

2020 – 2021

Section Technical Package



2020-2021 Competitions Offered by Category and Location

Championships:

- Sectional Championships - Calgary
- STARSkate and Adult Championships – Calgary
- Pre Juvenile & Juvenile Sectional Championship – Calgary

Competitive Invitationals:

- Fall Invitational – Leduc *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

Combined Invitationals:

- Wild Rose Invitational – Leduc *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Winter Invitational – Calgary
- Sunsational Invitational – Edmonton

STARSkate Closed Competitions:

- Calgary Region – Calgary *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Edmonton Region – St. Albert *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- NE/NW Region – Camrose *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Peace Region – Grande Prairie *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Central Region – Rocky Mountain House *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- NWT Region – Yellowknife *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- South Region – Lethbridge *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

Synchronized Skating Invitationals:

- Rose Bowl – Calgary *CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Ice Fest – Carstairs

2020 – 2021 Season Events – COVID-19 Considerations

For the 2020 – 2021 season competitions must follow all Municipal, Provincial, and Territorial health guidelines. Some competitions, categories, and additional opportunities (i.e. assessments at competitions) may not be offered due to the pandemic and may vary for each city/town as per their local regulations. All Skate Canada: Alberta –NWT/NUN Return to Competition Protocols must be abided by during these events.

Categories Offered at Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Competitions

All Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Event Announcements shall take precedence to the information in this document.

STARSkate Closed Competitions	Combined Invitationals (STARSkate/Competitive) and Competitive Invitationals
<p>Standard Categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STAR 4 – 10 & Gold - Pre-Juvenile Women U13 - Adult Freeskate - Special Olympics - STAR 5 to Gold and Adult Artistic <p><i>*Synchro Events are currently prohibited under the current COVID-19 Return to Competition Protocols</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-Juvenile – Senior Competitive Singles* - Pre-Juvenile – Senior Competitive Dance** - Pre-Juvenile – Senior Competitive Pairs ** - STAR 4 - 10 & Gold Freeskate <p>*Pre-Juvenile Women U13 category is offered at STARSkate Closed Competitions, STARSkate Championships and Combined Invitationals.</p> <p>**Pair and Dance categories will be offered at select Combined Invitationals (TBA)</p> <p>Note: For Competitive events prior to Sectionals (ie: Wild Rose & Fall Invitational), competitive categories will be combined (short and free programs are a combined category). For events after Sectionals (ie: Winter Invitational & Sunsational), competitive categories will not be combined (separate short and free program categories).</p>
Synchronized Skating	STARSkate & Adult Championships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beginner I & II - Elementary - Pre-Juvenile – Senior - Intermediate - Open - Adult Sys Class I, II, III <p><i>*Synchro Events are currently prohibited under the current COVID-19 Return to Competition Protocols</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STAR 4 – 10 & Gold Freeskate - Pre-Juvenile Women U13 Freeskate - STAR 5 – Gold Artistic - Adult Freeskate - Adult Artistic - Special Olympics <p>STARSkate Pairs and Dance categories MAY be offered for developmental purposes with input and direction from the Athlete Development and subject to approval from the Competitions Committee</p>

Eligibility to Compete

Competitive Events – Competitors Age as of July 1, 2020:

Pre-Juvenile – Singles U11, U13 / Pair U14 / Dance U14
Juvenile – Singles U12, U14 / Pair U16 / Dance U16
Pre-Novice – Singles U16 / Pair U18 / Dance U18
Novice – Singles U17 / Pair No Age / Dance ISU Junior Age (** see ISU Communication 2316 for Novice and Junior age extensions for the 2021 season.)
Junior – Singles ISU Junior Age / Pair No Age / Dance ISU Junior Age (** see ISU Communication 2316 for Novice/Junior age extensions for the 2021 season.)
Senior – Singles No Age / Pair No Age / Dance No Age

STARSKATE Events – Competitors Age as of July 1, 2020:

STAR 1 – No Age (may be grouped according to age)
STAR 2 – No Age (may be grouped according to age)
STAR 3 – No Age (may be grouped according to age)
STAR 4 – U10 / U13 / 13&O
STAR 5 – U10 / U13 / 13&O
Pre-Juvenile U13 Women – U13
STAR 6 – No Age (may be grouped according to age)
STAR 7 – No Age (may be grouped according to age)
STAR 8 – No Age (may be grouped according to age)
STAR 9 – No Age (may be grouped according to age)
STAR 10 – No Age (may be grouped according to age)
Gold – No Age (may be grouped according to age)

Synchro Events – Competitors Age as of July 1, 2020:

Beginner I – At least 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 12
Beginner II - Must not have reached the age of 12, at least 75% must not have reached the age of 10
Elementary - Must not have reached the age of 15
Pre-Juvenile – Must not have reached the age of 12
Juvenile – Must not have reached the age of 15, at least 75% must not have reached the age of 13
Pre-Novice – Must have reached the age of 12 but must not have reached the age of 18
Novice - Must have reached the age of 10 but must not have reached the age of 15 (** see ISU Communication 2316 for Novice and Junior age extensions for the 2021 season.)
Intermediate - Must have reached the age of 13 but must not have reached the age of 19 (** see ISU Communication 2316 for Novice and Junior age extensions for the 2021 season.)
Open - Must have reached the age of 15
Junior - Must have reached the age of 13 but must not have reached the age of 19 (** see ISU Communication 2316 for Novice and Junior age extensions for the 2021 season.)
Senior - Must have reached the age of 15
Adult SYS Class I - Must have reached the age of 18
Adult SYS Class II - Must have reached the age of 18, at least 75% must have reached the age of 25
Adult SYS Class III - Must have reached the age of 18, at least 75% must have reached the age of 35

ISU Communication 2316

Skate Canada Response to ISU Communication 2316

2020-05-29

*In consideration of ISU Communication 2316, **Skate Canada will extend the upper age limits for the 2020-2021 season only for the following categories:***

- **Junior Ice Dance**
- **Novice, Intermediate, and Junior Synchro**

*These extended age limits **only apply to teams that were already competing together during the 2019-2020 season.***

For Junior Ice Dance teams opting for this age limit extension, please send your request to Khorana Séa-Alphonse, kseaalphonse@skatecanada.ca

For Novice, Intermediate and Junior Synchro teams, please send your request to Kennedy Laing, klainq@skatecanada.ca

When submitting your request please identify the athlete(s) requiring the age extension.

Competitive Skaters and STARSkate Competition Event Eligibility

For competitors registered for the 2021 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships, the crossover table determines the categories you are permitted to register in at the 2021 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut STARSkate & Adult Championships and the 2020-2021 Season STARSkate Region Closed Competitions and/or Combined Invitationals. To view the chart visit the Section website > [2020-2021 Technical Requirements](#).

Registration Details

1. Proof of age may be required to register for events with age restrictions.
2. Skaters will not be permitted to change categories after the designated change cut-off date as indicated in the announcement. Entry fees shall not be refunded after the registration deadline.
3. Registration deadlines shall be set by the host committee and the Technical Representative. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the technical representative in consultation with the host competition chair. There will be a \$100 late entry fee in addition to the regular entry fee if late entries are accepted. The allowance of late entries, and the deadline for late entries if allowed, will be indicated in the announcement. Late entries may be subject to available space while COVID-19 Protocols in place.

Warm-Up Times

The following warm-up times are standardized by Skate Canada:

All warm-ups will be according to Skate Canada Guidelines: [Rules of Sport > Competitions > 3.9. Warm-Up](#)

NOTE: With the exception that STAR 2 will be afforded a 4-minute warm-up. STAR 1 will be as per the [Event Management Guide](#).

Music Requirements

1. Music Registration

- a. Online music registration will be required for Section Championship events, synchronized skating events, and competitive combined invitationals. Each skater or team shall submit an mp3 file of their program online with their registration and the music time.
- b. Music files will not be kept so skaters and teams will be required to submit their music for each individual competition.
- c. Each skater or team will be required to submit a copy of their music on CD when registering onsite as a backup. If there have been changes to the music submitted during registration, 2 CD's must be provided at onsite registration and the registration personnel notified that there is a change. Skaters will not be permitted to register onsite if a CD is not provided.
- d. STARSkate Invitational events will require each skater or team to register 2 CD's of each program at the time of registering on-site at the event.

2. Labeling

Skaters or Team's first and last name(s), category name, total music time (not skating time) and home club shall be clearly printed:

- a. Identify the CD by writing on the front of the CD using a permanent marker.
- b. DO NOT write on the recorded side of CD
- c. Label the back of the CD case. Do not apply stick on labels to the CD.

3. Recording Specifications

- a. The only format for online upload of music will be mp3.
- b. Only one program (using one track only) shall be recorded on each CD.
- c. Music shall be recorded on the CD not less than .25 second and not more than .5 second after the play button is pressed on the CD player.

Assessments at Competitions

1. Assessments may be done at an event provided the event has an Evaluator able to conduct the assessment. These assessments include Freeskate Programs and Artistic programs.
2. In the case of a Freeskate Program assessment at an event, the skater only receives credit for the program portion of the Freeskate assessment. To receive the full recognition of the STAR level, the Element assessment must also be achieved.

3. Skaters wishing to be assessed in STAR 6 to Gold Freeskate levels will register in the applicable event category at STARSkate Invitational and Combined Invitational events.
4. Skaters registered in Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Freeskate events can be assessed for the STAR 6 Freeskate level.
5. Skaters registered in Pre-Novice Short Program and Novice Short Program can be assessed for the STAR 9 Freeskate level.
6. Skaters may challenge the Gold Freeskate program to allow for entry to Novice and higher Singles categories, but they must have also completed the STAR 10 Elements.
7. Club Assessment Coordinators are responsible for verifying that the skater is eligible for the assessment and for providing the assessment sheet and summary sheet for the skater to bring to the event.
8. Refer to STAR Assessment rules for up to date assessment and/or challenged assessment fees.