

Star Series 3 & Alberta North Arctic Winter Games Run-Offs

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**Design Works Centre
6 Knowledge Way
Grande Prairie, AB**



Sanction #3527

Competition Name: Star Series 3 & Alberta North Arctic Winter Games Run-Offs

Competition Dates: January 23-25, 2026

Host Club: Grande Prairie Skating Club

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Competition Website: www.skateabnwtun.ca

Arena Details

Name: Design Works Centre
 Address: 6 Knowledge Way, Grande Prairie, AB
 Ice Surface Dimensions: 200' x 85'

Registration Times: Registration begins 1 hour before the 1st category of each day.

On-site Registration: Skaters must register at least one hour prior to the start of their scheduled category or practice. Skaters must report to the Ice Captain one hour prior to their scheduled category.

Accommodation Information

Hotel: Pomeroy Hotel Grande Prairie, 11633 100th Street, Grande Prairie, AB
 Phone: 780-532-5221
 Room Rate: \$149.00 including breakfast Group rate available until January 9, 2026.
 To receive the room rate, mention Grande Prairie SC when booking your room

The competition is being held under the current rules of the Skate Canada Rulebook. The competition is defined in the Skate Canada Rule Book > Competitions. The Association reserves the right to alter the overall procedures to be followed during any part of the competition, if such alteration is considered to be in the best interest of the skaters or the Association. The Technical Representative, Chief Referee, or Senior Referee present will be the agent of the Association in such an instance.

CATEGORIES:

Star Freeskate:

Star 4: U10, U13, 13 & Over
 Star 5: U10, U13, 13 & Over
 Star 6
 Star 8
 Star 10
 Gold Freeskate

Star Short Program:

Star 7
 Star 9

Artistic:

Star 5 Artistic
 Star 7 Artistic
 Star 9 Artistic
 Gold Artistic

Star Solo Pattern Dance:

NEW Star 4/5 A Steps (follow) – Swing/Fiesta Tango
NEW Star 4/5 B Steps (lead) – Swing/Fiesta Tango
 Star 6/7 A Steps (follow) – Fourteenstep/Foxtrot
 Star 6/7 B Steps (lead) – Fourteenstep/Foxtrot
 Star 8/9 A Steps (follow) - Tango/Blues
 Star 8/9 B Steps (lead) - Tango/Blues
 Star 10/Gold A Steps (follow) – Quickstep/Argentine Tango
 Star 10/Gold B Steps (lead) – Quickstep/Argentine Tango

Synchronized Skating

Star 3
 Star 4

Team Element Events:

Star 4
 Star 5
 Star 6
 Star 7/8
 Star 9/10
 Gold
 Open

Adult Freeskate:

Adult Intro Open Freeskate
 Adult Bronze Freeskate
 Adult Silver Freeskate
 Adult Gold Freeskate
 Adult Masters Freeskate
 Adult Masters Elite Freeskate

Adult Artistic:

Adult Intro Artistic
 Adult Bronze Artistic
 Adult Silver Artistic
 Adult Gold Artistic
 Adult Elite Artistic

Special Olympics Freeskate:

Special Olympics Level 1 Freeskate
 Special Olympics Level 2 Freeskate
 Special Olympics Level 3 Freeskate
 Special Olympics Level 4 Freeskate
 Special Olympics Level 5 Freeskate
 Special Olympics Level 6 Freeskate
 Special Olympics Open Freeskate
 Special Olympics Masters Level 1/2 Freeskate
 Special Olympics Masters Level 3/4 Freeskate

Star Pairs

Intro Pair
 Open Pair

Star Partnered Pattern Dance

Star 6/7 – Fourteenstep/Foxtrot
 Star 8/9 – Tango/Blues
 Star 10/Gold – Quickstep/Argentine Tango
 Diamond – Westminster Waltz/Rhumba

Alberta North Arctic Winter Games Run-Offs:

U18 Class 1 Women Freeskate
 U18 Class 2 Women Freeskate
 U18 Class 3 Women Freeskate
 U18 Class 4 Women Freeskate

