

Four Manitoba Figure Skaters to compete at National Skating Championships



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For the first time in over a decade, Skate Canada Manitoba will be sending four skaters to the 2022 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in January, competing in 5 events. Each of the skaters qualified early this month in Regina at the 2022 Skate Canada Challenge event.

Representatives:

Yohnatan Elizarov (Skate Winnipeg) will be returning to the Canadian Championships for the 3rd time, this year in the Junior Men's event. Yohnatan will also be competing in the Novice Pairs event with his partner **Ava Kemp (Skate Winnipeg)**, Ava also competed in the Pre-Novice Women's event and placed 6th at the Skate Canada Challenge event. **David Howes (Skate Winnipeg)** and **Emmet Dewar (East St Paul Figure Skating Club)** will be representing Manitoba in the Novice Men's event.

Skate Canada Manitoba Chair, Diane Brine, stated that she was pleased with the results that all the Manitoba skaters achieved at this year's Skate Canada Challenge event, especially due to the many challenges that they had to navigate through due to COVID-19. Brine further stated, "that it has been many years since Manitoba has had 4 skaters earn a spot at the National Championships. The hard work and dedication of our coaches and athlete development committee has started to show positive results. We are thrilled for our skaters and know that they will continue to represent our province with pride."

The 2022 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships take place in Ottawa ON starting on January 6-13, 2022, at TD Place. During the National Championships Skate Canada will also be announcing the skaters who will represent Canada at the upcoming Olympic Games.

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