

**Media Release**

**Twelve of Manitoba’s top skaters descend on Edmonton AB to compete in the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge**

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Skate Canada Manitoba is sending 12 skaters to Edmonton, Alberta to compete in the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge Competition, the skaters will be competing starting Wednesday Dec 2 – Sunday Dec 6th in Pre-Novice Women, Novice Women, Junior Women and Senior Women.

Approximately 500 skaters from across Canada will be competing in 16 categories; at the end of the weekend Skate Canada will crown the Pre-Novice Canadian Champion in each of the 4 disciplines (singles {women & men}, ice dance and pairs). Skaters in Novice, Junior and Senior will be vying for a berth to the 2016 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships Jan 22-24th in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

MB Junior Women

The competition schedule, start orders and live streaming information is available at Skate Canada’s website [www.skatecanada.ca](http://www.skatecanada.ca)

**2016 Skate Canada Manitoba - Challenge Team**

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| **Category** | **Name** | **Club** | **Coach** |
| ***Pre-Novice Women*** | Andrea Laskovic | Skate Winnipeg | Roni Swischuk |
|  | Emma King | Skating Winnipeg | Margo Russell |
|  | Julia Patenaude | Holland Figure Skating Club | Tammy McKay |
|  | Chanel Cabak | Portage Skating Club | Margo Russell |
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| ***Novice Women*** | Casey Bertholet | Hartney Figure Skating Club | Tammy McKay |
|  | Dominique Bergeron | Portage Skating Club | Anna-Bell Langois-Hay & Cody Hay |
|  | Danae Russell | Skate Winnipeg | Margo Russell |
|  | Lindsey Hopkins | Selkirk Skating Club | Margo Russell |
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| ***Junior Women*** | Madison McCallum | Skate Brandon | Tammy McKay |
|  | Tori Thiessen | Skate Brandon | Tammy McKay |
|  | Kirsten Gutenberg | Skate Brandon | Tammy McKay |
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| ***Senior Women*** | Deidre Russell | Skating Winnipeg | Margo Russell |
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| ***Team Leaders*** | Marj Beddall |  |  |
|  | Mary Ellen McDonald |  |  |

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