



ANNOUNCEMENT



2020 PRAIRIE REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: February 1st & 2nd, 2020
Location: Killarney, MB
Hosted by: Killarney Figure Skating Club

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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 2020 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 Killarney Skating Club of the Manitoba Section – Skate Canada.

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ARENA(S) TO BE USED

Don Paterson Memorial Arena (Shamrock Centre)
725 Broadway Ave, Killarney, MB
204-523-8920

Ice Surface: 85 ft x 200 ft

ACCOMMODATION

Wilderness Inn

220 Geates St.
Killarney, MB
204-523-4111

Erin Inn

534 Broadway Ave.
Killarney, MB
204-523-4651

Emerald Isle Motel

103 Water Ave
Killarney, MB
866-523-4215

REGISTRATION FEE

Registrations will be accepted for the 2020 Prairie Regional Synchronized Championship using online Uplifter. Registration can be found on the Skate Canada Manitoba website under competitions.

Early Bird Registration closes on Thursday December 19th, 2019 at 11:45 pm CST. All other registrations must be received with payment by Friday December 27th at 11:45 pm CST.

ENTRY FEES

Beginner I, II & Elementary

\$250/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 Shamrock Centre. Registration will be held on Saturday February 1st, 2020 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 2020 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships ([Rules of Sport 11.2](#)). 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 2020 SKATE CANADA PRAIRIE REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

In order to receive coaches' accreditation from the association at the 2020 Skate Canada Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships coaches must, all be registered Professional Coaches in good standing with Skate Canada throughout the event and must meet the following requirements as outlined in the Accreditation for Events Policy.

- Be NCCP National Coach Certified 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 Open, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior categories.
2. Be NCCP Provincial Coach Certified or higher in any discipline for Pre-Novice.
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 maximum 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

dressings 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 will be sent to the Section Office.
3. The Section Office (Technical Director) 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 Technical Director (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.

At the Event:

1. Coach check-in is required to receive their accreditation wristband.
2. The 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 Technical Director (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 Technical Director (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

All music is to be submitted electronically in MP3 format at time of registration.

At time of download, music must include the team's name and the category they are registered in.

At time of onsite registration, the team will submit their backup music in the form of a CD or on a memory stick. Your backup music must be labelled with your team name and category.

- Only one program is to be recorded on the CD. However, if using a memory stick, two programs can go on the stick however, they **MUST** be properly labeled.
- Start of music on your CD is to have less than two seconds of lead.
- Each CD should be enclosed in a plastic container, also clearly marked with team name and category.

NO ALTERNATE ELECTRONIC ITEMS SUCH AS IPHONE, TABLETS, MP3 PLAYERS ETC. WILL BE ACCEPTED

Post-Event Segment or Event

Music and team report cards can be picked up from ***the registration table***. Any music not picked up will not be returned.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Competition schedule will be posted on Skate Canada Manitoba website approximately two (2) weeks prior to the event. **All posted Start Orders are subject to change.**

All teams, including Beginner I & II and Elementary, will skate both days. Skate to Standard entries will not be score on their first skate.

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 1st, 2020, 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 – Manitoba 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 MB 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 – NEED TO CONFIRM

Adult	\$10.00/Daily Pass	or	\$18.00/Two Day Pass
Children (6-17)	\$3.00/Daily Pass		
Child (under 6)	Free		
Programs	\$4.00		

EVENTS TO BE HELD

The following events must be included in the 2020 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships. There are no test requirements. The following categories are based on age and number of skaters. [2019/2020 Synchronized Skating Technical Handbook Domestic Requirements](#)

- 1. NOVICE**
- 2. INTERMEDIATE**
- 3. OPEN**
- 4. JUNIOR**
- 5. SENIOR**

NON-QUALIFYING EVENTS

[2019/2020 Beginner I, II & Elementary Technical Requirements](#)

[2019/2020 Synchronized Skating Technical Handbook Domestic Requirements](#)

- 1. BEGINNER I**
- 2. BEGINNER II**
- 3. ELEMENTARY**
- 4. PRE-JUVENILE.**
- 5. JUVENILE**
- 6. PRE-NOVICE**
- 7. ADULT SYS CLASS I**
- 8. ADULT SYS CLASS II**
- 9. ADULT SYS CLASS III**

FILLING MAXIMUM EVENT QUOTA AT REGIONALS [\(Rules of Sport 11.0 \)](#)

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 2020 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships is open to all teams from Saskatchewan and Manitoba sections registered with Skate Canada [\(Rules of Sports 11.2\)](#) 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 **rink**. 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 3.3](#))

- 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 use the following method to determine starting order:

Sub-groups Within a Warm-up Group

The order of skating for the final two warm-up groups will be drawn in four sub-groups (two sub-groups per warm-up group). If the number of competitors is not equally divisible, the second sub-group to skate will contain one more competitor than the first sub-group. Competitors placing higher will be placed in the later of the two sub-groups within a warm-up group. Within each sub-group a random draw for start order will occur.

3) **TIES (Scoring of Skate Canada Competitions 2.6. 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 3.0](#)

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 Adult 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.

Please note that any category with single event entries will be awarded with Participation Medals.

QUALIFICATIONS TO COMPETE AT 2020 SKATE CANADA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams will qualify to compete at the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships ([Rules of Sport 11.2](#)) 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 1st 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

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 Manitoba 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

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.