



Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut *Return to Competition*

Date: September 24, 2020

Re: 2020-2021 Events Update

The health and safety of all skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers and stakeholders is of top priority to Skate Canada: Alberta - NWT/Nunavut Section and all events will be held in accordance with Federal, Provincial, Territorial, and local authorities laws, regulations, and public health requirements.

As we navigate the changing situation that the COVID-19 pandemic presents, the Section will continue to assess the ability to plan for and host competitions. As such, several decisions were reached that have an impact on the 2020 Fall Events calendar as noted below:

- The Leading-Edge series for both Competitive and STARSkate streams has been suspended for the 2020-2021 season
- There will be no spectators permitted at competitions based on restrictions of numbers permitted in an arena, and the facility capacity to physically distance as per the Provincial health authority guidelines
- Competitions remain subject to availability based on the continued good health of officials and volunteers in order to stage competitions and as such, each situation will be assessed with the priority of safety for all involved
- The most current version of the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Return to Skating and Return to Competition protocols must be adhered to by all local organizing committees, coaches, officials, volunteers and participants

2021 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships

Due to Covid-19 the following adjustment to the 2021 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championship categories will be:

The following non-qualifying categories are to be removed from the 2021 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championship as per the Return to Skating and Return to Competition protocols.

- Pre-Juvenile U11 Singles Men and Women
- Pre-Juvenile U13 Singles Men
- Pre-Juvenile Pair
- Pre-Juvenile Dance
- Juvenile U12 and U14 Singles Men and Women
- Juvenile Pair
- Juvenile Dance

Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Competitive Pathway 2020-2021

To declare a Sectional Champion the following process will apply:

- In order to compete at the Sectional Championship Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile, competitors must compete in their home Regional STARSkate Invitational events in their respective categories
- The top 18 scores from each respective above-mentioned category in all the Regional STARSkate Invitational events will then compete in a final Sectional Championship offered at the STARSkate Championship or if this is not possible a named stand-alone event
- Further details regarding STARSkate Invitational competitions will be provided by September 30

Pre-Novice and Novice Events at the 2021 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships

- There will be no minimum technical score required for the Pre-Novice category at the 2021 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships
- If the number of entries exceeds the maximum for the 2021 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championship Pre-Novice Women's event, the best placed forty-eight (48) Competitors (including ties) in the Short Program will qualify for the final Freeskate event
- If a skater chooses to compete at the 2021 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships, they will be ineligible to compete in any STARSkate Freeskate events for the remainder of the season.
Please refer to the STARSkate/Sectional Crossover Chart
- In the event there are less than 48 registered Competitors, all skaters will advance to the Freeskate

Process for Qualification for Pre-Novice and Novice categories to the Junior National Championship

- To be eligible to compete at the Skate Canada Junior National Championship in March 2021, all skaters must be registered to compete at the 2021 Skate Canada: Alberta NWT/Nun Sectional Championships
- The top 18 Skaters from the Sectional Championships will advance to the final qualifying event at the 2021 Calgary Winter Invitational (CWI) or if deemed necessary a stand-alone event
- Any category that is less than the full quota (4 per category) will be required to compete or do an exhibition at CWI or the stand-alone event to determine their readiness to compete at the Skate Canada Junior National Championship. If they are not deemed ready the Section will reserve the right to not allow them to compete at Junior Nationals
- The Section Athlete Review Task Group will review and name the team that will represent Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Section at the 2021 Junior National Skating Championship