

2023 Canada Winter Games Selection Policy

“Organization” refers to: Skate Manitoba

SPORT: Figure Skating

EVENT: Canada Winter Games 2023

POLICY: Athlete Selection Policy

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to set out the process that will be used by the Organization to select athletes to represent the Organization at the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

SECTION 2 – OBJECTIVE

The objective of this selection policy is to select a maximum of 5 female and 5 male athletes who will participate in the 2023 Canada Winter Games. Athletes are selected in the following categories:

- Pre-Novice Women (Maximum of 2 athletes)
- Pre-Novice Men (Maximum of 2 athletes)
- Pre-Novice Pairs (Maximum of 2 teams)
- Pre-Novice Ice Dance (Maximum of 2 teams)

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection, the athletes must be:

- Pre-Novice Singles:
 - Males and females shall be under the age of 16 as of June 30, 2022 (Date of Birth: July 1, 2006 or later)
- Pre-Novice Pairs & Pre-Novice Ice Dance:
 - Males and females shall be under the age of 18 as of June 30, 2022 (Date of Birth: July 1, 2004 or later)
- Canadian Citizens or eligible for Canadian Citizenship and actively pursuing either Citizenship Certificates or Canadian Passports
- Members in good standing with the Organization

- Agree to adhere to the Organization's policies
- Competitors must compete in the same category that they registered in at qualifying competition during the 2022-23 competitive season.
- For full details on eligibility, please see [2023 Canada Games – Figure Skating Technical Package](#)

Once selected, the athletes will be expected to be training towards, and meet the physical standards expected by, the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

SECTION 4 – SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes were to declare their intention by completing a form, indicating that they wished to be considered for the selection process of 2023 Canada Winter Games. Restrictions on intention were that applicants must fit the eligibility criteria for their respective Pre-Novice discipline.

Selection will be based on the achievement of a Technical Element Score (TES) that meets the same criteria as Skate Canada's Challenge Minimum Score (CMS) and placement at the 2023 Pre-Novice Novice Sectional Championships.

The CMS is the benchmark Technical Element Score (TES) for the free program that must be met or exceeded to be considered for 2023 Canada Winter Games. This TES must be met between July 1st 2022 and December 11th 2022. The TES must be met at the same or lower level of competition, and in the same discipline as that to be competed in at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. Any STARSkate free program score may also be used to meet the established TES (CMS).

The TES (CMS) score will be as follows:

	Men	Women	Pairs	Ice Dance
Pre-Novice	19	22	10	10

Skaters who have achieved the TES (CMS) score in their Free program will be selected based on their placement at the 2023 Pre-Novice Novice Sectionals. In the event that only one person achieves the TES (CMS) score (regardless of overall placement), that skater/team will be selected and then the next position will be granted to the highest placement in that category.

Example 1 (multiple TES (CMS) achieved):

EXAMPLE PRE-NOVICE WOMEN OVERALL COMBINED
1st Place Skater A FS TES 19.43 (Total score 67)
2nd Place Skater B FS TES 23.05 (Total score 66.5)
3rd Place Skater C FS TES 20.18 (Total score 64)
4th Place Skater D FS TES 23.01 (Total score 62)

In this example, even though Skater A had the highest total score, Skater B would qualify for this event, and then Skater D would also be selected as they also achieved the TES (CMS) score.

Example 2 (Only one TES (CMS) achieved):

EXAMPLE PRE-NOVICE WOMEN OVERALL COMBINED
1st Place Skater A FS TES 19.43 (Total score 67)
2nd Place Skater B FS TES 21.89 (Total score 66.5)
3rd Place Skater C FS TES 23.05 (Total score 64)
4th Place Skater D FS TES 21.02 (Total score 62)

In this example, Skater C has achieved the TES (CMS) score and will be selected, followed by Skater A who achieved the highest placement over all, since no other skater achieved a TES (CMS) Score.

Example 3 (multiple TES (CMS) achieved between July 1st and December 11th):

EXAMPLE PRE-NOVICE WOMEN OVERALL COMBINED	
	TES (CMS) Achieved date:
1st Place Skater A FS TES 19.43 (Total score 67)	October 12, 2022
2nd Place Skater B FS TES 21.50 (Total score 66.5)	
3rd Place Skater C FS TES 21.05 (Total score 64)	
4th Place Skater D FS TES 21.89 (Total score 62)	September 22, 2022

In this example, Skater A would be selected as the highest placement with a TES (CMS) score, and then Skater D would be selected as the next highest placement who has achieved a TES (CMS) since July 1st 2022.

