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### **Red Deer to host Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships, a test event for the 2019 Canada Winter Games this week.**

Red Deer, October 31<sup>st</sup> – The Gary W. Harris Canada Games Center will see over 250 figure skaters, come through its doors from across Alberta and North West Territories this week.

The skaters will be competing for the opportunity to advance to the 2019 Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton and striving to qualify for the 2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in January 2019.

Skaters will have reached minimum technical element scores at other competitions to qualify leading up to this event, resulting in the Section's best skaters being represented in each of the categories in the competition, and where Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut advances skaters to their elite teams that could go on to compete Nationally.

Red Deer Skating Club is thrilled to be partnering with the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section to host the 2019 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships, presented by the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation, which is also acting as a test event for the upcoming Canada Winter Games.

Opening ceremonies will be at 10:45am on Thursday morning, at the Gary W. Harris Canada Games Center with medal presentations for each event happening through-out the week. The competition is also being livestreamed, providing the opportunity for the Section to showcase some of our best skaters to audiences across Canada.



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Section skater Keegan Messing, a Silver Medalist at the Skate Canada International competition in Laval Quebec last week, has an automatic bye into the National Championship so he will not attend Sectionals this weekend.

Past champions of the Section include 2018 Olympic Gold Medalist Kaetlyn Osmond, four-time World Champion Kurt Browning, 2002 Olympic Champion Jamie Salé, and 1982 World Bronze medalist Brian Pockar.

### **Background:**

Skate Canada: Alberta – NWT/Nunavut is dedicated to the principles of providing safe and inclusive programs, enabling everyone to participate in skating throughout their lifetime for fun, fitness, and achievement. Skate Canada: Alberta – NWT/Nunavut (“Section”) is a non-profit sport organization and is the provincial governing body for the sport of figure skating in Alberta, NWT and Nunavut. The Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section is committed to excellence in the delivery of quality skating programs and services.

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