



# Skate Manitoba

## 2024 Skate Manitoba Winter Blast Competition

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<b>Dates:</b>	<b>February 2 through 4, 2024</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Access Event Centre, Morden, MB</b>
<b>Hosted by:</b>	<b>Skate Manitoba and Morden Figure Skating Club</b>
<b>Sanctioned by:</b>	<b>Skate Canada</b>

The Skate Manitoba Winter Blast Competition is an open event that welcomes skaters to Morden, Manitoba to compete in a fun filled weekend for participants of all disciplines from STAR 1 through Gold, well as Special Olympics & Adult.

The 2024 Skate Manitoba Winter Blast Competition will be conducted in accordance with the [Skate Canada Rule Book](#). Discipline specific pre-event technical packages, ISU Communications and clarifications should also be referred to in preparation for the event.

**THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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## Contact Information:

Location	<b>Access Event Centre</b> 111-D Gilmour St, Morden, MB R6M 1N9 204-822-5431 Rink Size: 85' X 200'
Local Organizing Committee Chair	Jason Graetz <a href="mailto:Skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca">Skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca</a>
Event Questions ( <i>registration, coach accreditation, announcement, etc...</i> )	Jason Graetz <a href="mailto:Skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca">Skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca</a>
Accommodations	There are many accommodations to choose from in neighbouring communities such as: Best Western Morden 253 Loren Drive, Morden MB R6M 0C9 (204) 822-6116  Other Accommodations in Morden and surrounding areas: Best Western Winkler Super 8 Hotel – Morden Harvest Inn – Winkler Days Inn – Winkler
Technical Representative	Amber Lotz & Shelley Meakin Please do not contact regarding registration inquiries.

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## Eligibility to Participate

For all Skate Canada rules pertaining to eligibility to participate, please see the Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 2; Eligibility to Participate](#).

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## **Competition Program Requirements**

**Adult Free Skating** – Please see [Competition Program Requirements](#) for the current technical requirements. Please note that age categories will be combined for this event.

**STAR, Synchro & Supplemental Events** – Please see [Competition Program Requirements](#) for current technical requirements, age and assessment requirements for participation.

**Special Olympics Documents** – Please see [Skate Canada Special Olympic Documents](#) for information on technical requirements.

*Please note that STAR 5-Gold & Adult Free skate, Artistic, and Synchro (STAR 4+) entries must submit a completed Planned Program sheet as part of their registration.*

*Please be sure to complete the form as part of the registration. The registration cannot be submitted for any the events listed above if the PPC is not completed.*

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## **Entry Information**

Entry forms must be submitted online at [Skate Manitoba Uplifter Registration platform](#). Registrations will be accepted until **Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 11:45 pm. (CST)**.

For technical difficulties with registration on Uplifter, please contact Jason Graetz at the Section Office via email at [skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca). When emailing, please include a clear screen shot of the error or difficulty. Email communication is preferred.

Skaters are strongly encouraged to register well ahead of the deadline so if assistance is required, there will be time to resolve the issue prior to the close of registration.

**No registrations will be accepted after 11:45 pm. (CST) on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 .**

**NOTE: Planned Program information MUST be submitted at the time of registration, including music, if applicable for your event.**

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## **Refund Policy**

Refunds will be given up to and including the registration deadline however, they will be subject to a \$50 administrative and online processing fees. No Refunds will be given after the closing date of entries of the competition. NO medical refunds at any time after the close of entries (registration deadline).

## Events to be Held

Singles	STAR 1 STAR 2-4 STAR 5 to Gold Free Skate Adult Intro to Masters Elite Artistic STAR 5 to Gold Elements (individual) STAR 2 to Gold Showcase (Individual) 1 to 4 Showcase (Group) 1 to 4 Creative Improv 1 to 4 Special Olympics Levels 1 through Open Pre-Novice to Senior Short Pre-Novice to Senior Free		\$88.50/entry \$93.75/entry \$135.25/entry \$135.25/entry \$93.75/entry \$93.75/entry \$93.75/entry \$93.75/team \$93.75/entry \$72.80/entry  \$135.25/entry \$135.25/entry
Pairs	Special Olympics Levels 1 to 3		\$ 72.80/team
Dance	STAR 2/3 Special Olympics Intro	Solo or Partner Solo	\$93.75/entry/team \$72.80/entry
	<b>**Additional events are just \$57.25 per event (after purchase of first event). Synchronisation as a first event does not qualify for discounted second event.</b>		

