



## **2017-18 Qualifying to Skate Ontario Sectional Championships**

This year, Skate Ontario will initiate an Ontario Sectional Championship event that will be a qualifying competition to Skate Canada Challenge. Large numbers in some categories dictate that a qualifying structure must be in place for the Ontario Sectional Championship. The following will determine the eligible competitors to advance to the Skate Ontario Sectional Championships.

### **Categories at the Championship**

The Categories that will be skated at the Skate Ontario Sectional Championships will be:

Senior Men, Senior Women, Senior Pair, Senior Ice Dance, Junior Men, Junior Women, Junior Pair, Junior Ice Dance, Novice Men, Novice Women, Novice Pair, Novice Ice Dance, Pre-Novice Men, Pre-Novice Women, Pre-Novice Pair and Pre-Novice Ice Dance.

### **Maximum Entries per Category**

The maximum number of entries per category will be 60 including Skate Canada byes (Please refer to the Bye Policy at the Skate Canada Info Centre). Examples of this maximum number of entries: 60 Pre Novice Women, 60 Novice Men, 60 Junior Ice Dance teams, 60 Novice Pair teams.

### **The Structure for Qualifying to the Skate Ontario Sectional Championships**

#### **First Qualifying Opportunity**

- 40 highest total combined scores from Ontario athletes in each category of the Skate Ontario Summer Qualifying Series receive an entry into the Sectional Championships. Each athlete or team must enter the Skate Ontario Summer Qualifying Series and name a maximum of 2 events from the Series Sanctioned events. The highest total combined category score (SP+FP) from the selected sanctioned events from each athlete or team will be used in the ranking system. Sanctioned Events in the Skate Ontario Summer Qualifying Series: Minto Skate, Quebec Summer, Summer Sizzle, Wild Rose (Alberta), Ontario Summer (Thornhill), BC Summer (British Columbia)

#### **Example of Score ranking**

Athlete A choice of events: Minto Skate and Summer Sizzle

Minto Skate: Short program: 35.20	Free Program: 61.05	Total score: 96.25
Summer Sizzle-Short program: 40.05	Free program: 60.30	Total score: 100.35

Athlete A Summer Series ranking score: 100.35

### **Registration Process for the Skate Ontario Summer Qualifying Series**

Each Ontario athlete or team must register, free of charge, for Skate Ontario Qualifying Summer Series prior to closing of registration July 15, 2017 at 4pm EST to be eligible for a top 40 position. The opening of registration will be June 12, 2017 at 10am EST. The registration will be located on the Skate Ontario website.

### **Second Qualifying Opportunity (Required only if the athlete or team was not in the top 40 of the Skate Ontario Summer Series)**

- The remaining 20 entries for each category will qualify through the Skate Ontario Fall Qualifying Series. Athletes or teams that did not qualify in stage one must register for the Skate Ontario Fall Qualifying Series to be eligible for one of the 20 remaining entry positions. Each athlete or team may name a maximum of 2 Ontario fall events from the list of sanctioned competitions that will count as their qualifying score. The top 20 technical scores plus bonus in each category in one combined event will advance to the Skate Ontario Sectional Championships. Sanctioned Events in the Skate Ontario Fall Qualifying Series are: Autumn Skate, Isabelle Henderson, Octoberfest and Skokie Skate.

#### **Example of Score ranking**

Athlete B choice of events: Isabelle Henderson and Skokie Skate

Isabelle Henderson:      Short Program Technical Score: 15.75 + 1.00 Bonus=16.75  
points Free Program Technical Score: 31.20 + 1.00 Bonus=32.20  
points Total Qualifying Technical Score: 48.95 points

Skokie Skate:              Short Program Technical Score: 13.81 + 0 Bonus=13.81 points  
Free Program Technical Score: 32.52 + 1.00 Bonus=33.52 points  
Total Qualifying Technical Score: 47.33 points

Athlete B Fall Series ranking score: 48.95

### **Registration Process for the Skate Ontario Fall Qualifying Series**

Each Ontario athlete or team must register, free of charge, for Skate Ontario Qualifying Fall Series prior to closing of registration Sept 8, 2017 at 4pm EST to be eligible for the remaining 20 positions. The opening of registration will be Aug 21, 2017 at 10am EST. The registration will be located on the Skate Ontario website.

### **Skate Ontario Sectional Championship Registration:**

All competitive skaters must register for the Skate Ontario Sectional Championships prior to the closing date of entry Sept 29, 2017 at 4pm EST. Final entry into the Championship will be determined by the Skate Ontario Summer and Fall Series ranking results. The Fall series final ranking will be determined after the closing date of the Championship registration.

### **Alternate Process**

In the case of injury or withdrawal of a qualified athlete or team prior to the start of the Skate Ontario Sectional Championship, the next available athlete or team from the Skate Ontario Summer Qualifying Series will be entered into the Skate Ontario Sectional championship as the alternate. If the starting

order has been posted, the alternate athlete or team will take the starting spot of the withdrawn athlete or team.

**Parallel Event**

To encourage and support the development of all athletes involved at the competitive level, a parallel event for categories with more than 60 applicants will be held during the Skate Ontario Sectional Championships at the same facility. The 60 entries that qualified through the Skate Ontario Summer and Fall Series will compete for the right to represent Ontario at the Skate Canada Challenge event. The remaining entries in each category (61+) will compete for development opportunities within Ontario that may include seminars, team training and additional competition opportunities.