



## 2023 Leading Edge Series (2022-2023 season)

Effective for the 2023 Leading Edge Series:

- Competitive Series commencing at the first competition after the 2022 Sectionals where competitive categories are offered.
- STARSkate Series commencing at the first competition after the 2022 STARSkate Championships where STARSkate categories are offered.

### 1. What is the Leading Edge Series and what categories does it include?

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 Women
- Pre-Juvenile Men (U11 & U13) age categories are combined for the series
- Juvenile U12 & U14 Women
- Juvenile Men (U12 & U14) age categories are combined for the series
- Pre-Novice Women & Men
- Novice Women & Men
- Junior Women & Men
- Senior Women & Men

#### STARSkate freeskate athletes

- Pre-Juvenile Women U13
- STAR 6 Women & Men
- STAR 8 Women & Men
- STAR 10 Women & Men
- Gold Women & Men

If a category only has 1 athlete in the final standings, the Leading Edge Award will still be presented to that athlete.

### 2. How are the scores tabulated to determine the medalists in the Leading Edge Series?

The athlete's top three scores will be added for a total score.

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 the same competition in the same category.



**3. Can athletes use scores from out of province or out of country competitions towards the Leading Edge Series?**

No - Only AB/NWT/NUN competitions are eligible

**4. 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.

**5. How does an athlete register for the Leading Edge Series?**

Skaters who register for a competition that is currently on the 2022-2023 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Event Calendar will *automatically* be registered for the 2023 Leading Edge Series. No additional registration will be required to be enrolled in the Series.

**6. 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 (if the short and free programs are not combined, the scores will be added together to make a total score) must be skated in the same competition for points to be counted towards their total point's score for the Series. Skaters must do a short and a free program in the same category for the total score to be eligible for the Leading Edge Series.

STARSkate athletes: The points from their Free Program would be used to determine their total points for the Series.

**7. When will the winners of the Leading Edge Series be awarded?**

The winners of the Leading Edge Series will be awarded annually as follows:  
CompetitiveSkate Series – Sectional Championships  
STARSkate Series – STARSkate & Adult Championships

**8. If the category is an exhibition skate, will the scores be tabulated in the Leading Edge Series?**

If the athlete competes in the short and free program of the same category (at the same competition), their scores will be included in the Leading Edge Series even if it is an exhibition skate.

**9. Will athletes and coaches be able to track their progress?**

Yes - Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut will post the Leading Edge Series current standings on the Section website as soon as possible after each competition.

It is recommended that athletes and coaches track their progress to ensure their scores are accurately reflected in the Series. If you notice an error on your athlete's score, email the Section Office [events@skateabnwtun.ca](mailto:events@skateabnwtun.ca)



**10. If an athlete is changing categories throughout the season, what level will their scores be counted at?**

The athlete's score will be counted in whichever category(s) they compete. Therefore, they may be on more than 1 Leading Edge Series.

For example, if an athlete competes Juvenile for 3 competitions and then moves up to Pre-Novice to compete 2 competitions, they will have 3 scores in the Juvenile Leading Edge Series and 2 scores in the Pre-Novice Leading Edge Series.

If an athlete is ranked in the top 3 in multiple categories, they will only be rewarded in the highest category of their Series.

Scores earned in a category will not be transferred into another category, with the exception of age categories such as from Pre-Juvenile U11 to Pre-Juvenile U13 or Juvenile U12 to Juvenile U14.

Scores are no longer transferred from a lower category to a higher category.

**11. Can an athlete use scores from a STARSkate competition towards a competitive competition if they change categories throughout a season (ex: The athlete competes STAR 6 at Wild Rose but competes Pre-Juvenile U11 at Fall Invitational and Sectionals).**

No - Athlete's scores will stay in their respective categories.

For example, an athlete competing in STAR 6 and Pre-Juvenile U11 at Invitationals will have their scores remain in the respective categories.

**12. If an athlete competes at Sectionals are they eligible for the STARSkate Series within the same season?**

No - For categories in which STARSkate/Competitive crossovers are allowed, skaters who compete at Sectionals are not eligible for the STARSkate series. If the athlete does not compete at Sectionals, they are eligible for the STARSkate series.

**13. 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.

**14. Can an athlete request to be withdrawn from participating in the Leading Edge Series?**

Yes - If an athlete chooses not to participate in the Leading Edge Series, the athlete/coach may request to be removed from the Series for the season by emailing [events@skateabnwtunn.ca](mailto:events@skateabnwtunn.ca).



**15. Is there a deadline date for a coach to withdraw their athlete from the series?**

Yes. Coaches are to notify the Section office that a skater is withdrawing from the Series, no later than one week prior to the Sectional Championships and the STARSkate Championships.

Email: [events@skateabnwnun.ca](mailto:events@skateabnwnun.ca)

**16. Can an athlete win the Leading Edge Series if they only compete in one event?**

No, the skater must compete in a minimum of 3 events during the season in order to win the Leading Edge Series. *\*The final standings for each Series reflects the skaters that have competed in a minimum of two competitions.*