



AB | NT | NU

2024 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dates: November 2 – 5, 2023
Location: Seven Chiefs Sportsplex
19 Bullhead Rd
Calgary, Alberta T3T 0A6
Hosted By: Skate AB | NT | NU & Golden Edge Skating Academy
Sanctioned By: Skate Canada

COMPETITION CONTACT INFORMATION

Registration Inquiries:

Central Registration
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Event Inquiries:

Skate AB | NT | NU Section Office
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PURPOSE OF SECTIONALS

Sectionals identify the top skaters in each province for advancement to the next round of qualifying events ultimately leading to the Canadian Figure Skating Championships. Sectionals is a skater's first exposure to competitive stream competition and is to be organized from a technical perspective as closely as possible to the Canadian Championships in terms of rules and competitive experience.

Each Sectionals event is the property of Skate Canada and may be sponsored locally in accordance with Skate Canada's Marketing Guidelines. The planning and execution of each Sectional Championship is delegated to the Section and/or its host committee with support from Skate Canada nationally, and the event is under the technical supervision of a Technical Representative.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Skate AB | NT | NU Sectionals will be conducted in accordance with the Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook and the CPC Regulations for specific rules governing qualifying events and events run in the CPC System. Discipline specific pre-event technical packages, ISU Communications and clarifications should also be referred to in preparation for the upcoming season.

Rules governing Sectional Championships also apply to any sub-sectional or other sectional elimination rounds unless otherwise stated in this announcement.

If there are fewer entries than the normal quota allotted to each section in any Sectional competition, the Section may elect to cancel the competition and may approve the entry of the relevant competitors to the Skate Canada Challenge competition of the same category (if applicable).

EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION

For Inquiries about Uplifter and the Registration Process:

- Access to the Uplifter form
- Confirmation of registration and payment
- Corrections to registration submissions – submit using the online form on the AB/NT/NU website
- Planned Programs and Music Submission Questions
- Withdraws – submit using the online form on the AB/NT/NU website

Email/Phone: skateabreg@gmail.com / 780-415-0465

For inquiries relating to the competition information including:

- Technical information
- Competition schedule
- Facility questions

Email: events@skateabnwnun.ca

HOST HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Skaters and their families are encouraged to book at the host hotel:

Hotel Blackfoot

5940 Blackfoot Trail SE, Calgary, AB

403-252-2253

Book by Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Visit the Section website Sectionals page for complete information on how to secure a hotel room within the Skate AB | NT | NU room block.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

- (1) **ASSESSMENT PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter Sectionals and events leading to Sectionals shall have passed the assessments as listed in the Skate Canada Info Centre > Rule Book > Competitions before October 3, preceding the Championships. A skater may also be considered qualified having passed a higher assessment or parts thereof as long as the minimum assessment requirement is fulfilled.
- (2) **AGE PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter Sectionals and events leading to Sectionals shall meet the age requirements to compete.
- (3) **COMPETING IN SINGLES AT SECTIONALS:** A skater may compete in Singles events only in the Championships of the Section in which their home club/school is a member.
- (4) **COMPETING IN PAIR OR DANCE AT SECTIONALS:** A Pair or Dance team composed of skaters having clubs/schools in different Sections may enter the group event of the Sectional Championships of anyone, but only one of the Sections represented by its members. The Chair of each Section concerned must be advised as to which championship the group will enter.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

Entrants in Canadian Championships events, or qualifying events (pre-novice – senior categories) for Canadian Championships shall be:

- (1) **REGISTRANTS:** Be registrants in good standing of the Association.
- (2) **CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP:** Be Canadian citizens within the meaning of the Citizenship Act, RSC 1985. If the individual is not a Canadian citizen, such individual must have permanent resident status and have resided in Canada for at least one year prior to the date of the Championships they wish to enter. Also, if the entrant is of legal age, the entrant must file a declaration to indicate that they intend in good faith to become a Canadian citizen. If the entrant is an alien minor, they and the living parents (or guardians if both parents are deceased) must have also filed a sworn statement with the Chief.

Executive Officer of Skate Canada that said minor intends to become a citizen as soon as legally possible. **In the case of a Pair or Dance couple, at least one partner must be a Canadian citizen. The other partner may be a citizen or resident of a country of any other ISU Member and need not reside in Canada.**

All Non-Canadian citizens interested in competing in the 2023-2024 Skate Canada Qualifying Competitions are required to complete the Non-Canadian Citizen Application. In order to be eligible to compete in the 2023-2024 Skate Canada Qualifying Competition, you must present an "Acceptance" letter from the Skate Canada National Office when you register for entry into the 2023-2024 Qualifying Competition.

