

# CHAMPIONNATS

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## sous-section Québec

### PRÉ-NOVICE ET NOVICE

2026

## Announcement

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November 6 to 9, 2025

**Site**

Caztel Center

**Host**

Club de Patinage artistique Ste-Marie, Beauce inc.

Sanctionned by Patinage Canada  
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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that registration is mandatory for all participants. Registration fees must be paid online and must be received at the Patinage Québec office before **September 23, 2025, 4 p.m.** (HAE (UTC 04-00))



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2026 Skate Canada- Quebec Sub-Sectionals will be conducted in accordance with the Skate Canada Competitive Rules.

The pre-competition technical file for each discipline, ISU releases and clarifications should also be consulted in preparation for the coming season.

Rules governing Sectional championships also apply to any sub-sectional or other sectional elimination rounds unless otherwise stated in this announcement.

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

## LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RINKS

Name of the competition rink	Ice surface
Centre Caztel 905 Saint-Martin Road Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce, Québec G6E 1E6	85' x 200' (rink Desjardins) 85' x 200' (rink Placide-Poulin)

## PURPOSE OF SECTIONALS

Sectionals help identify the top skaters in each Section for advancement to the next round of qualifying events ultimately leading to the Novice Canadian Championships.

**THE COMPETITION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PRE-NOVICE AND NOVICE LEVEL PARTICIPANTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 SKATE CANADA QUEBEC SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, SANS-LIMITES TO NOVICE**

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.

In accordance with Skate Canada rules, all Sectional events must be completed a minimum of seven days prior to Skate Canada Challenge in the current competitive season.

### **ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE (technical requirements)**

For all categories, the participants must be members in good standing with Skate Canada.

Competitors may not participate in more than one category per discipline, for example: registering in the Junior Ladies combined programs and Senior Ladies combined programs will not be allowed.

Competitors do not have the option of entering a single segment if they wish. Participation in the short program is mandatory to access the free program.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITIONS**

Participants in the 2026 Skate Canada Junior and Senior Sectionals Québec Championships events must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Be members in good standing of the Association.
- (2) **CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP**: Be Canadian citizens within the meaning of the Citizenship Act, RSC 1985. If the individual is not a Canadian citizen, such individual must have permanent resident status and have resided in Canada for at least one year prior to the date of the Championships they wish to enter. Also, if the entrant is of legal age, the entrant must file a declaration to indicate that he intends in good faith to become a Canadian citizen. If the entrant is an alien minor, he and the living parents (or guardians if both parents are deceased) must have also filed a sworn statement with the Chief Executive Officer of Skate Canada that said minor intends to become a citizen as soon as legally possible.

In the case of a Pair or Ice Dance couple, at least one of the two partners must be Canadian citizens. The other partner can be a citizen or resident of any other ISU member country and does not have to reside in Canada.

All foreign citizens wishing to participate in Skate Canada qualifying competitions must complete the Foreign Citizen Application Form. To be eligible for these competitions, you must present an "acceptance" letter from the National Skate Canada office when registering for a qualifying competition for the season.

- (3) **CODE OF ETHICS**: See Skate Canada Code of Ethics

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY

- (1) **TEST PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter Championship must have passed the tests as listed in the Competition Program Requirements- Competitive Rule for each discipline **before October 16, 2025**. A skater may also be considered qualified having passed a higher test or parts thereof if the minimum test requirement is fulfilled.
- (2) **AGE PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter Championships shall meet the age requirements to compete as listed in the Competition Program Requirements- Competitive Rule for each discipline.
- (3) **COMPETING IN SINGLES AT SECTIONALS:** A skater may compete in Singles events only in the Championships of the Section in which his home club/school is a member.

## REGISTRATION RESTRICTIONS

Please consult [Skate Canada website](#).

## REGISTRATION

Registration for Single, Pair, Dance and Synchronized Skating teams must be completed online at the following link: [Registration](#).

