

Ice Fest

Synchronized Skating Competition

March 14, 2026



Hosted by the Carstairs Skating Club

Sanction #3597



AB|NT|NU

ICE FEST SYNCHRONIZED SKATING INVITATIONAL

Competition Name: 2026 Ice Fest Synchronized Skating Competition

Competition Dates: March 14, 2026

Host Club: Carstairs Skating Club

Competition Chair

NAME Gail Schwartz
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Registration Contact

NAME Central Online Registration
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Technical Representative

NAME Jennifer Holland
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Competition Website: www.skateabnwtun.ca

Arena Details

Name: Carstairs Memorial Arena
Address: 2100 Hwy 581, Carstairs, AB
Ice Surface Dimensions: 200' x 85'

On-site Registration: Registration begins 1 hour before the 1st category of each day. Teams must register at least one hour prior to the start of their scheduled category or practice.

Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites

64 East Lake Ave NE, Airdrie, AB

Phone: 866-422-5661

Hotel link:

[Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Airdrie-Calgary North, an IHG Hotel Airdrie, Alberta, CA - Reservations.com](https://www.holidayinn.com/hotel/airdrie-calgary-north)

Please mention you are booking with Ice Fest for discounted room rates

The competition is being held under the current rules of the Skate Canada Rulebook. The nature of 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: The following categories are offered:

One Skate Categories:

Star 3 Elements
Star 4

Two Skates/Combined Categories:

Star 6
Star 8
Gold
Novice
Open
Junior (Short & Free)
Senior (Short & Free)
Senior Elite 12 (Short & Free)
Adult SYS Class I
Adult SYS Class II
Adult SYS Class III

ALL CATEGORIES MUST FOLLOW THE SKATE CANADA 2025-2026 WELL BALANCED PROGRAM CRITERIA AS POSTED ON THE SKATE CANADA [MATERIALS CATALOGUE](#):

Star 3 & 4: [2025-2026 STAR Program Requirements Guide](#)

Star 6+ : [2025-2026 Technical Requirements Guide](#)

REGISTRATION FEES & ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

ENTRY FEES		
Categories Offered	Team Fees	Skater Fees
Star 3 and Star 4	\$285 per team	\$35 per skater (including alternates)
Star 6, Star 8, Gold, Novice, Open	\$360 per team	
Junior, Senior, Senior Elite 12	\$360 per team	
Adult SYS Class I, Adult SYS Class II, Adult SYS Class III	\$360 per team	
Note: \$5 from every entry fee is paid to the Section to help support the programs and services the Section provides.		

Skaters/ Coaches competing with multiple teams do so with the understanding that there may be conflicts that cannot be resolved.

ENTRIES: Entrants in Events shall:

- a) Be Skate Canada registrants in good standing
- b) **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.

HOW TO REGISTER

- 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.
- Planned programs must be submitted through Uplifter. See “How to Submit a Planned Program” link on the registration page for assistance in completing your planned program content sheet.
- **Team Rosters** must be uploaded via the online registration system at the time of registration, including all alternates.
- **Team Managers and Chaperones Accreditation:**
 - All Team managers and Chaperones must be current Skate Canada registrants.
 - Two coaches, one team manager and two chaperones, for a total of five (5) people per team may be accredited. The names and Skate Canada numbers for these accreditations must be included on the online registration form.
 - One or two coaches and one alternate (skater) may stand at the entrance to the ice. A second coach (if not at the skater on gate), team manager and other alternates in the exit area (Kiss & Cry). The chaperones will be allowed in the dressing rooms only and will not have access to ice level during practice or competition (including Kiss & Cry).

DEADLINE DATES

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES: February 20, 2026, at 12:00pm (noon) MT

It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that their entry is submitted by the closing date.

LATE REGISTRATION ENTRIES: Late entries will not be accepted.

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.

TEAM ROSTER CHANGE DEADLINE: March 2, 2026

After the registration deadline date, changes to team rosters will only be made by the Technical Representative. Registration changes must be submitted by using the online form available on the event page of the website.

REGISTRATION CHANGE FEE

For any changes that are required to be made to a team’s registration, there will be a \$25 Registration Change Fee applied to all registration changes.

PLANNED PROGRAMS – HOW TO SUBMIT & DEADLINE

Deadline to submit planned programs: March 4, 2026, at 12:00pm (noon) MT.