For more information visit the Skate Canada Info Centre > [Non-Canadian Citizens: Eligibility to Compete](#)
Deadline to complete the Non-Canadian Citizen Application Form: August 25, 2023.

2024 ALBERTA WINTER GAMES - ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION PROCESS

Skaters that Register for the 2024 Sectional Championships

Juvenile U12 & U14 Women, Pre-Novice U16 Women registered for the 2024 Skate AB | NT | NU Sectional Championships must indicate their intent to qualify to compete in their zone for the 2024 Alberta Winter Games through the Sectionals registration by October 3, 2023.

Skaters NOT Registering for the 2024 Sectional Championships:

Juvenile U12 & U14 Women and Pre-Novice U16 Women skaters who do not register for the 2024 Skate AB | NT | NU Sectional Championships may register to compete in the Alberta Winter Games Run-offs according to their zone:

November 17-19, 2023 – Star Series 1 & Alberta Winter Games Run-offs Zones 1-4

December 8-10, 2023 – Star Series 2 & Alberta Winter Games Run-offs Zones 5-8

SECTIONALS PATTERN DANCES TO BE SKATED

- (1) Pre-Juvenile Pattern Dances: Canasta Tango, Swing Dance
 - (2) Juvenile Pattern Dances: European Waltz, Foxtrot
 - (3) Pre-Novice Pattern Dances: Rocker Foxtrot, Starlight Waltz
- Novice Pattern Dances: Paso Doble, Starlight Waltz

RESTRICTIONS TO ENTRY

Refer to **Skate Canada Rule Book** > [Competitions](#)

ASSESSMENTS AND AGE PREREQUISITES FOR COMPETING

Refer to **Skate Canada Rule Book** > [Competition Program Requirements - Competitive](#)

SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE CANADA SECTIONALS

Refer to **Skate Canada Rule Book** > [Competitions](#)

SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE

Refer to **Skate Canada Rule Book** > [Competitions](#)

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENTS

Refer to [Skate Canada Guides](#) for the current season Technical Requirements for each category.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION & DEADLINE DATES

ENTRY FEES

| Category | Entry Fee |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Juvenile U10, U12, U14 Singles | \$140 per skater, no practice ice included |
| Pre-Novice to Senior Singles | \$330 per skater, 2 practices included |
| Pre-Juvenile Dance | \$140 per team, no practice ice included |
| Juvenile Dance | \$280 per team, no practice ice included |
| Pre-Novice to Senior Dance | \$380 per team, 2 practices included |
| Juvenile Pair | \$140 per team, no practice ice included |
| Pre-Novice to Senior Pair | \$380 per team, 2 practices included |

Pair and Dance Team Registrations: ONE partner is to complete the registration for the team.

NEW this year for Pairs and Ice Dance Teams: Pairs and Dance teams **MUST** receive a Team Competitor Registration Number from their club administrator prior to registering for Sectionals as it is a required field with the Sectionals registration.

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES

All entries must be received no later than **Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 12:00pm (noon) MT.** It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that their entry is submitted by the closing date.

You will be required to upload the following items to complete your registration (as applicable):

- Proof of Canadian Citizenship (if born outside of Canada)
- Program Music (in MP3 format) See page 8 for complete music submission details. Ensure the correct version of music is being uploaded.
- Proof of Minimum Technical Element Score Achieved (as applicable)

LATE ENTRIES

The acceptance of late entries is at the discretion of the Section in consultation with the Technical Representative and subject to available space in the competition schedule. Late entries, if accepted, will be charged a \$100 late entry fee per entry or 50% of the entry fee (whichever is greater). Late entries will only be considered until **Friday, October 6, 2023, at 12:00pm (noon) MT.**

REFUND OF ENTRY FEES

Entry fees shall be refunded only if the event is not held or if the entry is withdrawn before the date of close of entries (Skate Canada Rule Book > Competitions > 1.3). There will be a **\$10.00** administration fee applied to all refunds.

After the closing date of entry (October 3, 2023, at 12:00pm (noon) MT) there will be no refunds given for any reason, including medical pulls. No exceptions.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

HOW TO REGISTER

- All registrations must be completed using the Uplifter online registration form.
- Refer to the [How to Register](#) link on the Skate AB | NT | NU registration site for detailed instructions.
- All payments must be paid online using a credit card at the time of registration.
- Program Music (in MP3 format) See page 8 for complete music submission details. Ensure the correct version of music is being uploaded.