**For Pair and Dance registrations, EACH SKATER must fill the registration form and pay registration fees.**

All registrations and payments must be received at the latest **Tuesday September 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** (HAE (UTC-04:00)). Increased registration fees will apply to any registration completed after the deadline of Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025, as indicated in the table below. **No registration will be accepted after September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 4:00 PM.**

Registration fees must be paid online by credit card or direct debit.

It is the responsibility of the skaters to ensure that they are eligible in the category in which they enter.

For reimbursements made before the deadline, Patinage Québec will deduct the administration fee of 5% as well as the fees relating to online registration.

No change of group or category will be made once the lists are published on the website.

**No refund will be allowed after the 2nd registration deadline.**

## ENTRY FEES

Entry fees do not include service fees (1% (min. \$1, max. \$10)), the administration fees (2,5%) and taxes. Entry fees include competition videos.

	Before September 23, 2025, 4 :00pm	Between September 23, 4:01 pm and September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2025, 4:00 pm
<b>Single</b>	<b>Combined programs</b>	<b>Combined programs</b>
Pre-Novice and Novice	\$300	\$400
<b>Pair</b>	<b>Combined programs</b>	<b>Combined programs</b>
Pre-Novice and Novice	\$180 / partner	\$280 / partner
<b>Ice Dance</b>	<b>Combined programs</b>	<b>Combined programs</b>
Pre-Novice and Novice	\$180 / partner	\$280 / partner

Accreditation of skaters, officials and coaches will begin one hour before the start of events. Accreditation is on-site.

## OFFICIAL COMPETITION MERCHANDISE PURCHASE

When registering for the competition via SPLEX, you will have the opportunity to purchase official competition merchandise, including:

- 1 white short-sleeved t-shirt (with the official competition logo)
- 1 white long-sleeved t-shirt (with the official competition logo)

This exclusive merchandise, designed specifically for this edition, will be available **by pre-order only**. **No on-site purchases will be possible**. A dedicated step in the registration process will allow you to add the items of your choice to your registration invoice.

A visual preview of the t-shirts will be available on the SPLEX platform as well as on the [competition page](#) of the Patinage Québec website.

## PLANNED PROGRAMS

All participants must complete the online planned programs Form by **Thursday, October 16, 2025**.

- [Single](#)
- [Pair](#)
- [Dance](#)

A fee of \$10 for each missing planned program Form (Short Prog. and Free Prog.) **As of October 16, 2025**, will apply.

## COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The schedule will be available on Patinage Québec [website](#).

## **PRACTICE DURING THE COMPETITION**

NO PRACTICE for participants of sub-Sectionals Championships.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Please refer to the Patinage Québec website at [www.patinage.qc.ca](http://www.patinage.qc.ca) under “Competitions” and then “Compétitions provinciales” tabs for all reservations.

## **COACHES ACCREDITATION**

Coaches must have the minimum NCCP certification for the various competitions.

**Scenario 1:** Please note that to receive free accreditation to the various competitions, you must:

- Present a **valid** Patinage Québec coach card.
  - **And** all additional dates on the card must be valid (ex: First Aid, Backcheck, etc.)

**Scenario 2:** You do not meet the conditions of scenario 1, you then must **pay \$15 to receive your accreditation** (for the duration of the competition) in the following cases:

- You have a valid Patinage Québec coach card, but one or more additional dates are not valid:
  - You must have with you the proof of renewal.
- You have a Patinage Québec coach card that is not valid:
  - You have with you the proof of Skate Canada membership for the current season (additional dates must be valid)
    - If the additional dates are not valid you must have with you the proof of renewal.
- You do not have a Patinage Québec coach card, but your name is on the coaches in good standing list.
- You do not have a Patinage Québec coach card, your name is not on the coaches in good standing list, but you have the following documents with you:
  - Proof of Skate Canada membership for the current season
  - Valid First Aid certificate
  - Backcheck certificate
  - « Respect in Sport » certificate
  - « Code of Ethics » certificate
  - **OR** a print screen of your Skate Canada profile with the proof of dates and certificates mentioned above.

**Scenario 3:** You do not meet the conditions of scenarios 1 or 2, **you will not be accredited** and will then have **to be replaced** by a coach in good standing.