In the event that no skater in an event achieves the TES (CMS) score, then the two highest overall placements will be selected.

For Example (No TES (CMS) Score):

EXAMPLE PRE-NOVICE WOMEN OVERALL COMBINED	
1st Place Skater A	FS TES 19.43 (Total score 67)
2nd Place Skater B	FS TES 21.50 (Total score 66.5)
3rd Place Skater C	FS TES 21.05 (Total score 64)
4 th Place Skater D	FS TES 21.89 (Total score 62)

In this example, Skater A and Skater B would be selected.

Alternates

In the event that a selected athlete is unable to continue due to injury/dismissal/other, an alternate will be selected based on the above selection criteria. An alternate will be named at the time of selection and will be invited to attend any team activities/meeting/etc... leading up to the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

Unforeseen Circumstances

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process to be implemented as outlined above in this document, the Organization reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines and has decided that in the event that the 2023 Pre-Novice Novice Sectionals Championships, which are to be held December 10th and 11th 2022 in Portage la Prairie are unable to occur due to exceptional circumstances, the following will occur:

All applicants will be required to submit a verified** competition skate of both their short program and free program prior to the date of January 6, 2023. These verified videos will then be judged via a remote competition, and those scores and/or placements will be utilized, as indicated in this selection policy above, to determine the team selection.

*** A verified video is one where a designate, of the sections choosing (such as an official), will be present for the skaters regulation warm ups and programs, and will verify on the video that the warm up and skate was conducted in accordance with Skate Canada competition rules.*

SECTION 5 – AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

The Organization shall appoint member(s) to be responsible for managing the selection of athletes to the 2023 Canada Winter Games. The member(s) shall be known as a Selection Committee and are responsible for reviewing the event report cards, and making a selection based on the selection criteria above.

The Selection Committee must be free from actual and perceived conflict of interest and, where conflict of interest may exist, Committee members must identify the conflict and excuse themselves selection decisions where there is a conflict. Parents of athletes, or other individuals deemed by the Organization to have special interest in the selection process, are not permitted to be members of the Selection Committee.

Using the criteria outlined in Section 4, the Selection Committee will select **a maximum of 5 females and 5 male athletes** who will attend the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

SECTION 6 – DISMISSAL

An athlete may be dismissed if the athlete:

- Fails to remain a member in good standing with the Organization
- Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of the Organization; please see Skate Manitoba's Standing Rules, page 56, "Athlete Code of Conduct"; <https://mbskates.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Standing-Rules-May-2021-FINAL.pdf>
- Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons as determined by the Organization's medical staff

Athletes will be expected to participate in at least one (1) CWG Team activity such as (but not limited to) Staging Camps or meetings.

When necessary and appropriate, an athlete may be replaced by an alternate athlete (provided the alternate athlete is still eligible).

SECTION 7 – APPEALS

Appeals of selection decisions will be heard and decided in accordance with the Organization's *Appeal Policy*. Our policy can be located at the following link, and found on page 23; <https://mbskates.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Standing-Rules-May-2021-FINAL.pdf>

SECTION 8 – INJURED and REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

The coaches and/or the Selection Committee may apply to the Organization's Board to remove any athlete from any stage of the athlete selection process. Reasons for removal can include: becoming no longer eligible for participation (under Section 3), injury, illness, or misconduct. Reasons for removal will be communicated by written letter to the athlete from the Organization.

The Selection Committee shall designate alternate athletes in each category. Alternate athletes may be selected if one or more of the originally selected athletes are dismissed prior to the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

If the alternates have not kept up their training or are unavailable or uninterested, the Selection Committee may approach other athletes who attended the 2023 Skate Manitoba Pre-Novice Novice Sectional Championships to be named as alternates. Alternate athletes may be included in any training or competitions taking place prior to the 2023 Canada Winter Games so that they are prepared if called upon.

Skate Manitoba Board of Directors Approval Date:	<u>Sunday November 20, 2022</u> <u>Executive Committee</u>
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