



Leading Edge Series – Frequently Asked Questions

Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut provides 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 U11 to Senior
Pre-Juvenile Men U11 and U13 are ONE category for the series only
Juvenile Men U12 and U14 are ONE category for the series only
- STARSkate freeski athletes – Pre-Juvenile Women U13, STAR 6 to Gold

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

All STARSkate athletes from Pre-Juvenile Women U13, STAR 6 to Gold and all CompetitiveSkate singles athletes from Pre-Juvenile U11 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?

CompetitiveSkate athletes: For 2017-2018 events include: Calgary Winter Invitational, Sunsational, Wild Rose, Canmore Invitational and the 2018 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships, with the winners being announced at the Sectional Championships.

STARSkate athletes: For 2017-2018 the Leading Edge Series includes all STARSkate Invitationals and Combined Invitationals, with the final competition being the 2018 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 2017-2018 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Event Calendar will *automatically* be registered for the 2017-2018 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: For Pre-Novice-Senior 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 three 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 three scores* will be added for a total score.

7. Will additional categories be considered in the Leading Edge Series in future years?

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

8. 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.

9. 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. STAR 6 to STAR 8 or Pre-Novice to Novice) Once an athlete has entered a higher level category, they can only earn points in that level.

10. Can an athlete use points from a STARSkate event towards a competitive event if they change categories throughout a season (ex: The athlete competes STAR 6 at Wild Rose but competes Pre-Juvenile U11 at Canmore Invitational and Sectionals).

Answer: No.

11. 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 in STAR 8 at Wild Rose and STAR 10 at a STARSkate Invitational, they are considered STAR 10.

12. Will scores in STAR 5 be considered towards STAR 6 if a skater moves up to STAR 6?

No. STAR 5 scores will not be tracked and the athlete will enter the series at the lowest level, which would either be STAR 6 or Pre-Juvenile.

13. 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.

14. 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.