



Skate Ontario Team Selection Policy Canada Winter Games

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APPROVED BY: Skate Ontario Board of Directors

Selection Policy Statement

To be selected to a Skate Ontario provincial team is an honour and privilege that comes with the important responsibility to proudly represent Skate Ontario at National competitions.

To ensure a transparent selection process, Skate Ontario has set out specific eligibility and selection criteria to be used for all of the Ontario provincial teams. This will ensure that the selection of athletes drives the development of high performance skating in Ontario with the ultimate goal of transitioning provincial team skaters to National Team skaters.

Eligibility Requirements

Canada Games Athletes:

1. The athlete must be an Ontario resident with a permanent Ontario address
2. The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
3. The athlete must be a registered member in good standing with Skate Canada.
4. The athlete must be an Ontario skating club or school member in good standing with Skate Ontario and Skate Canada.
5. The athlete must be medically fit to compete in both training and competition.

Residential Exceptions

Canada Games:

1. In the case of a pair or dance team, one of the team members may be a resident of another Canadian province or territory. The team must represent the province of Ontario in the current skating season.

Team Selection

Canada Games:

1. Four disciplines at two levels of competition will be evaluated to compete at the Canada Games. Men, women, pair and dance at the Novice and Pre-Novice level. The age requirements are set by Skate Canada rules and the selection will abide by these age requirements.
2. All athletes must be Canadian citizens or have permanent resident status
3. The team will be made up of six male and six female athletes.

4. The team will be selected based on a total overall score and placement for each discipline at the Skate Canada National Challenge competition held in December. The highest score and placement from each discipline will be selected to the team, with the second highest score and placement becoming the alternate.
5. In the case of a discipline not being represented at the Skate Canada Challenge competition, the alternate from another discipline will be selected, maintaining the male/female balance for the team. A panel of five, consisting of the male team coach, female team coach, team leader, Skate Ontario Technical Director and Skate Ontario Executive Director will choose the alternate discipline based on the highest placement results at the Skate Canada Challenge event.

Appeals

Any appeals to the selection of an athlete to the Canada Games should be made in writing, and within two weeks of the selection of team members, to the Skate Ontario Technical Director, technicaldirector@skateontario.org.