



## **2026 Skate Manitoba Pre-Novice/Novice Sectionals Championships + Gordon Linney Open**

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<b>Dates:</b>	<b>December 6 &amp; 7, 2025</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Winnipeg, MB</b>
<b>Hosted by:</b>	<b>Skate Manitoba and Winnipeg Winter Club</b>
<b>Sanctioned by:</b>	<b>Skate Canada</b>

The 2026 Skate Manitoba Pre-Novice and Novice Sectional Championships + Gordon Linney Open welcomes skaters to compete in this event. Sectionals provides the opportunity for Pre-Novice and Novice skaters to seek qualification to the 2025-2026 Skate Canada Trophy.

Each Sectionals event is the property of Skate Canada. The planning and execution of each Sectional Championship is delegated to the Section and/or its host committee with support from Skate Canada nationally, and the event is under the technical supervision of a technical representative assigned by the Section.

The 2026 Skate Manitoba Pre-Novice/Novice Sectionals + Gordon Linney Open 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 upcoming season.

The Skate Manitoba Gordon Linney Open is an open event that welcomes skaters to Winnipeg, Manitoba to compete in a fun filled weekend for participants in STAR 4+ events as well as Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile & Adult. This event runs concurrently with the 2026 Skate Manitoba Pre-Novice/Novice Sectional Championships. The events 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.

All events are open to skaters from all Sections. Please note skaters registered for Pre-Novice/Novice Singles, who are not from Manitoba, will have a separate ceremony for the event.

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### **Contact Information:**

Location	Winnipeg Winter Club 200 River Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3L 0B2 Rink Size: 85' X 190'
Local Organizing Committee Chair	Jessica Barsky <a href="mailto:jbarsky@winnipegwinterclub.com">jbarsky@winnipegwinterclub.com</a>
Event Questions (registration, coach accreditation, announcement, etc...)	<a href="mailto:Skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca">Skate.admin@sportmanitoba.ca</a>
Accommodations	Winnipeg, MB There are many hotels to choose from such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Holiday Inn &amp; Suites Downtown</li><li>● Viscount Gort Hotel</li><li>● Norwood Hotel</li><li>● And many more</li></ul>
Technical Representative	Shelley Meakin (Lead) & Kim Smith 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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## ***Qualifications for Entry***

**Age Requirements;** Please see the Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 5; Age Requirements for Qualifying Competition Categories](#).

**Assessment Requirements;** Please see the Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 6; Assessment Requirements for Qualifying Competition Categories](#).

**Competing in Singles at Sectionals;** A Skater may compete in Singles events only in the Championships of the Section in which their home club/school is a member.

**Competing in Pairs or Dance at Sectionals;** All Pre-Novice through Senior Pairs and Dance teams must register and compete at the Skate Saskatchewan Sectional Championships to be eligible for Challenge.

Please see the [Competition Program Requirements](#) for the current technical requirements information.

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## ***Entry Information***

Registration must be submitted online at [Skate Manitoba Uplifter Registration platform](#). Registrations will be accepted until **Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 11:45 pm. (CST)**.

For technical difficulties with registration on Uplifter, please contact Skate Manitoba 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 Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**

**NOTE: Planned Program information MUST be submitted at the time of registration, including music. There will be ONE PPC form per freeskate program entry. Please ensure that you complete otherwise you will not be able to finalize your registration.**

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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).

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## Skate Canada Trophy

For information pertaining to Sectionals and Skate Canada Trophy such as Entries, Selection of Entries, Quotas, etc... please see the Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 8; Sectionals Championships](#). Please see Skate Manitoba's Standing Rules B.116 Athletes Coaches Officials; Challenge Qualifying Policy for additional information pertaining to athlete selection.

If there are fewer entries than the normal quota allotted to each section in any Sectional competition, the section may elect to cancel the competition and may approve the entry of the relevant competitors to the Skate Canada Trophy competition of the same category (if applicable).

## Events to be Held

Sectionals Singles	Pre-Novice or Novice (Short & Free)	\$270.50/entry
Gordon Linney Open Singles	STAR 5 to Gold Free Skate Juvenile Pre-Juvenile Adult Intro to Masters Elite Free skate  STAR 4 Free Skate Artistic STAR 5 to Gold Showcase (Individual) 3 & 4 Showcase (Group) 3 & 4 Creative Improv 3 & 4 Elements (individual) STAR 4 to Gold	\$135.25/entry       \$93.75/entry
	<b>**Additional single events are \$57.25 per event (after purchase of first 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 registration at the time of payment.
- Skaters wishing to participate in supplemental Gordon Linney Open events may do so. It is \$55.00 per additional event.
- Planned program and music must be uploaded at the time of registration

## ***Onsite Registration***

Registration for skaters, officials and coaches will commence prior to the first practice. Skaters must register no later than one hour prior to the beginning of their event. Registration will take place at the main entrance of the Winnipeg Winter club.

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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## ***On Site Registration & Practice Ice***

Practice rotations will be available at registration and will be sent out in advance. Practice ice is only available to Pre-Novice and Novice Sectionals Competitors.

REGISTRATION: Unless otherwise listed in the event announcement competitors must register for the competition before their official practice session immediately prior to the first portion of their event.

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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.

**If you have received special permission for your certification level in a previous season to attend a qualifying event, you will not be granted permission again.**

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## ***Judging System***

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

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## ***Draws***

The starting order of the competitors for each Event will be randomly drawn by the Data Specialist in cooperation with the Technical Representative. The draw may be done manually or by computer. See Skate Canada Rule Book, [Competitions, Section 3; Conduct of an Event.](#)

### **Draw for Subsequent Starting Orders for the Event**

Competitors will be assigned to skate the second Segment in reverse order of the results from the first Segment.

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## ***Music***

All music used must be legally obtained and covered by the collective societies who manage music performance rights, reprography, and mechanical reproduction rights in Canada. Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, that has been significantly mixed or altered from the original recording, are also responsible for obtaining the appropriate licenses to create a derivative work for the compositions and sound recordings selected.

### **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 online PPC form 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.**

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## ***Awards***

Medals will be presented to the top three finishers of each 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. Provincial Championship medals will be awarded to the top finisher of the Pre-Novice and Novice Events. The presentation schedule will be available at registration.

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## ***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 located 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/day or \$10 for weekend

Youth (7- 17 yrs. old): \$ 3.00/day or \$5 for weekend

Children (6 and under): Free