Technical Element Score (TES) Submissions: For skaters who have not yet achieved their minimum TES score but are competing at a Fall Competitive, you must register in the “2024 Sectionals Registration – Pending Qualifying Points” category in Uplifter and select the desired Sectionals category. There will be no entry fee required at the time of registration. **If you achieve your minimum score at a Fall Competitive, you will be contacted the Monday after your Fall competition to complete your registration and submit payment.**

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://skateabnwtun.uplifterinc.com/>

Registration must be completed by October 3, 2023, at 12:00pm (noon) MT

REGISTRATION CHANGES

Confirm which event to register in with your coach before submitting your registration. No category changes or skater information changes will be accepted after **October 10, 2023**.

Submit your registration changes using the online form on the AB | NT | NU website.

REGISTRATION CHANGE FEE – **New for 2023-2024 season**

For any changes that are required to be made to a skater’s registration, there will be a \$25 Registration Change Fee applied to all registration changes.

PLANNED PROGRAMS & DEADLINE

Planned Program(s) must be submitted by **Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 12:00pm (noon) MT.**

Planned Program(s) are required for all categories. Planned Program(s) to be submitted a minimum of once per season. If you did not submit your planned program for the 2023 Wild Rose Invitational, then you **MUST** submit it for Sectionals. If there are any changes made to your planned program, changes must be submitted through your Uplifter account by **October 25 at noon.**

Fee for not submitting planned program: There will be a \$25 fee per segment for failing to register your Planned Program(s) by the deadline date. The invoice will be sent to you through your Uplifter account. **Planned Program(s) will not be accepted onsite.**

Submit your Planned Programs here: <https://skateabnwtun.uplifterinc.com/>

MUSIC SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Music Registration

- a. Online music registration will require each skater or team to submit an mp3 file of their program music and the music time online at the time of their registration. **This includes music for pattern dances.**
- 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 carry a copy of their music on CD or USB and have it available at rink-side as a backup. Cell phones, iPods, and other personal devices will not be accepted.
- d. If there have been changes to the music after the submission during the online registration, the updated music file must be uploaded by **Wednesday, October 25, 2023.**

New music can be re-uploaded through your Uplifter account.

Labelling

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/USB by writing on the front of the CD or placing the USB in a Ziploc bag and labelling the bag. Use a permanent marker when labelling the CD or Ziploc bag.
- 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.

Recording Specifications

- d. The only format for online upload of music will be mp3.
- e. Only one program (using one track only) shall be recorded on each CD.
- f. When providing a USB, ensure only the current skating programs for the event you are entering are downloaded onto the USB. Each program must be clearly specified on the USB Ziploc bag. For example: John Doe, Pre-Novice Short or Jane Smith, Junior Free
- g. 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.

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights societies. Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, are responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and/or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights societies.

FACILITY AND EVENT DETAILS

ARENA DETAILS

Facility: Seven Chiefs Sportsplex
Address: 19 Bullhead Rd, Calgary, AB

ICE SURFACES

Rink A: 85' x 200'
Rink B: 85' x 200'

ONSITE REGISTRATION

All competitors must check in at the registration desk at least one hour prior to their first event. Skaters must also check-in with the ice captain.

PRACTICE ICE

Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior, and Senior categories: official practice ice is provided for these categories and is included in the cost of the registration fees.

Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile categories: practice ice is not included in the cost of the registration fees. Once registration has closed, practice ice for these categories may be available to purchase if space permits. Practice ice fees: \$25 per skater for a 20-minute session. **Two coaches will be allowed at ice level for the practice as determined by the skater/team.**

DRAWS

As per Skate Canada Competitions rule 3.2, Draw for Starting Order for Subsequent Segments of an Event, the random draw will be used.

MEDALS

Medals will be presented on-site. In the case of only one entry in an event, an exhibition shall be performed but no medal shall be awarded.

START ORDERS/RESULTS/DETAIL SHEETS

The start order/results and detail sheets will be posted on the Skate AB | NT | NU website. Results and detail sheets will NOT be posted or provided on-site at the event.

