



2025-2026 StarSkate & Adult Championships Qualifying Process

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The StarSkate & Adult Championships Qualifying Process and structure as outlined in this document, applies to the StarSkate & Adult Championships categories only (Star 5-Gold/Adult/Special Olympics).

Qualifying Categories

1. The following categories are required to follow the qualifying process for the StarSkate & Adult Championships:
 - Star 5-Gold Short Program (men & women)
 - Star 5- Gold Freeskates (men & women)
 - Star 5-Gold Artistic (men & women)
 - Star 6 – Gold Solo Pattern Dance (lead & follow)
2. **Special Olympics and Adult categories** are offered at the StarSkate & Adult Championships; however, the Special Olympics and Adult skaters are not required to qualify through this process and may register for the Championships directly once registration opens.
3. **Qualify Per Category**
Short programs, Freeskates, Artistic programs and Solo Pattern Dances are each separate categories and qualification is considered separate for each of these categories.

Skaters are restricted to enter two (2) of the Star Series qualifying competitions, no matter how many categories you enter per competition. **Exception for Alberta Winter Games Run-offs and Arctic Winter Games Run-offs. See details under Star Series Competition Entries*

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Minimum Qualifying Requirement

Star 5 – Gold short and freeskate programs, Star Artistic skaters (men & women), and Star 6-Gold Solo Pattern Dance (lead & follow) must enter a minimum of one (1) qualifying competition during the 2025-2026 season leading up to the StarSkate Championships.

Qualifying Competitions Are:

- Star Series 1 (Location: Calgary)
- Star Series 2 (Location: St. Albert)
- Star Series 3 (Location: Grande Prairie)
- Star Series 4 (Location: Lethbridge)
- Star Territorials (Location: N/A, event is held biannually)

*Competitions and scores from out of Section are not eligible

Star Series #1-4 & Star Territorials Competitions Restriction of Entries

1. Star 5-Gold/Adult/Special Olympics Skaters are permitted to enter a maximum of two (2) Star Series competitions per season.
2. Skaters who have registered and skated in the Star Series #1 (Calgary area) will not be permitted to register for Star Series #2 (Edmonton area) or vice versa. If a skater registers for the Star Series #1 and then withdraws, they are eligible to register for Star Series #2, as per the applicable registration deadlines.
3. The Combined Spring Invitational (Sunsational), Combined Summer Invitational (Wild Rose) and Combined Winter Invitational are not included in the restricted number of competitions requirement. Skaters may enter the Spring, Summer, and Winter Combined Invitationals with no restrictions and as space permits. Scores obtained at the Combined Invitational competitions do not count towards the skaters StarSkate Championships Qualifying Score.

Alberta Winter Games Run-offs and Arctic Winter Games Run-offs (NWT & AB North) – Star Series Competition Entries

1. 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).

2. Skaters competing in Arctic Winter Games Run-offs categories are allowed to enter 1 additional short and 1 additional freeskate within the same Star Series competition (Star Series 2 and Star Series 3). When a skater is only competing in the Arctic Winter Games Run-offs categories, the skater could enter another Star Series competition as one of their Star Qualifying competitions. (Star Series 3/Star Series 4)

Crossover Eligibility between Star and Podium Pathway

Skater Registered for the Sectional Championships

- For skaters who have registered into the Sectional Championships and wish to compete in a Star category as well, refer to the Crossover Chart for eligibility categories as posted on the Section website on the Competition Information page.

Star Skater Registers into Podium Pathway Category

- A Star skater can move to podium pathway at any of the 3 combined invitationals (spring/summer/winter) and it does not affect their qualification into the StarSkate Championships.

Qualifying Scores & Quota Numbers

1. The top 3 (three) qualifying Star skaters from each zone will qualify based on scores earned in each category.
2. The scores will be tabulated from each skater's entry into a Star Series/Star Territorials competition and not solely from the skater's home zone competition.
Example: A skater whose home zone is Grande Prairie in Zone 3, attends Star Series 1 & 4. The skaters highest score will be used and if the skater has one of the top 3 scores in their category, the skater will automatically qualify from zone 3 to the StarSkate Championships.
3. A qualified skater is to register in the StarSkate Championships based on the highest category they have qualified for as per the quota numbers.
4. The scores of each skater will be tracked and posted to the Skate AB I N T I N U website after each qualifying competition. If a skater competes in a second qualifying competition, then the skaters higher score will be used.
5. If the skater enters a qualifying competition and they are the sole entry (exhibition skate), if they choose not to skate an exhibition, their entry into the competition will still count towards their 1 minimum required qualifying competition.
6. Quota numbers will be annually reviewed by the Competition Committee and posted to the Section website in January each season.

Registration Process & Timelines

1. February 24, 2026, at 12:00pm (noon) MT - The final list of qualified skaters will be posted. Skaters who have qualified must register for the StarSkate Championships by Monday, March 2, 2026, at 12:00pm MT (noon).
2. Skaters who qualify will be sent an email to notify them to register for the Championships and to view the Qualifying Tracking Document on the website.
3. Fill Process: In the event that the determined number of skaters who qualify for a category do not register by the deadline date (March 2 at 12:00pm MT) as per their invitation to the Championship, the spots will be filled per category with the next highest skaters scores in that category. Those skaters invited to fill spots must register by Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 12:00pm (noon) MT.