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2027 Skate Manitoba Pre-Novice/Novice Sectionals Championships + Gordon Linney Open

Dates:	December 4-6, 2026
Location:	Morden, MB
Hosted by:	Skate Manitoba and Morden Skating Club
Sanctioned by:	Skate Canada

The 2027 Skate Manitoba Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships + Gordon Linney Open welcomes skaters to compete in this event. Sectionals provides the opportunity for Pre-Novice and Novice skaters to seek qualification to the 2026-2027 Skate Canada Trophy.

Each Sectionals event is the property of Skate Canada. The planning and execution of each Sectional Championship is delegated to the Section and/or its host committee with support from Skate Canada nationally, and the event is under the technical supervision of a technical representative assigned by the Section.

The 2027 Skate Manitoba Pre-Novice/Novice Sectionals + Gordon Linney Open will be conducted in accordance with the [Skate Canada Rule Book](#). Discipline specific pre-event technical packages, ISU Communications and clarifications should also be referred to in preparation for the upcoming season.

The Skate Manitoba Gordon Linney Open is an open event that welcomes skaters to Morden, Manitoba to compete in a fun filled weekend for participants in STAR 2+ events as well as Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile & Adult. This event runs concurrently with the 2027 Skate Manitoba Pre-Novice/Novice Sectional Championships. The events will be conducted in accordance with the [Skate Canada Rule Book](#). Discipline specific pre-event technical packages, ISU Communications and clarifications should also be referred to in preparation for the event.

All events are open to skaters from all Sections. Please note skaters registered for Pre-Novice/Novice Singles, who are not from Manitoba, will have a separate ceremony for the event.

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Contact Information:

Location	Access Event Center 111-D Gilmour St, Morden, MB R6M 1N9 Rink Size: 85' X 200'
Local Organizing Committee Chair	Curtis Hiebert curtismarcelhiebert@gmail.com
Event Questions (registration, coach accreditation, announcement, etc...)	Skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca
Accommodations	Morden, MB There are many hotels to choose from such as: • Best Western Plus Morden • Super 8 • Days Inn
Technical Representative	Kim Smith (Lead) & Shelley Meakin Please do not contact regarding registration inquiries.

Eligibility to Participate

For all Skate Canada rules pertaining to eligibility to participate, please see the Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 2; Eligibility to Participate](#).

Qualifications for Entry

Age Requirements; Please see the Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 5; Age Requirements for Qualifying Competition Categories](#).

Assessment Requirements; Please see the Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 6; Assessment Requirements for Qualifying Competition Categories](#).

Competing in Singles at Sectionals; A Skater may compete in Singles events only in the Championships of the Section in which their home club/school is a member.

Competing in Pairs or Dance at Sectionals; All Pre-Novice through Senior Pairs and Dance teams must register and compete at the Skate Saskatchewan Sectional Championships to be eligible for Challenge.

Please see the [Competition Program Requirements](#) for the current technical requirements information.

Entry Information

Registration must be submitted online at [Skate Manitoba Uplifter Registration platform](#). Registrations will be accepted until ***Tuesday October 27th, 2026 at 11:45 pm. (CST).***

For technical difficulties with registration on Uplifter, please contact Skate Manitoba via email at skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca. When emailing, please include a clear screen shot of the error or difficulty. Email communication is preferred.

Skaters are strongly encouraged to register well ahead of the deadline so if assistance is required, there will be time to resolve the issue prior to the close of registration.

No registrations will be accepted after 11:45 pm. (CST) on Tuesday October 27th, 2026.

NOTE: The deadline to submit your Planned Program Content Sheet and Music will be 10 days prior to the competition via uplifter. Any submissions received after the day 10 cut-off will be subject to a \$85.00 fine payable before you will be allowed to compete. No updates or submissions will be accepted at or after 7 days before the competition begins. Planned Program and Music will NOT be accepted on site. There will be no changes to field of play rules during the event (i.e. the need to use a USB rink side due to technical difficulties).

NOTE: There will be ONE PPC form per freeski program entry. Please ensure that you complete otherwise you will not be able to finalize your registration.

Refund Policy

Refunds will be given up to and including the registration deadline however, they will be subject to a \$50 administrative and online processing fees. No Refunds will be given after the closing date of entries of the competition. NO medical refunds at any time after the close of entries (registration deadline).

Skate Canada Trophy

For information pertaining to Sectionals and Skate Canada Trophy such as Entries, Selection of Entries, Quotas, etc... please see the Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 8; Sectionals Championships](#). Please see Skate Manitoba's Standing Rules B.116 Athletes Coaches Officials; Challenge Qualifying Policy for additional information pertaining to athlete selection.

If there are fewer entries than the normal quota allotted to each section in any Sectional competition, the section may elect to cancel the competition and may approve the entry of the relevant competitors to the Skate Canada Trophy competition of the same category (if applicable).

Events to be Held

Sectionals Singles	Pre-Novice or Novice (Short & Free)	\$281.50/entry
Gordon Linney Open Singles	STAR 5 to Gold Free Skate	\$143.25/entry
	Juvenile	
	Pre-Juvenile	
	Adult Intro to Masters Elite Free skate	
	Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile Dance	\$143.25/entry/team
	STAR 2-4 Free Skate	
	Artistic STAR 5 to Gold	
	Adult Artistic Gold & Masters	\$101.75/entry
	Showcase (Individual) 1 to 4	
	Showcase (Group) 1 to 4	
	Elements (individual) STAR 2 to 6	\$80.00/entry
	Special Olympics Level 1 to 6 (must be registered with Special Olympics Manitoba in order to compete in this category)	
	**Additional single events are \$60.25 per event (after purchase of first event).	

