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2024 Canadian National Skating Championships Flower Retriever Application Process

The 2024 Canadian National Skating Championships are taking place in Calgary, AB, January 9 – 14, 2024. Skate AB | NT | NU is now accepting applications for skaters to audition to be flower retrievers.

Any costs associated with being a flower retriever at the event (travel, accommodations, etc.) is at the skater's own expense. Event tickets for parents are NOT provided. If selected as a flower retriever, the uniform will be provided to the skater at no cost.

This audition application process must be completed to be considered to be a flower retriever.

Application Requirements

Submit the online application and video submission by November 19, 2023, at midnight.

- Skater must be a current Skate Canada registrant of Skate AB | NT | NU
- Be between the ages of 10-12 as of January 1, 2024
- Must have passed Star 5 assessment (freeskate/dance or skating skills). Proof of assessment passed must be uploaded with the online application
- Skater will submit an audition video with the online application, as per the instructions below.
- Must be available for the entire event (daytime and evening). This allows the scheduled shifts for flower retrievers to be more manageable and enjoyable for the skaters. Competition times are detailed on the online application form.

Application Process

- Skaters will be notified by November 21 if they were selected or not.
- If selected, the skater would be required to then register as a volunteer for Canadians by November 24, 2023.
- For those skaters selected, a reply must be provided by the evening of November 21 to accept the invitation of being a flower retriever.
- Acceptance will be based on skating skills and availability as confirmed in your application. Before you apply, please ensure that your skater will be available for daytime and evening shifts over weekdays and weekend.

Skater Audition Video Requirements

The skater is to perform the following skating skills in one video submission. Multiple submission videos will not be accepted. All skills performed will be included in one video. **Length of video is a minimum of 1:30 and a maximum of 2:00 minutes.**

Video Skating Attire: skater should wear form fitting clothing so that their posture is visible in the video. Clothing should be neat and tidy, no baggy skating pants or sweaters, no hoodies.

The skater will be assessed based on posture and quality of skating skills.



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Video must include the following skills demonstrated by the skater:

- Forward perimeter skating (clockwise and counterclockwise)
- Forward crossover circles (clockwise and counterclockwise)
- Backward crossover circles (clockwise and counterclockwise)
- Stopping Demonstration – shows the skater stopping, arms should be held out, with attention paid to the hands.

Video Filming Requirements

- Videos may be filmed during regular club sessions if it is possible to clear the ice for a few minutes.
- Video is to be taken at centre ice at the boards level. Ideally to be shot from a player's bench with no glass in front of the camera.
- Filming is to begin with the skater skating away from the boards
- The skater being filmed must be the only person on the ice (or limited skaters around them). If it is not possible to have clear ice for the recording, please ensure the recording of the skater is close enough so that it is visible for which skater is auditioning
- No music is required
- Skater is to be kept in the middle of the frame and zoomed in as close as possible to see the skater from head to toe the entire time.

Video Format

- All auditions must be filmed in high resolution(1920x1080).
- File Formats accepted are .MP4 and .MOV
- Videos are to be filmed in landscape and not portrait.

Recording Tips

- The use of a tripod is strongly encouraged.
- Please test the filming set up (i.e., phone, tablet/or camera) prior to recording, to ensure video quality.
- Do not record from the stands.

How to Submit Your Video

Once the video is complete, the video is to be uploaded through the link provided in the online application form.

- Before submitting video, name your video file with your skater's full name. For example: JOHN_SMITH.MOV
- Upload the original video recorded (example a video that has been texted will have lower quality). Do not compress the file size, must upload original .MP4 or .MOV file. Video submissions must not contain any editing.

Flower Retriever Application Form: <https://skatecanada.wufoo.com/forms/r136urg20gef4my/>

Dropbox link to submit video: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/QEOkvyFFi8jten47QfuN>

Deadline to submit: November 19, 2023, at midnight.

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