Arctic Games categories will be competing on the Friday, to allow skaters to compete in their Star categories for the Saturday/Sunday.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION LINKS:[Star Pathway Competition Program Requirements Link](#)[Adult Competition Program Requirements Link](#)[StarSkate & Adult Championships Qualifying Process](#)[Star Series Competition Zones Listing](#)[Sectionals/Star Pathway Eligibility Crossover Chart](#)[2026 Arctic Winter Games Technical Package](#)**REGISTRATION FEES & ENTRY ELIGIBILITY**

ENTRY FEES		
Events Offered	Fees	Multiple Event Discount
Star 4 – 10, Gold Freeskate	\$145 per skater	\$20 discount for additional events a competitor registers in (does not apply to team element event)
Star 5 – Gold Artistic	\$145 per skater	
Adult Categories	\$145 per skater	
Star Solo Pattern Dance	\$145 per skater	
Special Olympics Freeskate	\$145 per skater	
Star Partnered Pattern Dance	\$145 per team	
Star Pairs	\$145 per team	
Alberta North Arctic Games Classes 1-4	\$145 per skater	
Synchronized Skating Star 3 & 4	\$285 per team + \$35 per skater	
Team Element Events	\$120 per team	
Note: \$5 from every entry fee is paid to the Section to help support the programs and services the Section provides.		

*Skaters entering multiple categories do so with the understanding that there may be conflicts that cannot be resolved.

ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

- a) **NEW THIS SEASON 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. Skaters/guardians must review the complete Skate AB|NT|NU Fairness & Safety in Sport Act Policy on the Section website prior to registering for a female category within a competition category. For the skaters who meet the criteria below, skaters/guardians will be asked to confirm their gender eligibility during the registration process.
- Who The Act Impacts:
- Athletes 12 years and older
 - Who are residents of Alberta
 - Participating in a women-only competitive category
- b) Be Skate Canada registrant in good standing
- c) Be eligible as per the Sectionals/StarSkate Crossover Chart. Chart is available on the Skate AB|NT|NU website under Technical Information. Skaters that have registered for Sectionals must review the eligibility chart prior to registering for any Star competitions, as there are restrictions.
- d) Be eligible as per the StarSkate Championships Qualifying Process
- e) **Proof of Age:** For all categories, age shall be the age of the skater before **July 1, 2025**. You do not have to submit your proof of age document when registering. Please bring the skater's birth certificate to the competition so that it may be produced upon request. If you cannot produce proof of age when requested, the skater may be withdrawn from the event. It is your responsibility to ensure the skater is entered in the correct category according to Skate Canada's age and assessment requirements.
- f) **Skating Up:** Skating up one level is permitted; however, skaters are permitted to enter only one level per category. Examples: a skater can only enter one freeskate category and one short program category. A skater cannot enter Star 5 and Star 6 as they are both freeskate categories.
- g) **Star Series Competition Entries:** Skaters may enter a maximum of two (2) competitions choosing from the Star Series #1-4 competitions. The Combined Invitationals (Winter, Spring & Summer – CWI/Sunsational/Wild Rose) are not included in the restricted number of competitions requirement. Skaters that have registered and skated in the Star Series #1 will not be allowed to register for Star Series #2 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.

REGISTRATION RULES

Zone 3 skaters:

- a) For skaters with a home club located in Zone 3 as per the Star Series Competition Zone Listing, skaters have the first opportunity to register for the Star Series 3 competition until November 24. Registering by November 24 provides skaters in Zone 3 the first opportunity to register for the competition.
- b) On November 25, the registration opens to all AB|NT|NU skaters and out of province skaters.
- c) If a skater who is not within Zone 3 registers before November 24, their registration will be refunded less than the \$10 administration fee. The skater would then be required to register again as of November 25 as space permits.

Arctic Games Run-offs skaters:

- d) 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. 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)

Waitlist: once the competition has reached its general capacity for entries, skaters may register to be on the waitlist. If it becomes possible to accept any skaters off the waitlist, they will be notified and expected to register within 24 hours.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATES

Zone 3 skaters & Arctic Games Run-off skaters - register by November 24, 2025

Registration opens on November 25, 2025, to all AB/NT/NU and Out of Province skaters, if space permits.

