



# MEDIA RELEASE

## Top Manitoba Figure Skaters Head to the 2017 Skate Canada Challenge Competition in Pierrefonds (Montreal), Quebec

November 7, 2016 - WINNIPEG, MB –This past weekend, Manitoba’s newest figure skating team was identified at the 2017 Skate Canada Manitoba Sectional Championship, held at the Access Event Centre, in Morden, MB. Manitoba’s top skaters competed for a spot to represent Manitoba at the 2017 Skate Canada Challenge Competition in Pierrefonds (Montreal), Quebec. In Pierrefonds, Manitoba’s skaters will compete against the rest of the country’s best skaters at the 2017 Skate Canada Challenge. The events will run from November 30<sup>th</sup> — December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The competition will feature Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior level skaters in Men’s, Women’s, Pairs and Ice Dance. Approximately 500 skaters from across the country will compete at this flagship event.

These top Manitoba skaters have qualified through the 2017 Skate Canada Sectional Manitoba Championships. This is the only opportunity for Novice, Junior and Senior skaters to qualify for the 2017 Canadian Tire Figure Skating Championships, in Ottawa, Ontario, from January 16-22, 2017.

The following skaters will represent Skate Canada Manitoba at in Pierrefonds:

### Senior Women

Deidre Russell – Skate Winnipeg

### Junior Women

Lindsey Hopkins – Selkirk Skating Club

### Novice Women

Casey Bertholet – Hartney Figure Skating Club

Andrea Laskovic – Skate Winnipeg

Danae Russell – Skate Winnipeg

### Pre-Novice Women

Julia Patenaude – Holland Figure Skating Club

Chanel Cabak – Portage Skating Club

Emma King – Skate Winnipeg

### Pre-Novice

Yohnatan Elizarov – Skate Winnipeg

Complete Event results in the above categories can be found on our website at [www.mbskates.ca](http://www.mbskates.ca)

Additionally, our younger skaters also competed with the following representing the Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile figure skating levels.

### Pre-Juvenile Under 11 Ladies

### Pre-Juvenile Under 13 Ladies

### Pre-Juvenile Under 11 Men

### Juvenile Under 14 Ladies

### Juvenile Under 12 Ladies

### Juvenile Under 12 Men

Complete competition results will be available at [www.mbskates.ca](http://www.mbskates.ca) on Monday, November 7th, 2016.

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For more information regarding the skaters and this event please go to [www.mbskates.ca](http://www.mbskates.ca) or contact Shauna Marling, Executive Director, Skate Canada Manitoba, (204) 925-5708 or [skate.exec@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:skate.exec@sportmanitoba.ca) (M-F 8:30 – 4:30 pm)