



# ANNOUNCEMENT



## 2019 PRAIRIE REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Dates: February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019  
Location: Tisdale, SK  
Hosted by: Skate Tisdale

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## EVENT PHILOSOPHY

The Regional Synchronized Skating Championships are part of the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championship qualifying system. These events are planned, managed and executed by Skate Canada Sections on a rotational basis, in conjunction with a local volunteer organizing team.

The purpose of this competition is to provide a developmental and competitive experience for synchronized skating teams which allows them the opportunity to qualify for the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships in Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior and Senior categories. The top team in each of the five qualifying categories in every Region may advance to the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships. Additional entries are allotted to regions based on their teams' placement at last year's National Championships and regional membership sizes.

In selecting host sites for these Championships, every attempt is made to move the event across each region in a regular cycle, to balance the costs faced by participants from year to year as much as possible, and to allow synchronized skating to be presented in various communities in each section.

In addition to experiencing the challenges and personal growth involved in competing at this level, one of the features of this competitive system is to allow skaters an opportunity to experience the cultural diversity of Canada through exploration of the area holding the championships.

The focus for skaters at this event is not only on qualifying for the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships, but on the whole experience: self-satisfaction in achieving competitive goals and meeting competitors from across the region, and experiencing the camaraderie of traveling as part of a team.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2019 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be conducted in accordance with Skate Canada rules and regulations for qualifying Synchronized Skating events. The host club for this event is Skate Tisdale of the Saskatchewan Section – Skate Canada.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### ARENA(S) TO BE USED

RECplex  
800 101<sup>st</sup> Street, Tisdale, SK  
306-873-2154  
Ice Surface: 85 ft x 200 ft

### ACCOMMODATION

Canalta Hotel – Tisdale 306-873-5077

Park Motel – Tisdale 306-873-2607  
(10 Rooms 2 x double; 2 room 2 X Queen; 8 Rooms 1 double)  
Booking is under Marlys Mooney

Canalta Hotel – Melfort 306-752-4242

Bluebird Hotel – Melfort 306-752-5961

Carrot River Inn - Carrott River– 306-768-2111

Northern Greens Resort & Conference Centre – Nipawin – 306-862-2686

Tobin Lake Motel – Nipawin – 306-862-4681

### REGISTRATION FEE

Registrations will be accepted for the 2019 Prairie Regional Synchronized Championship using online Uplifter. Registration can be found on the Skate Canada Saskatchewan website under competitions.

Registration deadline is ***Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 pm CST***. Only online registrations will be accepted. All entries must be received by this time as no late entries will be accepted for any reason.

## ENTRY FEES

### ***Beginner I, II & Elementary***

\$200/Team + \$25/Team Member (including alternates)

\* All entry fees include a ten (10) minute practice

### ***Pre-Juvenile – Adult III***

\$300/Team + \$25/Team Member (including alternates)

\* All entry fees include a ten (10) minute practice, except Intermediate and Open who will receive twelve (12) minute practice.

## PLANNED PROGRAM SHEETS

All teams must upload a Planned Program Content Sheet at the time of registration. Planned Program Sheets will not be accepted on-site. ***Pictures of Planned Program Sheets will NOT be accepted.***

## TEAM LISTS

Team Lists must be submitted during registration using the template provided on the registration form. ***No pictures of Team Lists will be accepted.***

## ON-SITE REGISTRATION

All teams, coaches and team managers must register on-site at the RECplex in Tisdale, SK. Registration will be held on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 one hour prior to the first practice time.

Only those skaters whose names appear on the team registration form as team members/alternates will be allowed to skate. Only those skaters whose names are listed on the team registration form for the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be allowed to skate in the 2019 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships ([Rules of Sport 12.2](#)). No substitution or addition shall be allowed. The number of allowable alternates on each team is four.

## ACCREDITATION FOR COACHES

### ACCREDITATION FOR COACHES AT THE 2019 SKATE CANADA PRAIRIE REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

In order to receive coaches' accreditation from the association at the 2019 Skate Canada Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships coaches must, all be registered Professional Coaches in good standing with Skate Canada throughout the even and must meet the following requirements as outlined in the Accreditation for Events Policy.