- If the coach is refused entry (not in good standing), the person responsible for accreditation will notify the technical representative to ensure that access to changing rooms or rink side is denied for that coach.

### **Number of coaches with the athlete**

Two (2) coaches per competitor / couple will be accredited. **Two people, chosen by the skater, couple or team, will be allowed at ice level.**

Coaches must get accredited in person and present their coach card. They must wear the lanyard with the card around their neck at all times.

**A colored bracelet (provided by Patinage Québec for provincial competitions only) will be wrapped around the card lanyard OR on the coach's wrist if the payment of \$15 has been made (proof provided).**

### **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.*

*Patinage Québec assumes no responsibility for the unauthorized use of copyrighted music. By submitting their music, participants acknowledge that they have secured all required permissions and agree to indemnify Patinage Québec against any claims or legal actions arising from the use of said music.*

**IMPORTANT: Music must be submitted through SPLEX during registration.**

Competitors must ensure that they have a CD or USB flash drive with them rink side in case of technical problems with the music file that has been uploaded to SPLEX. It is possible to make modifications to your music file directly in SPLEX. **The deadline for modifications is October 16th, 2025.** No files will be downloaded from the platform after this date.

In the event of music modification after this date, it is essential to hand in CDs or USB keys and mention to accreditation that there has been a music change, **as the download will take precedence over the CDs/USB keys.**

### **Standard Specifications for CDs/USB keys**

- (1) Only one program must be recorded on each CD/USB key.
- (2) They must be recorded in MUSIC (Audio) format.
- (3) Competitor's name followed by category, program type – short or free, and music time must be shown on the CD label/on the USB key.
- (4) Each CD must be presented in its protective case.

Keep your CDs clean and make sure they are not scratched to avoid playback problems. For any technical questions, write to [gguipibopala@patinage.qc.ca](mailto:gguipibopala@patinage.qc.ca).



## **VIDEO**

An assigned representative will be on hand to film the athletes during the competition. The registration fee includes the videos. A link will be sent to participants to download their videos. Please allow at least 48 hours before sending the link.

## **AWARDS**

Medals will be awarded on site. Medals will be awarded to the first three (3) in each category. When there are only two (2) participants in an event, both (2) participants will receive a medal. The medals will be given at the end of the free program or will be sent later by mail for those absent at the time of the presentation.

## **ADMISSION**

General admission is free for everyone in this event.

## **COSTUMES**

Clothing for all competitors should be modest, dignified, and appropriate for competitive sport – not gaudy or theatrical in design. Accessories are prohibited.

## **ACCIDENTS / LIABILITY**

Skate Canada, Patinage Québec and the local volunteers 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, Skate Canada, the volunteers team and against their officers; their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Camera Policy**

Flash photography is not permitted. Skate Canada requests that you refrain from using cameras or video equipment during Skate Canada organized events out of respect for the safety of competing athletes.

## ***THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

***Any regulation or communication that the ISU and the Government of Quebec publish in the coming months could result in changes to the announcement of the 2026 Skate Canada Junior and Senior Sectionals Championships – Quebec section***

## GENERAL RULES

### RATING SYSTEM

The cumulative point calculator (CPC) system is used for all events.

### DRAW

The method of draw for subsequent segments will be [by reversed order](#).

SELECTION OF ENTRIES FOR [SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE](#) (see link)

[SELECTION OF ENTRIES FOR CANADIAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS](#) (see link)

### CHOICE OF COMPETITORS FOR THE SKATE CANADA QUEBEC SUB-SECTIONALS

The selection of competitors from the Skate Canada Quebec Sub-Sectionals who will advance to the 2026 Skate Canada Quebec – Quebec Section Sans-Limites to Novice Championships is as follows:

**(a) PRE-NOVICE LADIES**

The **54 best combined technical scores** for the Short and Free programs will qualify for the 2026 Skate Canada – Quebec Section Sans Limites to Novice Championships. In the event of a tie, the total score will be used to decide between the skaters. The list will be available one and half hour after the end of the Pre-Novice Ladies event.

