



2026 Alberta Winter Games Declaration & Qualifying Process

Alberta Winter Games Sport Technical Package

Refer to the Alberta Winter Games Sport Technical Package for complete details:

- Age requirements
- Fill Policy
- Eligibility
- Entry and Zone Procedures

Fairness & Safety in Sport Act Policy

Skate AB|NT|NU is required by law to implement the Government of Alberta's Fairness and Safety in Sport Act and related regulations on September 1st, 2025.

Who The Act Impacts:

- Athletes 12 years and older
- Who are residents of Alberta
- Participating in a women-only competitive category

Review the complete Skate AB|NT|NU Fairness & Safety in Sport Act Policy on the Section website.

How to Declare for the Alberta Winter Games

Step 1 Know Your Zone & Category

- Confirm with your coach as to which zone you may qualify for to ensure you enter the correct category and run-off zone.

Step 2 Ensure you Declare

- Ensure you declare at the time of registration for Sectionals, Star Series 1 or Star Series 2.



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2026 Alberta Winter Games Categories

Age Requirements:

All Skaters must be a minimum of 11 years of age to compete at the Alberta Winter Games as of January 13, 2026.

U14 years of age as of July 1, 2025 (Juvenile)

U16 years of age as of July 1, 2025 (Star 6, Star 8, Pre-Novice)

Star 6 Women Singles

- Skaters may register to compete at a designated run off competition. Skaters must declare their intent to qualify to compete in their zone for the 2026 Alberta Winter Games through the Star Series 1 or Star Series 2 registration process as per the competition announcements.
 - Zones 1-4 - November 21-23, 2025, in Calgary during the Star Series 1 competition.
 - Zones 5-8 - December 5-7, 2025, in St. Albert during the Star Series 2 competition.
- Run-off registration information will be contained in the Star Series competition announcement.
- **Qualifying for the Games:** The top 2 skaters from each Zone will be determined based on their ranking from the official results of the Zone run-off competition

Star 8 Women Singles

- Skaters may register to compete at a designated run-off competition. Skaters must declare their intent to qualify to compete in their zone for the 2026 Alberta Winter Games through the Star Series 1 or Star Series 2 registration process as per the competition announcements.
 - Zones 1-4 - November 21-23, 2025, in Calgary during the Star Series 1 competition.
 - Zones 5-8 - December 5-7, 2025, in St. Albert during the Star Series 2 competition.
- Run-off registration information is contained in the Star Series competition announcement.
- **Qualifying for the Games:** The top 2 skaters from each Zone will be determined based on their ranking from the official results of the Zone run-off competition.

Juvenile U14 Women Singles

- Skaters may register to compete at a designated run-off competition. Skaters must declare their intent to qualify to compete in their zone for the 2026 Alberta Winter Games through the Sectional Championships, Star Series 1 or Star Series 2 registration process as per the competition announcements.
 - Sectional Championships: October 30 – November 2, 2025, in Edmonton during the Sectional Championships. Skaters who qualify for Sectionals may also declare for the Alberta Winter Games run-offs in their applicable age category (U12 or U14) *see clarifications on page 4
 - Zones 1-4 - November 21-23, 2025, in Calgary during the Star Series 1 competition.
 - Zones 5-8 - December 5-7, 2025, in St. Albert during the Star Series 2 competition.
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- **Qualifying for the Games:** Following the 2026 Skate AB|NT|NU Sectional Championships (held Oct 30-Nov 2, 2025) and the official designated Alberta Winter Games Zone run-off competitions, the top 4 qualifying skaters from each Zone will be identified based upon the highest total points from either of these two competitions.

Pre Novice U16 Women Singles

- Skaters may register to compete at a designated run-off competition. Skaters must declare their intent to qualify to compete in their zone for the 2026 Alberta Winter Games through the Sectional Championships, Star Series 1 or Star Series 2 registration process as per the competition announcements.
 - Sectional Championships: October 30 – November 2, 2025, in Edmonton during the Sectional Championships. Skaters who qualify for Sectionals may also declare for the Alberta Winter Games run-offs *see clarifications on page 4
 - Zones 1-4 - November 21-23, 2025, in Calgary during the Star Series 1 competition.
 - Zones 5-8 - December 5-7, 2025, in St. Albert during the Star Series 2 competition.
- Run-off registration information is contained in the Star Series competition announcement.
- **Qualifying for the Games:** Following the 2026 Skate AB|NT|NU Sectional Championships (held Oct 30-Nov 2, 2025) and the official designated Alberta Winter Games Zone run-off competition, the top 2 qualifying skaters from each Zone will be identified based upon the highest total points from either of these two competitions.

Alberta Winter Games Run-offs & Star Series Competition Entries – Clarifications

As per the 2025-2026 StarSkate Championships Qualifying Process:

Skaters competing in Juvenile or Pre-Novice for the Alberta Winter Games Run-offs are allowed to enter 1 additional short and 1 additional freeskate within the same Star Series competition (Star Series 1 and Star Series 2). When a skater is only competing in the Juvenile or Pre-Novice Alberta Winter Games Run-offs, the skater could enter another Star Series competition as one of their Star Qualifying competitions.

Scenario 1 Example: Skater competes in Juvenile or Pre-Novice Alberta Winter Games Run-offs in Star Series 1 and competes in their Star short and/or freeskate categories. The skater can then enter one Star Series Qualifying competition (Star Series 3 or Star Series 4).

Scenario 2 Example: Skater competes only in Juvenile or Pre-Novice Alberta Winter Games Run-offs in Star Series 1. The skater can then enter two additional Star Series Qualifying competitions (Star Series 3 and Star Series 4).



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Juvenile U14 Women & Pre-Novice U16 Women – Clarifications

Juvenile and Pre Novice U16 Women - Alberta Winter Games Run-off will be held for skaters at Star Series 1 and Star Series 2 who were unable to meet the Technical Element Score (TES) for eligibility to compete at the 2026 Skate AB|NT|NU Sectional Championship.

Skaters who Register for the 2026 Sectional Championships

Juvenile U12 & U14 Women, Pre-Novice U16 Women registered for the 2026 Skate AB|NT|NU Sectional Championships, being held Oct 30 – Nov 2, 2025, must indicate their intent to qualify to compete in their zone for the 2026 Alberta Winter Games through the Sectionals registration by October 1, 2025, at 12:00pm (noon) MT.

Skaters competing at the 2026 Skate AB|NT|NU Sectional Championships (held Nov2-5, 2023) are not permitted to qualify through a Zone run-off.

Skaters NOT Registering for the 2026 Sectional Championships

Juvenile U12 & U14 Women and Pre-Novice U16 Women skaters who do not register for the 2026 Skate AB|NT|NU Sectional Championships may register to compete in the Alberta Winter Games Run-offs according to their zone:

- November 21-23, 2025 – Star Series 1 & Alberta Winter Games Run-offs Zones 1-4
- December 5-7, 2025 – Star Series 2 & Alberta Winter Games Run-offs Zones 5-8

Skaters must declare their intent to qualify to compete in their zone for the Alberta Winter Games through the Star Series 1 or Star Series 2 registration process as per the competition announcements.

Questions about the Alberta Winter Games?

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