- Be NCCP National Coach Certified in any discipline for all categories
- Show proof of being registered as a Professional Coach in good standing.

New coaches or foreign coaches who do not meet the above criteria will be accredited only if they qualify in accordance with Skate Canada Policies and Procedures.

[Skate Canada Policies and Procedures](#) shall apply.

### **Coaches must meet the following criteria:**

1. Be NCCP National Coach Certified or higher in any discipline for Novice, Junior and Senior categories.
2. Be NCCP Provincial Coach Certified or higher in any discipline for Pre-Novice, Intermediate and Open categories.
3. Be NCCP Regional Coach Certified or higher for all other categories.
4. Show proof being registered as a Professional Coach in good standing.

### **Team Managers and Chaperones**

All team managers and chaperones must be current Skate Canada registrants.

Two coaches, one team manager and two chaperones for a total of five people per team will be accredited. The names and Skate Canada numbers for these accreditations MUST be included on the online registration form.

The primary coach and one alternate (skater) will stand at the entrance to the ice, and the 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 and competition (including Kiss & Cry).

### **COACH SIGN IN**

#### **Before the event:**

1. Skaters will list a primary and secondary coach on the competition registration form. Only coaches listed on the registration form will be considered for accreditation to the competition.
2. Immediately following the closing of registration, a complete list of primary and secondary coaches is to be sent to the Event Manager (Section Office).
3. The Event Manager (Section Office) will review the list of coaches, checking both their NCCP Certification, as well as the Coach in Good Standing Status. A color-coded accreditation tag will be created. Only coaches listed on the accreditation sheet will be permitted board access at the event.
4. If a coach requires special permission due to level of certification requests must be made directly to the Event Manager (Section Office) PRIOR to the registration deadline of the competition. Special Permissions are only granted on a per-competition basis, and may not be facilitated after the deadline.
5. A final list of approved coaches will be sent to the LOC no later than 1 week prior to the event.

#### **At the Event:**

1. Coach check in is required to receive their accreditation tag.
2. The Event Manager (Section Office) will provide a color-coded sign for each competition to be managed at the event by the Tech Rep. The sign should be visible at ice level for event officials, organizing committee, and ice captains to easily monitor. The color presented on the sign will represent the NCCP Certified Coaching level approved to be at the boards for the corresponding event. Coaches without the appropriate level of certification will NOT be permitted to be at the boards.
3. Last minute coaching changes may be accommodated for extenuating circumstances. These coaches MUST be Registered coaches in good standing with the appropriate NCCP Status. Last minute changes must be facilitated by the Event Manager (Section Office). No Exceptions.
4. Coaches who received special permission will be noted on the accreditation sheet provided. These coaches must sign in with their special permission letter/email issued by the Event Manager (Section Office). The letter will specify the competition approved, as well as the events.

## **MUSIC**

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights society.

Teams that have music composed especially for their programs, either wholly or in part shall be responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and/or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights society.

### **Music Requirements**

Each entry/team must provide two CDs for the competition upon registration. One for competition (marked "Master") and one for back up (marked "copy").

#### **Standard Specifications for CDs and Cassettes**

1. Only one (1) program shall be recorded on each CD.
2. The start of the music shall be recorded on the CD with less than 2 seconds of lead in.
3. Competitor's/team's name followed by music time (not skating time) shall be clearly printed on the CD.
4. Each CD shall be enclosed in a plastic case marked with the skater's/team's name, event and total music time

#### **Post-Event Segment or Event**

Music and skater detail sheets can be picked up from **the registration table**, approximately 30 minutes after the completion of each event. Any music not picked up will not be returned.

## **AWARDS**

Beginner I & Beginner II will be assessed to a Standard. All teams will receive a report card and ribbons.

Elementary is assessed to standard with ranking. Top 3 finalists receive medals. An individual report card is produced for each team in Elementary.

Pre-Juvenile – Adult III - CPC Report Cards will be given to all teams and medals will be presented to the top three finalists in each event with more than one entry.

