



Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut *Return to Competition*

Date: September 30, 2020

Re: 2020-2021 Events Update – STARSkate Invitationals

Further to the 2020-2021 Events Update communication September 24, 2020, the following changes are in effect relative to the 2020-2021 STARSkate Invitational Competitions season.

- The Leading-Edge series for both Competitive and STARSkate streams has been suspended for the 2020-2021 season
- There will be no parents or spectators permitted at competitions based on restrictions of numbers permitted in an arena, and the facility capacity to physically distance as per the Provincial health authority guidelines
- Competitions remain subject to availability based on the continued good health of officials and volunteers in order to stage competitions and as such, each situation will be assessed with the priority of safety for all involved
- The most current version of the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Return to Skating and Return to Competition protocols must be adhered to by all local organizing committees, coaches, officials, volunteers and participants

2020-2021 STARSkate Invitationals Name Change & Registration Restrictions

- STARSkate Invitationals will be renamed to 'STARSkate Region Closed Competitions'
- Skaters will only be permitted to compete at the STARSkate Region Closed Competition in their home club region
- Skaters will be permitted to compete in up to three (3) categories (Short Program, Free Program & Artistic)
- Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile categories will be included in STARSkate Region Closed Competitions and remain the competitive pathway for qualifying to the final Sectional Championship at the STARSkate & Adult Championship (or named stand-alone event)
- In the event a STARSkate Region Closed Competition is unexpectedly cancelled, Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile categories can participate in a stand-alone, run off event for qualification purposes

STAR 1-3 Events in the 2020-2021 Season

- STAR 1-3 categories are removed from STARSkate Region Closed Competitions for the 2020-2021 season
- The Section will focus on pivoting to support Clubs in facilitating alternative opportunities innovatively for these skaters for the season

Synchronized Skating in the 2020-2021 season

- Synchronized Skating categories are removed from STARSkate Region Closed Competitions for the 2020-2021 season
- Further details on development and performance opportunities for Synchronized Skating will follow soon to ensure meaningful engagement is maintained for these skaters for the season.

The health and safety of skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers and stakeholders remains our primary concern and all events will be held in accordance with Federal, Provincial, Territorial, and local authorities' laws, regulations, and public health restrictions.