"CANDY CANE CLASSIC"

HOSTED BY

GROVEDALE FIGURE SKATING CLUB

CanSkate FUN MEET

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STAR 1 – 3 EVENT

Saturday Dec. 12, 2026
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday Dec. 13, 2026
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Grovedale Arena
Grovedale, AB

SANCTION # 4530

HOST CLUB & EVENT INFORMATION

Event Name: CANDY CANE CLASSIC

Event Date: December 12, 2026 (8:00 AM – 2:00 PM)
December 13, 2026 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM - noon)

Host Club Name: Grovedale Figure Skating Club

Competition Contacts: Chair: Kayla Court
Coach Contact Brenda Lindquist
Email – GFSCfunmeet@hotmail.com

Arena Details: Grovedale Arena, Grovedale, AB

Ice Surface Dimensions: 109 feet x 74.2 feet

(directions from 68th Ave and Hwy 40 in Grande Prairie)
Follow Hwy 40 for 8.4 km South, Exit right across the Wapiti River Bridge
Turn left onto AB 666 W, past O'Brien Park
Go up the hill to Grovedale, Turn left on Township Rd 700
Past Penson School, Turn left into the Arena Parking Lot

Categories Offered:

CanSkate	**StarSkate**
PreCanSkate Elements	STAR 1 Element Assessment
CanSkate Elements Stages 1-6	STAR 2-3 Team Elements
CanSkate Stage 1-6 Team Elements	STAR 2 FreeSkate Program
	STAR 3 FreeSkate Program
	Creative Improv 1*

***Flight 2 is for skaters with a minimum of one STAR 3 test passed**

More information can be found in the:
https://program.skatecanada.ca/product/2026-2027-star-program-requirements-guide-english/
Marking System: as per the STAR 1-4 and Special Olympic Event Standards for Assessment Guide

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Host Club reserves the right to cancel events or limit entry numbers based on time restraints and ice availability.

2. **Registrants:** Participants in the events shall be eligible persons as defined by Skate Canada and be a member in good standing of a Skate Canada affiliated club.

3. **Registration Fees:**
   Pre CanSkate and CanSkate: $75.00 / Team $10.00 per skater
   STAR 1-3 COMPETITION: First Event $80.00 / Additional Event $35.00 / Team $10.00 per skater

4. **How to Register**
   - Registration opens Monday October 19, 2026 at 12:00 noon MTN
   - Navigate to https://grovedalefsc.uplifterinc.com
   - Click on the registration tab
   - If you do not already have an account, create an Uplifter account using the Parent Name for the account and add your skater(s) name as participants
   - In the category drop-down menu choose season and choose competition December 2026
   - All payments must be made online using a credit card at the time of registration
   - Team Registration: One person is to register for the team and will need the names of each participating skater

   - LINK TO REGISTER: https://grovedalefsc.uplifterinc.com

5. **Closing date of Entries:** Monday November 16, 2026
   - All entries must be received no later than November 16, 2026 at 11:59 pm MTN
   - Registration numbers are capped and may close prior to the November 16 registration deadline if the event fills to capacity
   - Skaters may be accepted off the waitlist if space allows

6. **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 admistration fee applied to all withdrawals. After the closing date of entries (November 16, 2026) there will be no refunds given for any reason, including medical pulls.

7. **All Music Submissions**
   - Deadline for music submission is November 30, 2026
   - Email music to GFSCfunmeet@hotmail.com
   - Must be sent in an MP3 Format

- Saved as the skater's first and last names (i.e., John Smith) and Event (i.e., STAR 2 Program)
- In the subject line of the email, include the skaters name and event
- Each skater is required to carry a USB memory stick with their music on it and have it at rink side for back up.

8. **On-Site Registration**
   Skaters must register a minimum of one hour prior to the start of their scheduled event with the exception of the first event flight who must register 30 minutes prior to the event.

9. **Marking System**
   CanSkate ELEMENT EVENT categories will be assessed in accordance with the CanSkate Event Technical Package.
   Link for circuits: https://program.skatecanada.ca/product/canskate-event-resource/
   Refer to pdf CanSkate Challenge Event Requirements and Circuits
   Coaches and / or Program Assistants are encouraged to lead their skaters through the circuits

10. **Awards / Presentations**
    These will be held every hour, with the first presentation at 10:00. All skaters are requested to attend the awards ceremony and to wear skating attire and hard skate guards.

11. **Event Specifications**
    CanSkate categories will combine boys and girls by stage and age.

    In normal circumstances, STAR 1-3 categories offered at competitions will be held for men and women separately. The decision to combine categories is at the discretion of the Competition Chair with the input of the host committee. Categories may be combined, due to low entries for either age categories or combined male/female events.

12. **Warm Up Times**
    Skate Canada has standardised warm up times for all events.

13. **Helmets:** Helmets are required until skaters have passed CanSkate Stage 5. No exceptions will be permitted.

14. **Coach Accreditation:** All coaches must be minimally NCCP Regional in-training and coaches must register at the registration desk. Coaches must be in "good standing" with Skate Canada.

15. **Competition Schedule:** The schedule will be emailed to club representatives; anticipated date is December 5, 2026. Please distribute to coaches and club skaters.

16. **Spectators:** Spectators are permitted and there are no restrictions. In the event of any restrictions being implemented by the facility, those would be adhered to. Please watch the

events from the stands; the players boxes are for judges. Dressing rooms are for skaters and coaches, only.