**Note: Single Event Entries will be awarded with a Participation Medal.**

<b><i>Ribbons (Assessed to Standard)</i></b>	<b><i>Assessed to Standard with Ranking</i></b>	<b><i>Medals (Judged to Placement)</i></b>
Synchronized Skating Beginner I & Beginner II	<a href="#">Elementary</a> – top 3 teams receive medals	Synchronized Skating Pre-Juvenile - Open
		Synchronized Skating Adult I, II, III

## ***EVENT SCHEDULE***

Competition schedule will be posted on Skate Canada - Saskatchewan website and be emailed to Coaches no later than Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Event Start Orders will be posted to the "Competitions" page on the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan website no later than Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **All posted Start Orders are subject to change.**

Information for double entry skaters: Should a schedule conflict arise between a practice time and event time, it is up to the skater, coach and team manager to decide what takes priority. The host committee may not manipulate the official start orders or start times in order to accommodate competitors who are skating on more than one team.

## ***CEREMONIES***

Opening ceremonies will be held on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, following the final practice of the day. Following the opening ceremonies, banners may be displayed around the arena as long as they do not cover any advertising or promotional signs.

Further information regarding Opening Ceremonies will be provided in the Team Welcome Letter.

## ***ACCIDENTS/LIABILITY***

Skate Canada, Skate Canada – Saskatchewan and the Local Organizing Committee and its volunteers 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 managements of the competitions and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, the association, the Section, Skate Canada, the Local Organizing Committee and against the officers and their entries shall only be accepted on these conditions.

## ***MEDICAL SERVICES***

Medical Services available to skaters will be located at ice level, with a further medical room located in the off-ice area. Signage will be displayed on-site.

## ***CAMERA POLICY***

Flash photography is not permitted. Skate Canada Saskatchewan restricts the use of cameras and video equipment during Skate Canada sanctioned events out of respect for the safety and to protect the privacy of competing athletes.

Spectators are permitted to use cameras at the event for personal use only and are subject to the following conditions. Anyone who does not abide by these rules risks having their camera confiscated by authorized personnel.

- No flash photography is allowed
- Camera lens must not be larger than 200mm in order to avoid obstructing the view of other spectators
- Any resale of photography or posting photos on websites is strictly prohibited
- Video cameras can only be used by the parent(s) of their own skater during their performance



Coaches are only permitted to video tape their own team from the boards during that skater's practice or performance. Coaches cannot video tape from the spectator area.

***TICKET INFORMATION***

Adult	\$5/Daily Pass
Senior (60+)	\$3/Daily Pass
Student (6-17)	\$3/Daily Pass
Child (under 6)	Free

## EVENTS TO BE HELD

The following events must be included in the 2019 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships. There are no test requirements. The following categories are based on age and number of skaters. [2018/2019 Synchronized Skating Technical Requirements](#)

### 1. **NOVICE**

- a) 12-16 skaters, 3:00 minute programs +/- 10 seconds.
- b) Skaters must have reached the age of 10 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition but must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### 2. **INTERMEDIATE**

- a) 12-16 skaters, 3:30 minute programs +/- 10 seconds.
- b) Skaters must have reached the age of 13 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition but must not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### 3. **OPEN**

- a) 12-16 skaters, 4:00 minute programs +/- 10 seconds.
- b) Skaters must have reached the age of 15 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### 4. **JUNIOR**

- a) 16 skaters, maximum 2:50 min short program and 3:30 minutes free skating program +/- 10 sec.
- b) Skaters must have reached the age of 13 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition but must not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### 5. **SENIOR**

- a) 16 skaters, maximum music time 2:50 minutes short program and 4:00 minutes +/- 10 sec free skating program.
- b) Skaters must have reached at least the age of 15 as of the July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

## NON-QUALIFYING EVENTS

[2018/2019 Beginner I, II & Elementary Technical Requirements](#)

[2018/2019 Pre-Juvenile – Adult III Technical Requirements](#)

### 1. **BEGINNER I**

- a) 8 – 16 skaters
- b) At least 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 12 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition
- c) Maximum 2:10 minutes. Program time may be shorter and will receive no penalty.

### 2. **BEGINNER II**

- a) 8 – 16 skaters
- b) Skaters must not have reached the age of 12 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition AND at least 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 10 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.
- c) Maximum 2:40 minutes. Program time may be shorter and will receive no penalty.