Closing Date of Entries for all Skaters – December 3, 2025, at noon (12pm) MT.

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES: December 3, 2025, at 12:00pm (noon) MT

All entries must be received no later than **December 3, 2025, 12:00pm (noon) MT**. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that their entry is submitted by the closing date. All assessment requirements must be passed by the closing date of entries. Registration will close once the capacity for the event schedule has been reached and this may happen before the registration deadline date.

LATE REGISTRATION ENTRIES: December 5, 2025, at 12:00pm (noon) MT

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Technical Representative and if space permits in the event. Entries accepted after the registration deadline date will be charged a late entry fee of \$100 per entry or 50% of the entry fee, per entry (whichever is greater). No entries will be accepted after the late entry registration deadline.

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. There will be a \$10.00 administration fee applied to all withdrawal refunds. After the closing date of entries there will be no refunds given for any reason, including medical pulls. No exceptions.

REGISTRATION CHANGES DEADLINE: December 12, 2025

After the registration deadline date, changes to entries will only be made by the Technical Representative. Confirm which event to register in with your coach before submitting your registration. No changes will be made after the registration change deadline date. Registration changes must be submitted by using the online form available on the event page of the website.

REGISTRATION CHANGE FEE:

There is a \$25 fee to make changes to a skater's registration. This includes changing categories.

WITHDRAWAL FORM: withdrawals before and after the registration deadline date are to be submitted using the online form as posted on the event page website.

HOW TO REGISTER

Review your skater's profile in Uplifter prior to registering to ensure your skater's information is correct. It is mandatory to enter the skaters Skate Canada number.

- 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.

REGISTER HERE: <https://skateabnwtun.uplifterinc.com/>

MUSIC REGISTRATION

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.

- 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. (includes solo pattern dances)
- Music files will not be kept so skaters and teams will be required to submit their music for each individual competition.
- **Back Up Music: Only USB memory sticks will be accepted as music back-up. CD's will not be accepted.** Each skater or team is required to carry a copy of their back-up music and have it available at rink side. A skater is to have a USB for each program. Ensure music files are properly labelled.
- USB's must be provided in a Ziploc bag and labelled with the skater's name and category. For example: Jane Doe, Star 6

Deadline to submit changes for your music after submission: January 14, 2026

If there have been changes to the music after submission during the online registration, the updated music file must be uploaded by **January 14, 2026**. New music can be uploaded through your Uplifter account.

Information regarding the requirements and standards for music are listed in the Skate AB/NT/NU Technical Package: www.skateabnwnun.ca. Competitors are responsible for the recovery of their own music at the completion of the event.

SUBMIT SKATERS PLANNED PROGRAMS

Deadline to submit planned programs: January 14, 2026, at 12:00pm (noon) MT.

Why does a skater submit a planned program: Planned Programs detail the list of elements which a skater performs in each program. The planned programs are provided to the officials at the competition, and it is a benefit to the skater that the planned programs for each program are submitted.

See "How to Submit a Planned Program" link on the registration page for assistance in completing your planned program content sheet.

Fee charged for not submitting: There will be a \$25 fee per entry for failing to submit Planned Program(s) by the deadline date. Planned Program Sheets will NOT be accepted on site.

How to submit planned programs:

- Planned programs must be submitted once per season via Uplifter.
- The first event of the 2025-2026 season is the 2025 Wild Rose Invitational. If the skater did not compete at Wild Rose or Star Series 1 or 2, then the planned program must be submitted for Star Series 3.
- Skaters may edit or re-submit their planned program in Uplifter if changes are made throughout the season.
- Planned program sheets will NOT be transferred between categories. Ensure you have submitted a planned program for each category you have entered (Ex. Star 6 and Star 7 each require a planned program).

