

2024 Sectional Championships EVENT INFORMATION

Dear Skaters and Coaches,

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2024 Skate AB I NT I NU Sectional Championships. This letter provides you with specific details about the event. Please read the entire event information carefully.

Facility

Seven Chiefs Sportsplex 19 Bullhead Rd, Calgary, AB Facility Hours: Opens at 6:00am Friday/Saturday/Sunday

Parking

Parking at the facility is free.

Spectators

Spectators are permitted.

Daylight Savings Time Change – November 5

Alberta time change is Sunday, Nov 5, 2023, at 2:00 am, where time goes 1 hour backwards.

Skate Canada Competition Scoring System Update

Skate Canada acknowledges that despite our best efforts, the recently released version of the Competition Scoring System ("New CSS") has caused disruption to several competitions this season. Despite working tirelessly to eliminate the issues with scoring experienced, we have concluded that continued use of New CSS is likely to result in an unacceptable level of disruption to Sectional events for the remainder of the 2023-2024 season. As an interim solution, we are reverting to the former version of the computer scoring system 2022-2023. This system has been updated to reflect the 2023-2024 technical requirements and will allow for the orderly running of competitions.

Sportsmanship Reminders

As we start a new skating season, we remind everyone about the importance of positive sportsmanship within our sport. This extends to conversations and social media posts. Everyone involved in our sport, including skaters, coaches, officials, and volunteers, deserves to be within a respectful, positive, and supportive environment. If there are any concerns/clarifications or protests about scoring and results – those are to be submitted to the Tech Rep of each event by submitting a request online through the Skate AB I NT I NU website. For any other concerns, you may email info@skateabnwtnun.ca

In addition to the Code of Ethics, parents/guardians, skaters, coaches, officials, and volunteers will:

- a. Encourage athletes to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- b. Never ridicule a participant for making a mistake during a performance or practice
- c. Provide positive comments that motivate and encourage participants continued effort
- d. Respect the decisions and judgments of officials, and encourage skaters/athletes to do the same
- e. Respect and show appreciation to all competitors, and to the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to the sport

Thank you in advance for your support of a positive, encouraging and supportive skating community.

Event Reminders

- Event website: 2024 Sectional Championships
- Warm-up Areas: There are two designated warm-up areas: fitness center and a blocked off area in the lobby space for Arena B. There will be signs to identify these warm-up areas. Skaters may also warm up on the second level in the open concourse area of Arena B.
- Music CD's/USB's: Skaters' must bring their back-up CD's/USB's to the ice with them CD's/USB's are not being collected at the registration table. NO phones or iPods will be accepted.
- Start Order/Results/Skate Details: <u>Click here to view start orders</u>. Results and Skate Details will be posted on the event website. The schedule and start orders will also be posted on-site in the dressing room hallway. Skater details and results will NOT be provided onsite.
- Withdraw Form: the online form must be used to submit any withdraws from the event. The form is posted on the Section website under the Sectionals information.
- **Protest/Clarification Form:** the online form must be used to submit any protests/clarifications. The form is posted on the Section website under the Sectionals information.
- Medal Presentations: medals will be presented on site and a medal presentation schedule will be posted onsite near the medal presentation area to show which categories may be presented together.
- Live Stream: The event will be live streamed, and the link will be provided on the main page of the Section website.
- **Purchase Your Skaters Video:** You may purchase your skater's performance by submitting your request using the online form available on the Section website.
- **2024 Sectionals Merit Award:** The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation is proud to support the Merit Award. The Merit Award is selected from amongst the officials at Sectionals to recognize a memorable or outstanding performance (singles, pair, and dance). The Alberta Figure Skating Foundation awards a \$500 bursary to the recipient. The recipient will be announced at the final medal presentation of the event on Sunday afternoon.
- Dressing Rooms Power Outlets: we ask that you do not use any of the power outlets inside the dressing rooms.
- Synchronized Skating Exhibitions: join us on Sunday, Nov 5 at 1:10pm to watch Solstice Junior and Black Gold Senior Elite 12 each perform one program.

COACH Specific Information

- If your skater ends up handing in their back-up CD/USB's on the ice, the CD/USB's will be placed at the registration desk and the skater or an assigned coach from the skaters' club may pick up the CD/USB.
- **Coach Hospitality Room:** Dressing room 2F located in the practice arena (Arena B) is available for coaches' hospitality. Coffee, tea, and a small assortment of snacks will be provided (assorted fruit, assorted granola bars.) There is NO fee.
- Coach Meeting: There will not be a coach meeting.
- **Coach ID tags:** Coaches MUST check in at the registration desk and collect their ID tag insert and your purchased AB coaches' tag. Coaches must comply by their certification levels to be rink-side.

Skaters Advancing to Skate Canada Challenge

Skaters and coaches who qualify for Challenge, Byed skaters, as well as the alternates must see Lisa Bonderove in the Advancing Room on-site immediately following the conclusion of each event.

Pre-Novice and Novice (all disciplines) – Top 4, plus 1 alternate where applicable Junior and Senior (all disciplines) – Top 3, plus 1 alternate where applicable

The Advancing Room is located on the second floor in Arena A at the end of the hallway. Look for the Kaetlyn Osmond banner.

Junior Development Team (JDT)

Skaters (and one parent/guardian) who qualify for the Junior Development Team must see Lisa Bonderove in the Advancing Room on-site immediately following the conclusion of their event. The 2023-2024 JDT criteria will be posted onsite.

The Advancing Room is located on the second floor in Arena A at the end of the hallway. Look for the Kaetlyn Osmond banner.

Advancing Room Times

Lisa Bonderove will be available in the Advancing Room during the below times:

Thursday Nov 2

3:00pm – 5:30pm Juvenile U10 Women, Juvenile U10, U12, U14 Men

Friday Nov 3

11:30am – 6:30pm Juvenile U12 Women, Pre-Novice to Senior Men, Junior and Senior Women, Pre-Juvenile Dance

Saturday Nov 4

11:00am – 12:00pm Juvenile U14 Women

6:00pm – 10:00pm Juvenile to Junior Pairs and Dance teams

Sunday Nov 5

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1:00pm – 5:00pm Pre-Novice and Novice Women

Tourism Calgary Information

- Please find attached the following:
 - Calgary Attractions Pass
 - o Calgary Attractions Pass | Tourism Calgary (visitcalgary.com)
 - o Nearest Starbucks and Restaurant locations in the area
 - Map directing guests from Hotel Blackfoot- to Seven Chiefs Sportsplex
- Restaurant suggestions that offer diversity:
 - o Ahinke's Kitchen | Tourism Calgary (visitcalgary.com)
 - o Broken Plate Greek Restaurant YYC | Tourism Calgary (visitcalgary.com)
 - o Aladdin's Casbah (aladdinscasbah.com)
 - o The Mercantile at Avenida Home (avenidamercantile.com)
 - o Earls Restaurant Southcentre | Tourism Calgary (visitcalgary.com)