

2027 Canada Winter Games Selection Policy

“Organization” refers to: Skate Manitoba

SPORT: Figure Skating

EVENT: Canada Winter Games 2027

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 2027 Canada Winter Games.

SECTION 2 – OBJECTIVE

The objective of this selection policy is to select a maximum of 12 athletes (3 women, 3 men and 6 any gender athletes) who will participate in the 2027 Canada Winter Games. Athletes are selected in the following categories:

- Novice Women (Maximum of 2 athletes)
- Novice Men (Maximum of 2 athletes)
- Novice Pairs (Maximum of 2 teams)
- Novice Ice Dance (Maximum of 2 teams)
- Special Olympics Level 3 or 4 Singles (maximum of 2 athletes, 1 man 1 woman)

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection, athletes must:

- 1.) Submit Selection Application via online submission form their intent to be considered for selection. Form must have been submitted no later than April 15, 2026
- 2.) Meet the age classifications for their level
- 3.) Meet the assessment requirements for their level by October 1, 2026
- 4.) Special Olympics athletes must be registered with Special Olympics Manitoba for the 2026-27 season

- 5.) Meet all competition and eligibility requirements set out in the 2027 Technical Package – Figure Skating, including the CGC's [Athlete Eligibility Policy](#) and Skate Canada's [Competition Rule 2.1 \(Eligibility to participate\)](#)
- 6.) Novice athletes must have met the 2026-27 Qualifying Minimum Score (QMS) for Novice by the conclusion of the Pre-Novice Novice Sectional Championships in December 2026.
- 7.) Novice athletes must have participated in at least 50% of the Individual Sport Psychology sessions provided by Skate Manitoba by November 30, 2026
- 8.) Novice athletes must have competed in at least one (1) competition between July 1st and November 30th that is outside of the Provincial boundaries of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.
- 9.) Agree to adhere to the Organization's policies
- 10.) Agree to pay the 2027 Canada Games registration fee for Manitoba
- 11.) Athletes must be registered in Novice at the Pre-Novice Novice Sectional Championships or in Level 3 or 4 Singles in Special Olympics at the Gordon Linney Open that will take place in December 2026

Once selected, the athletes will be expected to be training towards, and meet the standards expected by, the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

SECTION 4 – SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes who have met the Eligibility listed in Section 3 above will move onto the Selection Process.

Special Olympics:

Men: The highest score obtained at the December 2026 Gordon Linney Open in Level 3 or 4 Singles will be selected.

Women: The highest score obtained at the December 2026 Gordon Linney Open in Level 3 or 4 Singles will be selected.

Novice:

The highest cumulative scoring from the following body of work will be selected:

- 1.) 20% of the highest combined score in Novice from one competition between July 1st and September 30th, and
- 2.) 20% of the highest combined score in Novice from one competition between October 1st and November 30th, and

- 3.) 10 points will be awarded for participation in/attendance at the 'Out of Province Competition Opportunity' provided by Skate Manitoba to Novice skaters, and
- 4.) 50% of the final combined score obtained in Novice at the Pre-Novice Novice Sectional Championships in December 2026.

SKATE MANITOBA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SELECT ATHLETES OUTSIDE OF THE SELECTION CRITERIA.

Skaters will submit their highest combined results to skate.td@sportmanitoba.ca

Example of Selection:

Novice Singles Women	Skater A	Skater B	Skater C	Skater D	Skater E	Skater F
Eligible Y/N	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Score #1	70.25	59.25	100.71	85.29	75.67	0.00
20% Score #1	14.05	11.85	20.14	17.06	15.13	0.00
Participation OOP	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
Score #2	90.11	80.21	79.54	0.00	92.77	91.78
20% Score #2	18.02	16.04	15.91	0.00	18.55	18.36
Score #3	98.75	96.36	82.82	101.25	107.63	111.57
50% Score #3	49.38	48.18	41.41	50.63	53.82	55.79
FINAL SCORE	91.45	86.07	87.46	77.68	97.50	74.14
	Selected		Alternate		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 2027 Canada Winter Games.

Unforeseen Circumstances

If unforeseen circumstances arise which impact the ability for all declared athletes to obtain Score #3 at the Pre-Novice Novice Sectional Championship in December 2026, Skate Manitoba continue to use the criteria, removing Score #3 and will increase Score #1 to be valued at 40% and Score #2 to be valued at 40%, and keep the Participation at the Out of Province Competition Opportunity valued at 10 points.

SECTION 5 – AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

The Organization shall appoint member(s) to be responsible for managing the selection of athletes to the 2027 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 up to **12 athletes, a maximum of 2 entries per event (maximum of 1 entry per event for Special Olympics)** who will attend the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

SECTION 6 – DISMISSAL

An athlete who has been selected for the team 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
- Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons as determined by the Organization's

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*.

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 2027 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 participated in Skate Manitoba's Pre-Novice Novice Sectional Championships in December 2026, to be named as alternates. Alternate athletes may be included in any training or competitions taking place prior to the 2027 Canada Winter Games so that they are prepared if called upon.

Skate Manitoba Executive Approval Date:	<u>February 26, 2026</u>
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