Planned Programs are required for:

- Star short programs and Star 5 & higher Freeskates
- Star Artistics
- Adult Freeskates
- Arctic Winter Games Classes Freeskates

- Special Olympics Freeskates
- Synchronized Skating Star 4
- Star Pairs

SUBMIT PLANNED PROGRAMS HERE: <https://skateabnwtun.uplifterinc.com/>

COMPETITION CONTACTS

For inquiries relating to competition registration including:

- Access to the Uplifter form
- Confirmation of registration and payment
- Corrections to registration submissions

Contact Central Registration: skateabreg@gmail.com

For inquiries relating to competition information including:

- Technical information
- Competition schedule

Contact Technical Representative: David Chief / davidjchief@gmail.com

For inquiries relating to venue logistics contact:

Competition Chair: Tara Elliott comp@gpskate.com

STAR SERIES DETAILS AND INFORMATION

1. **PRACTICE ICE:** Practice ice may be offered if space permits in the event schedule. Practice sessions may not be on your competition ice surface. No refunds will be provided for practice ice purchases.
2. **COACH ACCREDITATION:** All coaches must be minimally NCCP Regional Coach In Training and carry proof of current membership within the Association and a valid First Aid certificate. Coaches will be required to register at the registration desk. Coaches must wear their event specific accreditation tag to access change rooms and event arena(s). If your name does not appear on the coaches list for the event, 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 Blue Accreditation Tag Holder and lanyard. If you do not have this tag/lanyard, it is to be purchased on the Section website and must be purchased prior to attending a competition.

A maximum of (2) two coaches will be allowed at ice level as determined by the skater/team.

3. **SCHEDULE OF PRACTICE TIMES AND EVENT SCHEDULE:** A schedule will be posted on the Skate AB/NT/NU website www.skateabnwtun.ca.
4. **START ORDERS/RESULTS/SKATE DETAILS:** The start order/results and skate details will be posted on the Skate AB/NT/NU website. Results and skate details will NOT be provided on-site at the event, except for Star 4 skate details. The Star 4 skate details will be provided onsite and handed out at the registration desk.
5. **FLIGHT SYSTEM:** If the number of competitors in a category warrants it, a flight system will be used.

6. **EVENT SPECIFICATIONS:** Each category offered at the competition will be held for men and women separately. It is permissible to combine categories as follows:
 - (a) Combine two or more categories in the same event when each category has fewer than three entries.
 - (b) Combine two or more categories in the same event when one category has insufficient entries to hold the event; The decision to combine categories is at the discretion of the Technical Representative with the input of the Host Committee. Categories may be combined, due to low entries for either age categories (ie: U10, U13, 13O) or combined men/women events.
7. **CANCELLATION OF CATEGORIES:** The host club reserves the right to cancel categories in coordination with the Tech Rep.
8. **MARKING SYSTEM:** Star will be judged as per the Star Event Management Guide. All events will be judged using the CPC marking system.
9. **DRAWS:** As per Skate Canada Competitions rule 3.2, the reverse draw will be used for subsequent starting order draws (where applicable).
10. **WARM UP TIMES:** Skate Canada has standardized warm up times for all events. Refer to the Skate AB/NT/NU Technical Package as posted on the [website](#) for all warmup times.
11. **MEDAL PRESENTATIONS:** Medals will be presented at the competition. Skaters receiving a medal are to wear their skates and skating attire for the medal presentation. For those categories with a single entry, a medal will be awarded.
12. **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 days competition. If the Event Referee is unavailable, the protest may be made to the Technical Representative or Chief Referee. **Protests are to be submitted through the online form provided on the Skate AB | NT | NU website.**
13. **CLARIFICATIONS:** clarifications regarding a skater's details may be submitted using the online form provided on the Star Series #3 event page of the Skate AB | NT | NU website.
14. **ACCIDENTS:** The Association and Committee of the Host Club take no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skater. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in this event, 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. An agreement must also be deemed to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, the Association, the Host Club, and their officers. Entries shall be accepted only in accordance with these conditions.
15. **PICTURES & VIDEOS:** Persons wishing to take photographs of on-ice performances are reminded that use of flash cameras is not permitted. The use of video cameras must be restricted to areas that do not hamper the skaters or officials. **NOTE:** You may only take pictures or videos of your own skater.
16. **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 | NT | 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 | NT | NU. All video recordings will be archived and posted to the Skate AB | NT | NU Daily Motion website. If you do not wish to have your skate

photographed or live streamed, inform the Competition Chair of the event. We cannot guarantee that you will not be photographed or live streamed, but we will do our best to accommodate the request.