### **3. ELEMENTARY**

- a) 8-16 skaters
- b) Skaters must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition
- c) Maximum 2:40 minutes. Program time may be shorter and will receive no penalty.

### **4. PRE-JUVENILE**

- a) 8 – 16 skaters, maximum music time 2:40 minutes (program times may be shorter and will receive no penalty)
- b) Skaters must not have reached the age of 12 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### **5. JUVENILE**

- a) 8 – 16 skaters, maximum music time 3:10 minutes (program times may be shorter and will receive no penalty).
- b) Skaters must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition and at least 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 13 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### **6. PRE-NOVICE**

- a) 8-16 skaters, maximum music time 3:10 minutes (program may be shorter and will receive no penalty).
- b) Skaters must have reached the age of 12 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition but must not have reached the age of 18 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### **7. ADULT SYS CLASS I**

- a) 8-20 skaters, maximum music time 3:10 minutes (program times may be shorter and will receive no penalty)
- b) Skaters must have reached the age of 18 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### **8. ADULT SYS CLASS II**

- a) 8 – 20 skaters, maximum music time 3:10 minutes (program times may be shorter and will receive no penalty).
- b) Skaters must have reached the age of 18 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition and at least 75% of the skaters must have reached the age of 25 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### **9. ADULT SYS CLASS III**

- a) 8–20 skaters, maximum music time 2:40 minutes (program times may be shorter and will receive no penalty).
- b) Skaters must have reached the age of 19 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition. At least 75% of the skaters must have reached the age of 35 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

## **FILLING MAXIMUM EVENT QUOTA AT REGIONALS (Event Management Handbook -Section 7000 E-1.1 (7))**

If the maximum quota in the Junior or Senior category at a Regional Synchronized Skating Championship is not filled due to insufficient entries, that event may be held, but will not be mandatory. (Should a team decide not to compete due to insufficient entries, they must still submit all required forms and entry fees by the registration deadline.)

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The 2019 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships is open to all teams from Saskatchewan and Manitoba sections registered with Skate Canada ([Rules of Sports 12.2](#)) and meet the requirements outlined in the description of events to be held. There is no qualification process to enter the event, however a qualifying round may be held if entry numbers warrant.

### **SINGLE ENTRY TEAMS (Novice, Intermediate and Open)**

Should a category only have one entry, the team will be given the option to not attend the Regional Championships and will qualify directly to the Synchronized Skating Championships. Single entries will be notified no later than one week following the entry submission deadline and will be given the option to skate an exhibition and be assessed/monitored by a full panel of officials. Detail sheets by official will be provided following the performance in this case. If two or more entries have registered, the event will take place regardless of qualifying entry quotas.

### **ALTERNATES**

There can be up to a maximum of 4 alternates for any team in all categories.

### **PROBLEMS DURING A PERFORMANCE**

The Technical Representative or his/her designate (ice level referee) may ask a team alternate to go on the ice during a performance to retrieve any objects that have dropped on to the ice (hair accessories, etc.) so that a performance does not have to be interrupted and so that there is no danger to the skaters. To this end, it is requested that each team, where possible, have an alternate dressed with skates on and skate guards off, available at the entrance area during the team's performance.

### **DRAWS**

A random draw will be used for the first portion of all events. The Chief Data Specialist will conduct the draws ([Rules of Sport 3.2](#)). The starting order for qualifying events for the first portion of the event will be available seven days prior to the start of the competition. The drawn starting orders (initial and subsequent) shall also apply for the official practice ice for all parts of the competition (if practice ice is available and being offered).

The draw for all subsequent events (including those events where the free program is skated twice) will be conducted at the RECPlax. Upon registration, teams will be notified of the location and times for all draws.

A coach and/or team manager shall be in attendance for all subsequent draws. In the event that a team is not represented, the Technical Representative will make the draw on behalf of the team. Draws for subsequent parts of the event will be posted immediately following the results of the previous part.