- All events are subject to the availability of officials.
- An Officials Development fee of \$3.00 per event will be added to each event registration at the time of payment.
- A Technology fee of \$5.00 per skater will be added to each event registration at the time of payment.
- Skaters wishing to participate in supplemental events at Winter Blast may do so. It is \$57.25 per additional event.
- Planned program and music must be uploaded at the time of registration

## ***Onsite Registration***

Skaters/teams are expected to register no later than 1 hour before their event (no earlier than 45 minutes if first event of the day). Planned Program Content Forms **must be submitted** at the time of on-line registration only. Planned Program Content Forms will not be accepted at the competition.

Music will NOT be submitted at the registration desk. Please see the 'Music' section below for more information about back up music.

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## ***Skate Canada Coach Information***

A maximum of two coaches per entry will be accredited. A maximum of two people will be allowed at ice level – determined by the skater/team.

It is the responsibility of the coach(es) to ensure that they meet the requirements to be able to attend a competition with their athlete. [Please click here](#) for important information surrounding certification requirements, requesting special permission, and accreditation at the event.

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## ***Judging System & Awards***

STAR 1-4 categories, including Synchro, are assessed to standard. Skaters in STAR 1-3 will receive a ribbon and a report card corresponding to their achievement. STAR 4 skaters/teams, will be ranked and skaters/teams placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive Skate Manitoba medals. All skaters will receive a report card showing individual element assessment.

The Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) Judging System will be used for all other events (STAR 5 and up, Artistic, Adult, etc...). For more information about CPC please see Skate Canada Rule Book, [Scoring of Skate Canada Competitions](#).

Skate Manitoba medals will be presented to the top three finishers of each CPC event. In the case of only two entries, each entry shall be awarded a medal. In the case of a Single Event entry the participant will be awarded a Participation medal. The presentation schedule will be available at registration.

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## ***Event Composition***

Events will be divided into flights according to age groups specified by qualification. Age will be used in dividing flights. There will be no final events. Flights will be kept under 10 skaters per flight where possible. Skating order will be drawn at random, see [Competitions, Section 3; Conduct of an Event..](#)

It is permissible to combine events as follows:

- Combine two or more categories in the same event when each category has fewer than three entries;
- Combine two or more categories in the same event when one category has insufficient entries to hold the event.

The decision to combine events is at the discretion of the Tech Rep and/or Chief Referee.

Synchro teams will skate once.

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## ***Music***

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

Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, are 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 societies.

For Ice Dance Pattern event warm ups, where there are more than one entry, the Skate Canada dance music shall be played.

### **Music Requirements:**

Music must be received at time of registration in MP3 format by the registration deadline. There will be an upload section on the PPC you will complete.

The music downloaded must include the skater's full name and the event in which they are registered to skate. Example: M Mouse/Senior/Free Program

**NEW: Competitors will NOT hand in their back up music at the time of registration. Skaters will hold onto their music and keep it on their persons, or with their board side accredited coach. In the event that the back up music is required by the Audio Technician, the skater or coach will deliver the music to the Audio Technician.**

The back up music must be on a USB memory stick. **CD's will NOT be accepted.** A memory stick may contain multiple programs however, it must be properly labeled.

**No alternate electronic items such as iPhone, tablets, MP3 players etc. will be accepted.**

## ***Accidents/Liability***

Skate Manitoba Section, Skate Canada and the volunteer team 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 management of the competitions and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, the association, the Section, the Skate Canada, the volunteer team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

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## ***Medical Services & Injury Reporting***

Medical Services available to skaters will be in a designated area on-site. Ice level first aid personnel will be available for the duration of practice and competition.

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## ***Camera Policy***

Flash photography is not permitted while athletes are on the ice during practice or competition. Skate Manitoba 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.

Coaches are only permitted to video tape their own skater from the boards during that skater's practice or performance.

For full policy, please see our Standing Rules, A.121 Governance, Camera Policy

**PLEASE NOTE:** you may only take pictures or videos of your own skater.

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## ***Ticket Information***

Adults (18+): \$5.00

Youth (7- 17 yrs. old): \$ 3.00

Children (6 and under): Free