PROTEST POLICY

Skate Canada Protest Policy for competitions using CPC will be followed. In addition, if there is an event using manual calculation where the results are not posted within one hour of the completion of the last event of the day, the protest must be made to the Event Referee within the first hour of the following day's competition. If the Event Referee is unavailable, the protest may be made to the Technical Representative or Chief Referee. **Protests and clarification requests are to be submitted through the online form posted on the Section website.**

COACHES ACCREDITATION

[Skate Canada Policies and Procedures](#) shall apply. Two coaches per entry will be accredited. **Two coaches will be permitted at ice level as determined by the skater/team.** Skate Canada Coaches must meet the following conditions:

- Meet the NCCP Requirements for the level of athlete attending with
- Be a current Skate Canada Coach in good standing

Sectionals Accreditation: Coaches must sign in at the Sectionals registration desk. Coaches must wear their Sectionals accreditation tag to access change rooms, practice arena and competition arena. If your name does not appear on the coaches list for Sectionals, coaches must be prepared to show proof of in good standing status prior to receiving accreditation.

All coaches attending a competition in the Skate AB|NT|NU Section will be required to purchase a Section accreditation tag holder and lanyard. This accreditation tag will be valid for the duration of the 2023-2024 season. Cost is \$20 and must be purchased prior to the event using the online form.

ACCREDITATION MATRIX

As per the NCCP pathways, coaches may obtain accreditation privileges provided the qualifications in the accreditation matrix below are valid at time of competition entry and on-site during the event. The Skate Canada qualifying events are categorized below.

| Competition Categories ↓ | Domestic Events | | | | | NCCP Certification ↓ |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|------------|-------------------------|
| | Sectional & Regional Championships | Skate Canada Challenge (Junior/Senior) | Canadian Figure Skating Championships | Skate Canada Challenge (Pre-Novice Novice) | Canada Cup | |
| Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile | ✓ | | | | | Regional Coach |
| Pre-Novice | ✓ | | | ✓ | | Provincial Coach |
| Novice | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | Provincial Coach |
| Junior | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | National Coach |
| Senior | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | National Coach |
| Intermediate | ✓ | | | | ✓ | Provincial Coach |
| Open | ✓ | | | | ✓ | Provincial Coach |

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Skate Canada Coaches in good standing who are in the process of achieving an NCCP certification may obtain a one-time exemption during one skating season. Those with a NCCP in-training or trained status may obtain temporary accreditation privileges provided the NCCP status of the coach aligns with the Competition Category and the Skate Canada event. An exemption request must be submitted to the Section for consideration by emailing coaching@skateabnwtun.ca
- Non-resident coaches who do not have an NCCP status may be considered for accreditation provided that a valid screening is provided at time of competition entry and on-site at the event.

LIVE STREAM VIDEO ORDERS

Capture the memories by purchasing your skaters' performances. Videos will be sent to you electronically after the event.

One program: \$30.00

Two programs: \$40.00

For those skaters that skate double disciplines, purchase up to 3 programs \$50

For those skaters that skate double disciplines, purchase up to 4 programs \$60

Deadline to purchase your skaters' videos: **November 10, 2023.**

Visit the AB | NT | NU website Sectionals page for the link to purchase videos.

JUDGING SYSTEM

The Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) Judging System will be used for all event categories.

LEADING EDGE SERIES

The Leading Edge Series is suspended for the 2023-2024 season.

ACCIDENTS / LIABILITY

Skate AB | NT | NU Section, Skate Canada and the volunteer team undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in these Championships, all competitors and their parents or guardians shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks or injuries to the competitor's person and property resulting from, or caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competitions and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, the association, the Section, Skate Canada, the volunteer team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

ANTI-DOPING POLICY AND DOPING CONTROL POLICY

Agree to be subject to Association rules and regulations regarding doping controls, on an announced or unannounced basis, as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Such rules and regulations shall be entitled "Skate Canada Anti-Doping Policy and Doping Control Program" and shall be made

available to potential entrants upon request to their Section or the National Office. (See Skate Canada Policies and Procedures.)

CAMERA POLICY

Flash photography is not permitted. You may only take photos or video of your own skater(s).

LIVE STREAMING / PHOTOGRAPHY

The event may be photographed and/or live streamed. By virtue of your registration for the competition, you are consenting to being included in the live streaming/photography of this event that will help to train others and to promote skating in Canada. You release Skate AB I NT I NU, its officers, and employees, and each and all persons involved from any liability connected with the video & audio recordings. By attending and competing at the competition, you waive any right to inspect or approve any video or audio recordings taken by Skate AB I NT I NU. If you do not wish to have your skate photographed or live streamed, inform the Skate AB I NT I NU Section Office. We cannot guarantee that you will not be photographed or live streamed, but we will do our best to accommodate the request.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

If an official photographer is secured for the event, information about how to purchase photos of your skaters' performances will be available prior to the event through the skaters and coaches' welcome letters.