible for funding if they continue to compete with a new partner and represent the Section the following season. The following guidelines will also apply:

- Each continuing partner will receive half of the team’s allocated funding.
- No funds will be allocated if either partner continues and does **not** represent the Section.

Any athletes who do not represent 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, Evolution Competition, Next Gen or Discretionary funding.

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

Evolution Competition Funding

Eligibility

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 one or more of the following:

- a sanctioned international event
- Summer Series event (excluding Wild Rose Competition)
- a spring or fall competition outside of the Section

Eligible athletes are defined as Section Select Team athletes.

Timing

The Working Group will review applications four (4) times throughout the competition season.

- July
- September
- November
- January

Application Process

- Applicants must submit competition intentions one month prior to the review period. (EXAMPLE: Applications must be received by June 1 for consideration in the July review.)
- Coaches must complete athlete competition goals as part of the application
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Excel Funding

Eligibility

Section athletes who compete at any of the following events may be awarded funding upon recommendation of the Athlete Funding Working Group:

- ISU Junior Grand Prix Events & Final
- ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships
- ISU Grand Prix Events & Final
- ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Olympic Winter Games
- ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships
- Special Olympics World Championships
- World University Games
- Other International Events

Timing

The Working Group will review for potential awards as assignments and qualification to events are achieved.

Application Process

No application needs to be submitted to receive this funding. Assignments are communicated to the Section by Skate Canada.

Next Gen Funding

Eligibility

Section athletes who have been identified to participate in competitions or camps as Next Gen may be awarded funding upon recommendation of the Athlete Funding Working Group.

Timing

The Working Group will review for potential awards as assignments to events and selection for camps are achieved.

Application Process

No application needs to be submitted to receive this funding. Assignments and selections are communicated to the Section by Skate Canada.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Funding

Eligibility

Funding will be allocated to athletes the Section in Gold, Silver, and Bronze categories for the following:

- **Pre-Novice** singles, pair and dance athletes who qualify to compete at Skate Canada Challenge of the current competitive season. Entry fees to Skate Canada Challenge will be covered plus additional funding based on the below placement requirements.
 - **Singles**
 - **Gold** – Placement - in the top 5 of the event (\$750)
 - **Silver** – Placement - 6-10 of the event (\$500)
 - **Bronze** – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the event (\$250)
 - **Pair and Dance**
 - **Gold** – Placement - 1-3 of the event (\$750/partner)
 - **Silver** – Placement - 4-6 of the event (must be in the top half of the event) (\$500/partner)
 - **Bronze** – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the events (\$250/partner)

- **Novice, Junior, and Senior** singles, pair and dance athletes who qualify to compete at the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships of the current competitive season. Entry fees to the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships will be covered plus additional funding based on the below placement requirements. In the case of pair and dance teams this funding is per partner.
 - **Gold** – Placement -Top third of the event (\$1500)
 - **Silver** – Placement - Middle third of the event (\$1250)
 - **Bronze** – Placement - Bottom third of the event (\$1000)

Bonuses for medal placements may be awarded at the discretion of the Athlete Funding Working Group

- **Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior, and Senior** Synchronized Skating Teams who compete at the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships of the current competitive season and have met the placement requirements.
 - **Gold** –Placement - 1-3 of the event (\$1000)
 - **Silver** – Placement - 4-6 of the event (must be in the top half of the event) (\$750)
 - **Bronze** – Placement – Final placement in the top half of the event (\$500)

Timing

Gold, Silver and Bronze funding will be disbursed in February/March of each competition season.

Application Process

No application needs to be submitted for this funding. Funding will be disbursed based on standings from Skate Canada Challenge, Canadian Tire National Skating Championships and Synchronized Skating Championships.

Discretionary Funding

Eligibility

This funding is available to members of the Section Select Team, who may be experiencing financial need. Applicants may submit funding requests for a specific need and must include a budget as part of the application including a brief description of the financial barriers.

Applications from athletes new to the Section, athletes returning to compete for the Section or newly formed Pair and Dance teams (approved by the Working Group) may also be considered.

Illness or injury that prevents a qualified athlete from competing at the Skate Canada Challenge will be taken into consideration.

Timing

The Working Group will review applications four (4) times throughout the competition season.

- July
- September
- November
- January

Application Process

- Applicants must complete online submission
- Athletes may submit one application per competition year. In exceptional circumstances, an additional application may be considered.
- Submission will include a budget listing funds being requested and a brief description of the financial barriers
- Coaches must complete athlete competition goals as part of the application
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