- All events are subject to the availability of officials and can be moved to virtual/remote.
- An Officials Development fee of \$3.00 (per program) and a Technology fee of \$5.00 has been included in the registration fee.
- Skaters wishing to participate in supplemental Gordon Linney Open events may do so. It is \$60.25 per additional event.
- GST will be added to the registration
- Planned program and music must be uploaded at the time of registration

Onsite Registration

Registration for skaters, officials and coaches will commence prior to the first practice. Skaters must register no later than one hour prior to the beginning of their event. Registration will take place at the main entrance of the Access Event Center.

Planned Program Content Forms **must be submitted** at the time of on-line registration only. Planned Program Content Forms will not be accepted at the competition.

Music will NOT be submitted at the registration desk. Please see the 'Music' section below for more information about back up music.

On Site Registration & Practice Ice

Practice rotations will be available at registration and will be sent out in advance. Practice ice is only available to Pre-Novice and Novice Sectionals Competitors.

REGISTRATION: Unless otherwise listed in the event announcement competitors must register for the competition before their official practice session immediately prior to the first portion of their event.

Skate Canada Coach Information

A maximum of two coaches per entry will be accredited. A maximum of two people will be allowed at ice level – determined by the skater/team.

It is the responsibility of the coach(es) to ensure that they meet the requirements to be able to attend a competition with their athlete. [Please click here](#) for important information surrounding certification requirements, requesting special permission, and accreditation at the event.

If you have received special permission for your certification level in a previous season to attend a qualifying event, you will not be granted permission again.

Assessments

Assessment opportunities will be available at this competition. If you would like to have an assessment performed, please submit the Wufoo form found [HERE](#). All assessment applications must be completed by **November 20, 2026, at 11:45 p.m.**

On the day of the competition, an assessor will be assigned to your assessment. Please ensure your filled out assessment sheet is submitted to the registration desk at least **one hour prior** to the event. If the assessment sheet is not submitted on time or is not fully filled out, the assessment will not be completed.

Once the assessment is complete, the form will be returned to the registration desk for pickup. It is your responsibility to collect the assessment sheet and provide it to your Club/School to enter the result into Skate Canada's website and remit payment of \$15.00 per assessment, regardless of whether it was pass or retry. We will be verifying that assessments completed at competitions have been remitted to Skate Canada by your club/school within 30 days. Failure to remit assessments to Skate Canada will result in the skater not being eligible to participate in additional assessment opportunities until the result has been uploaded to Skate Canada and fee paid. Skate Canada Clubs & Schools cannot submit assessments until the assessment fee has been received, please pay your club/school in advance or at the time of providing them with the result.

Judging System

The Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) Judging System will be used for all events. For more information about CPC please see Skate Canada Rule Book, [Scoring of Skate Canada Competitions](#).

Draws

The starting order of the competitors for each Event will be randomly drawn by the Data Specialist in cooperation with the Technical Representative. The draw may be done manually or by computer. See Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 3; Conduct of an Event](#).

Draw for Subsequent Starting Orders for the Event

Competitors will be assigned to skate the second Segment in reverse order of the results from the first Segment.

Music

All music used must be legally obtained and covered by the collective societies who manage music performance rights, reprography, and mechanical reproduction rights in Canada. Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, that has been significantly mixed or altered from the original recording, are also responsible for obtaining the appropriate licenses to create a derivative work for the compositions and sound recordings selected.

Music Requirements:

Music must be received at time of registration in MP3 format by the registration deadline. There will be an upload section on the online PPC form you will complete.

The music downloaded must include the skater's full name and the event in which they are registered to skate. Example: M Mouse_Senior_Free ProgramXmXXss

Skaters must have a USB Flash Drive with their music, and keep it on their persons, or with their board side accredited coach. In the event that the backup music is required by the Audio Technician, the skater or coach will deliver the music to the Audio Technician.

No alternate electronic items such as iPhone, tablets, MP3 players etc. will be accepted. CD's will not be accepted.

Awards

Medals will be presented to the top three finishers of each event. In the case of only two entries, each entry shall be awarded a medal. In the case of a Single Event entry the participant will be awarded a Participation medal. Provincial Championship medals will be awarded to the top finisher of the Pre-Novice and Novice Events. The presentation schedule will be available at registration.

Accidents/Liability

Skate Manitoba Section, Skate Canada and the volunteer team undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in these Championships, 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 and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, the association, the Section, the Skate Canada, the volunteer team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

Medical Services & Injury Reporting

Medical Services available to skaters will be located in a designated area on-site. Ice level first aid personnel will be available for the duration of practice and competition.

Camera Policy

For full policy, please see our [Standing Rules](#), A.117 Governance, Camera Policy

For the safety of our athletes, please note that flash photography is not permitted.

Any electronic devices with audio and/or video recording capabilities are prohibited from being used while in dressing/changing rooms.

Any resale of photography or videos is strictly prohibited. Skate Manitoba may have approved vendors at select competitions.

Starting Order & Results

All Starting Orders and Results will only be posted online. Paper copies will not be posted in the venue or provided to competitors.

Ticket Information

Adults (18+): \$5.00/day or \$10 for weekend

Youth (7- 17 yrs. old): \$ 3.00/day or \$5 for weekend

Children (6 and under): Free