## STARTING ORDERS

### [\(Rules of Sport 3.2\)](#)

- 1) **STARTING ORDER FOR THE FIRST PART OF AN EVENT:** The skating order shall be determined by a random draw in each event.
- 2) **STARTING ORDER FOR SUBSEQUENT PART OF AN EVENT:** As soon as possible after the determination of the results of the preceding part, the Referee or Assistant Referee, in the presence of at least one team shall divide the teams for the purpose of the draw for the next succeeding part (in the order in which they finished in the previous part) into the smallest possible number of equal groups. If the number of teams is not equally divisible, the last group to skate (and as many preceding groups as necessary) must contain one more team than the first group. The lowest placed group must skate first, the next lowest second and so on.
- 3) **TIES (CPC Regulations, Section A – 105 - 2 Determination of results in each part of a competition):**  
If two or more teams have the same result, the Total Technical Score will break the tie in the short program and the Program Components Score will break the tie in a free skate program. If these results are also equal, the teams concerned will be considered as tied.

## CONDUCT OF EVENTS

### [Rules of Sport](#)

## RESULTS CALCULATION

The Cumulative Points Calculation System will be used.

## MARKING/ JUDGING SYSTEM

Beginner I, & II teams will only skate once on Saturday.

- An individual report card is produced for each team in Beginner I and Beginner II, each skater will receive ribbons

Elementary

- Medals are only awarded to the top three placements for the final results. An individual report card is produced for each team in Elementary.

Judging of Pre-Juvenile to Ault III free programs will be as follows:

- Each team will skate their free program twice, each time may be with a different panel of judges. Final results will be based on the combined results of both skates as per the following factors:
  - In the first portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5.
  - In the second portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 1.0.
- The draw for the second free program will be seeded, based on the results of the first program, in the same manner as an event with a short and free program component.
- The total mark for Program Components will be used to break a tie in both free programs.

## QUALIFICATIONS TO COMPETE AT 2019 SKATE CANADA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams will qualify to compete at the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships ([Rules of Sport 12.2](#)) as follows:

- 1) The final result in each Regional event shall determine the competitors eligible to enter the equivalent National qualifying competition.
- 2) **NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, OPEN, JUNIOR, AND SENIOR:** Teams that place 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior and Senior categories at Regional qualifying events may be selected to represent the Section in the respective National qualifying competition.
- 3) **ADDITIONAL ENTRIES BASED ON REGISTERED ASSOCIATE MEMBERS IN SECTION:** For every 15,000 registered associate members in the Region, an additional team may be entered into each category at the National qualifying event. The number of sustaining members shall be determined by the membership year September 1 to August 31 of the year preceding the National qualifying event.
- 4) Teams placing in the top five at the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships will earn their Region an additional entry (or entries) into the respective category at the National qualifying round the following year.

Should a team(s) not be able to attend the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships for any reason, the next best placed team(s) will have the opportunity to compete at the event.

The Skate Canada national office must receive all required registration information no later than 48 hours after the completion of the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships. The entry list for each Regional Championships will be submitted to Skate Canada by the **Regional** event organizing committee.

### PRACTICE ICE

Upon registration or attendance at an officially scheduled practice session, teams are not permitted to skate on any ice surface other than the official practice or competition ice as scheduled for the event.

Practice ice cost is included in the registration fee. Practice ice will begin Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. (time subject to change). A schedule will be posted on the Skate Canada Saskatchewan Website under competitions.

### ENTERING AND EXITING THE ICE SURFACE:

- a) Prior to the announcement, the Team to skate shall enter the competition ice surface for their warmup at the sign of the Assistant Referee at ice level. Following a warmup period of at least **one (1)** minute, the Team is announced.
- b) Each team must take their starting position and make a signal to the Referee, at the latest, thirty (30) seconds after their name has been announced, failing which the music will be played.
- c) A team must not take more than thirty (30) seconds for exiting from the ice surface.

Sections a), b) & c) apply to both the short program and the free skating segments.

## **SERVICES**

### **MEDICAL AND SECURITY SERVICES**

First Aid services will be available throughout the competition.

### **INFORMATION/LOST AND FOUND**

These services will be located at the Registration Desk in the Arena Lobby.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

TBA

### **VIDEOGRAPHER**

TBA

### **SKATE SHARPENING**

Not available.

***ANNOUNCEMENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE***