



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

**Date:** December 21, 2020

**Re:** 2020-2021 Event Update

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The public health restrictions imposed over the past six (6) weeks, along with a State of Emergency declared by the Province has impacted upcoming events that were still scheduled for this season. The most recent public health order included the closure of arenas for a minimum of four (4) weeks. With the uncertainty of when arenas may re-open and what restrictions may be in place we are left with insufficient time for proper planning of these events.

The local organizing committees (LOC) were prepared to continue to host each of these events and we extend our gratitude to each of them for their willingness to continue to provide opportunities for our skaters in a time of uncertainty.

We share in the disappointment this news brings, but as we have from the start of this pandemic the health and safety of all skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers, and stakeholders continues to be a top priority to Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section.

### **Calgary Winter Invitational Competition – February 26 - 28, 2021, Calgary AB - CANCELLED**

In consultation with the Section's Competition Committee we have made the extremely difficult decision to cancel the Calgary Winter Invitational competition in February.

Many factors were considered in reaching this decision and ultimately the current status of our provincial state of emergency and health orders, do not allow for the necessary preparations to stage this event within the current environment.

### **Synchronized Skating Invitational Competition – March 13, 2021, Carstairs - CANCELLED**

We regretfully announce the cancellation of the Synchronized Skating Invitational competition in March. This season has been especially challenging for our Synchronized Skating Teams, as competitions where two meters of distance cannot be maintained have continued to be restricted, along with the pause on training for many teams in our Province as a result of the targeted measures imposed by the Province on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Section continues to work with our Synchro community to provide support or opportunities for development where possible.

## **2021 STARSkate and Adult Championships – March 26 – 28, 2021, Calgary, AB**

The format and structure of the 2021 STARSkate and Adult Championships event presently remains undetermined. The championships will remain on the competition schedule at this time and we will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and adjust the event accordingly.

To allow coaches and skaters time to prepare, the following adjustments will be made to the 2021 STARSkate & Adult Championships:

- Registration will be limited to one entry per skater.
- Skaters will have the opportunity to select one of the following: Short program, Freeskate or Artistic.
- Categories offered will be: STAR 5 – Gold, Adult and Special Olympics

Please note that the STAR 4 category has been removed from the STARSkate & Adult Championships for this season only. The Section is working on developing a club based initiative for the STAR 4 skaters.

### **Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Sectional Championships**

The Section previously announced that the Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Sectional Championships would be held in conjunction with the STARSkate & Adult Championships in March 2021. These categories will still be offered at the STARSkate & Adult Championships or at a stand-alone event and plans will be confirmed in the new year. If the event can be staged within our health regulations, it will be offered in March.

### **Pre-Novice and Novice Qualifying to Junior Nationals**

Following the release of the [2021 Skate Canada Cup Announcement](#) on December 18<sup>th</sup>, information on the Section qualification process for Pre-Novice and Novice athletes will be communicated directly to eligible competitors by the Section's Technical Director, Holly Henderson.