**(b) NOVICE LADIES**

The **36 best combined technical scores** for the Short and Free programs, will qualify for the 2026 Skate Canada – Quebec Section Sans Limites to Novice Championships. In the event of a tie, the total score will be used to decide between the skaters. The list will be available one and half hour after the end of the Pre-Novice Ladies event.

**(c) OTHER DISCIPLINES**

Participants in other disciplines will be able to access the 2026 Skate Canada – Quebec Section Sans Limites to Novice Championships, which will take place in Laval. Their participation in Sub-Sectional Championships is therefore mandatory unless they meet the conditions of points (d) and/or (e).

**(d) EXEMPTIONS FOR COMPETITORS AT SUB-SECTIONALS COMPETITIONS UNDER SKATE CANADA RULES**

Skate Canada grants BYES for Sectional Championships. Full details are provided in Section 12 of the Skate Canada Competition Rules. Skaters benefiting from a Sectional Championships exemption automatically receive an exemption for the Quebec Sub-Sectional Championships if applicable.

(e) **EXEMPTIONS FOR COMPETITORS AT SUB-SECTIONAL COMPETITIONS GRANTED BY PATINAGE QUÉBEC**

Patinage Québec may grant exception from competing at Sub-Sectional Championships. Competitors who have been granted exception from the Sub-Sectional qualifying events may enter Sectionals without any other form of qualification.

A list of exceptions will be established by the High-Performance Director, in consultation with the Patinage Québec President.

**SUMMARY :**

	<b>Pre-Novice Ladies</b>	<b>Novice Ladies</b>
2026 Sub-Sectionals (a, b,)	54	36
Skate Canada Exemption (c)	To come	To come
Patinage Québec Exemption (d)	To come	To come

(f) **REPLACEMENTS**

No replacement will be named

## SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENTS – 2026 SKATE CANADA – QUEBEC SUB-SECTIONALS

### Single events for Women

#### (a) Novice

- (i) **TEST:** Must have completed the Gold free style test.
- (ii) **AGE:** Must not have reached the age of 17 before July 1 preceding the Event.
- (iii) Short program 2 min. 20 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)  
and Free program 3 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

#### (b) Pre-Novice

- (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the complete STAR 6 Free Style test higher.
- (ii) **AGE:** Must not have reached the age of 16 before July 1 preceding the Event.
- (iii) Short program 2 min. 20 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)  
and Free Program 3 min. (+/- 10 sec.)

### Single events for Men

#### (a) Novice

- (i) **TEST:** Must have completed the Gold free style test.
- (ii) **AGE:** Must not have reached the age of 17 before July 1 preceding the Event.
- (iii) Short program 2 min. 20 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)  
and Free program 3 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

#### (b) Pre-Novice

- (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the complete STAR 6 Free Style test or higher.
- (ii) **AGE:** Must not have reached the age of 16 before July 1 preceding the Event.
- (iii) Short program 2 min. 20 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)  
and Free program 3 min. (+/- 10 sec.)

## Pair events

### **(a) Novice**

- (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the complete STAR 10 (Senior Silver) free style test.
- (ii) **AGE:** No limit
- (iii) Short program 2 min. 40 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)  
and Free program 3 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

### **(b) Pre-Novice**

- (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the complete STAR 6 Free Style test or a higher-level test.
- (ii) **AGE:** Under 18 years of age as of July 1 preceding the competition
- (iii) Short program 2 min. 40 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)  
and Free program 3 min. (+/- 10 sec.)

## Ice Dance Events

### **(a) Novice**

- (i) **TEST:** At least one partner must have passed the complete STAR 8 dance test or higher.
- (ii) **AGE:** Under 21 years of age as of July 1 preceding the competition
- (iii) Pattern Dance: **Quickstep** (4 seq) and **Argentine Tango** (2 seq)  
and Free dance 3 min. (+/- 10 sec.)

### **(b) Pre-Novice**

- (i) **TEST:** At least one partner must have passed the completed STAR 6 Dance test or higher.
- (ii) **AGE:** Under 18 years of age as of July 1 preceding the competition
- (iii) Pattern Dance: **Tango** (2 seq) and **Blues** (3 seq).  
and Free dance 2 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)