17. **Accidents**
The Association and Committee of the Host Club undertake 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 release any and all claims they may have against the Officials, the Association, the Host Club and their officers. Entries shall be only in accordance with these conditions.

18. **Food / Meals / ATM**
The arena concession will be open during the event, offering a selection of classic rink favorites and warm, delicious refreshments. The nearest restaurant is at the ski hill; 5 minutes from the rink. The arena does not have ATM and the arena does not have a debit machine.

19. **Pictures & Video**
Persons wishing to take photographs of on ice performances are reminded that the use of flash cameras is NOT permitted. The use of video cameras must be restricted to areas that do not hamper the skater or officials. **NOTE: You may ONLY take photos or videos of your own skater.**

CanSkate Event Categories – Technical Information

Skills are integrated and skaters should be registered in the stage they are currently working on.

CanSkate Element Events **coaches are encouraged to be on the ice with their skaters**
After each flight of CanSkaters have completed their elements on the circuits, all skaters in the flight will perform a 30 second Creative Improv. Skaters will have a 30 second practice prior to the performance.

PreCanSkate – has not completed PreCan ribbon

- Fall down/Stand up
- Move forward
- 2 ft jump
- Move backward

Stage 1 – has not passed Stage 1

- Forward push / glide sequence
- Forward two-foot jump
- Backward two-foot skating / walking

Stage 2 – has not passed Stage 2

- Forward two-foot sculling
- Forward two-foot turn
- Backward two-foot to one-foot glide

Stage 3 – has not passed Stage 3

- Backward two-foot sculling
- Forward circle thrusts (performed both directions on the circle)
- Backward two-foot jump

Stage 4 – has not passed Stage 4

- Forward one-foot turn (performed on each foot)
- Forward crosscuts (performed both directions on the circle)
- Backward circle thrusts or pumps (performed both directions on the circle)
- Two-foot jump forward to backwards and backwards to forwards

Stage 5 – has not passed Stage 5

- Forward Inside Edges
- Forward two-foot side stop (performed in both directions)
- Backward push/glide sequence
- Forward power jump

Stage 6 – may have recently completed Stage 6

- Forward outside edges
- Forward one-foot side stop (performed on each foot)
- Forward to backward C-Step
- Backward perimeter skating with crosscuts

CanSkate Team Element Events

Teams will consist of 2-4 skaters. Skaters may skate up a stage. All teams warm up together; at the end of warm up, teams will stand at the boards with their coach or Program Assistant. Skaters will alternate through elements as they are called. Depending on time/scheduling team bows may or may not be skated.

Stage 1 – has not passed Stage 1 (including PreCanSkate)

- Snow slide steps (minimum six in each direction)
- Forward push / glide sequence
- Forward two-foot jump
- Backward two-foot skating / walking

Stage 2 – has not passed Stage 2

- Forward two-foot sculling
- Forward snow plow stop
- Forward two-foot turn
- Backward two-foot to one-foot glide

Stage 3 /4 – has not passed Stage 4

- Backward two-foot sculling - minimum 6 sculls
- Forward circle thrusts - CW & CCW
- Forward one-foot turn - Right & left foot
- Two-foot jump forward to backwards and backwards to forwards

Stage 5 /6 – may have recently completed Stage 6

- Forward two-foot side stop - each direction
- Forward power jump - Right & left foot
- Forward outside edges - Right & left foot –
- Forward one-foot side stop - Right & left foot

StarSkate Event Categories – Technical Information

Each skater will perform each element in isolation. Skaters will take turns within their group

Elements

STAR 1 Elements **coaches are encouraged to be on the ice with their skaters**

- Circle stroking exercise: stroking (crosscuts) in the same direction on a circle (one round forward, one round backward), draw for direction
- Waltz jump
- Salchow
- Toe loop
- Forward upright spin
- Backward upright spin
- Forward spiral circles: two spirals, one on each foot executed on a circle in the same direction; skater chooses direction
- Creative expression routine (30 seconds – music provided by the host club); this is assessed as "complete" or "incomplete" only

STAR 2 & 3 Program Criteria

All categories must follow the SKATE CANADA 2026-2027 well balanced program criteria as posted on the Skate Canada website: https://info.skatecanada.ca
All programs will be assessed to standard.

Creative Improv

- There is no coaching permitted for these events. Creative Improv challenges the skater's ability to quickly interpret a piece of music and entertain the audience.
- All skaters must have completed a STAR 1 assessment in any discipline prior to registration

- A different music selection will be used for each flight so no skater has the advantage or disadvantage of skating to music already used in the competition
- All the skaters in a given flight for an event are presented with a pre-selected piece of music prior to warm up. All skaters in the flight for that event will perform to the same musical selection.
- Skaters will listen to the music twice off the ice in a designated area and once on ice during the warm-up period.
- Skaters are kept in a sound proof dressing room until it is their turn to perform.
- Simple skating attire is required.
- All single jumps are permitted. Jumps of any higher rotation will be subject to an illegal element violation if included.

Creative Improv 1 (flight 2) For skaters who have completed any STAR 3 assessment or higher

Team Elements

Each team will consist of two to four members. One skater cannot perform more than 2 elements. Teams are encouraged to dress in the "holiday / candy cane" theme and to practice a simple team bow. The bow and attire is not assessed and is for FUN.

	Element 1	**Element 2**	**Element 3**	**Element 4**
STAR 2	Single Loop Jump	Waltz/Single Toe loop combination	Backward Upright Spin	Forward Spiral Sequence
STAR 3	Single Flip Jump	Single Loop/Single Loop Combination	Combination Spin	Forward Spiral Sequence