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 Rose Bowl Invitational. All teams (Star 4 & higher) must submit a Planned Program
- Teams may re-submit their planned program in Uplifter if changes are made throughout the 2025-2026 season

MUSIC REGISTRATION

- Each team is required to upload an mp3 file of their program music at the time of registration
- Music files are not kept from prior competitions
- Each team must carry a copy of their music on USB memory stick and have it available rink side as a backup. **Only USB memory sticks are accepted, CDs are not accepted.** A memory stick may contain all the programs the team is competing in for the competition, however, the programs on the memory stick must be properly labelled to ensure the correct music is played. For example: Team A, Junior Short Program
- USBs should be in a Ziploc bag and labelled with the team's name and category

Deadline to submit changes for your music after submission: March 4, 2026, at 12:00pm (noon) MT

If there have been changes to the music after submission during the online registration, the updated music file must be uploaded by the deadline date. 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 as posted on the Section's website: www.skateabnwtun.ca.

COMPETITION CONTACTS

Central Registration: skateabreg@gmail.com

For inquiries relating to competition registration including:

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

Technical Representative: Jennifer Holland: jennijohnson1978@hotmail.com

For inquiries relating to competition information including:

- Technical information
- Competition schedule

Competition Chair: Gail Schwartz: cscpreschair@gmail.com

For inquiries relating to venue logistics

Withdrawal Form: Withdrawals before and after the registration deadline date are to be submitted using the online form on the event page of the Skate AB |NT|NU website (www.skateabnwtun.ca)

ICE FEST DETAILS AND INFORMATION

1. **PRACTICE ICE:** Unofficial practice ice may be purchased for \$50 per block. More information will be available on the Event website after the closing of registrations. There are no refunds for practice ice fees.
2. **EVENT SCHEDULE/ARENA MAPS/DRESSING ROOM SCHEDULES:** All information will be posted on the Skate AB|NT|NU website (www.skateabnwtun.ca).
3. **ON-SITE REGISTRATION:** All teams and coaches are required to register upon arrival at the event. Teams must register at least one hour prior to the start of their scheduled category or practice.
4. **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 are 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 good standing status prior to receiving accreditation.

AB/NT/NU Coach Tag: All coaches attending a competition in the Skate AB | NT | NU Section are required to purchase an accreditation tag holder and lanyard. This accreditation tag will be valid for all future seasons. The tag holder can be purchased on the Section website and must be purchased prior to attending a competition.
5. **TEAM MANAGERS AND CHAPERONES ACCREDITATION:** All team managers and chaperones must be current Skate Canada registrants. Two coaches, one team manager, and two chaperones (five people per team) may be accredited. The names and Skate Canada numbers for these accreditations must be included on the online registration form. One or two coaches and one alternate (skater) may stand at the entrance to the ice. A second coach (if not at the skater on gate), team manager, and other alternates may stand in the exit area (Kiss & Cry). The chaperones will be allowed in the dressing rooms only and will not have access to ice level during practice or competition (including Kiss & Cry).
6. **START ORDERS/RESULTS/SKATE DETAILS:** All information will be posted on the Skate AB/NT/NU website. Second skate start orders/results/skate details will also be provided on the website; Star 3 & 4 skate details will be provided on-site at the registration desk only.
7. **CANCELLATION OF CATEGORIES:** The host club reserves the right to cancel categories in coordination with the Technical Representative.
8. **MARKING SYSTEM:** Star 3 & 4 synchronized skating categories will be marked as per the Skate Canada Star 1-4 and Special Olympics Event Standards for Assessment Guide – October 2025. All other synchronized skating categories will be judged using the CPC marking system.
9. **DRAWS:** As per Skate Canada Competitions rule 3.2, the reverse order will be used for subsequent starting order draws (where applicable).
10. **MEDAL PRESENTATIONS:** Medals/ Ribbons will be presented at the end of the competition. Teams will be provided additional information in the welcome package provided at registration.
11. **PROTEST POLICY:** Skate Canada Protest Policy for competitions using CPC will be followed. If 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 day. If the Event Referee is unavailable, the protest may be made to the Technical Representative. **Protests are to be submitted through the online form provided on the Skate AB|NT|NU website.**

12. **CLARIFICATIONS:** Clarifications regarding a team's report card must be submitted using the online form provided on the Ice Fest event page of the Skate AB|NT|NU website.
13. **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.
14. **PICTURES & VIDEOS:** Persons wishing to take photographs of on-ice performances are reminded that use of flash cameras is not permitted. You may only take pictures or videos of your own skater/team.
15. **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.