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Centre Slush Puppie

Event Information Package





2026 Canadian National Skating Championships

January 5-11, 2026

Slush Puppie Centre

Gatineau, QC

This annual figure skating event is one of Canada's largest national sport championships and determines the teams that will compete at the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, ISU World Figure Skating Championships, ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, and the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. Skate Canada is excited to be hosting this year's edition of the Canadian National Skating Championships in Gatineau, Québec, at the Slush Puppie Centre from January 5-11, 2026.

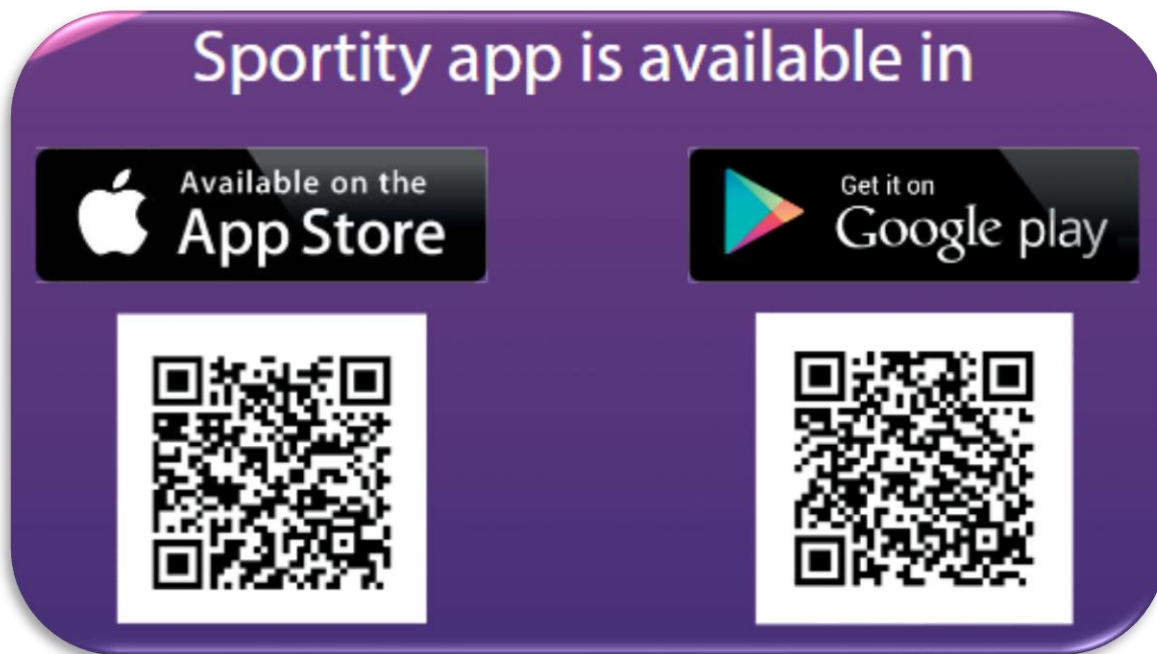
Key Contact Information

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Chief Medical Officer (CMO)	+1-819 341-7325
Chief Therapist (CT)	+1-514-919-4969
Transportation Desk	+1-613-914-5348

Skate Canada Event App – Sportity

In our effort to be sustainable we are limiting the on-site printing to only what is essential and will utilize the Skate Canada **Sportity** Event App for all communications. We encourage all participants to download the **Sportity** App free of charge on Android and Apple systems. More information including the event token will be provided closer to the event and on-site.

The app is available for download from the Apple Store (iPhone) and Google Play Store (Android).



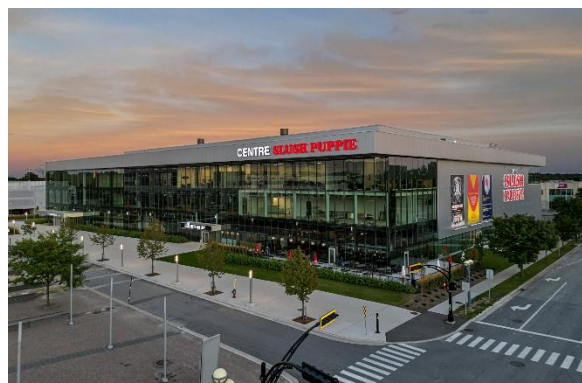
Venue Information

Slush Puppie Centre

500 Bd de la Cité,
Gatineau, Québec
J8T 0H4

Telephone: +1 (819) 317-1122

Website: <https://centreslushpuppie.com/>



Rink Dimensions

Ice Surfaces	Rink Dimensions (m)	Rink Dimensions (feet)
Rink A	61m x 26m	200 feet x 85 feet
Rink B	61m x 26m	200 feet x 85 feet

Synchronized Skating Warmup Venue

Synchronized skating teams will have access to the Gatineau Sports Centre to use as their warmup area. Wayfinding signage will be installed, and volunteers will be on-site to help teams get to the gymnasium.

Gatineau Sports Centre

850 Bd de la Gappe,
Gatineau, QC
J8T 0B4

Telephone: +1 (819) 503 8500

Website:

<https://gatineau.ca/>



Transportation Information

Arrivals

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation from the Ottawa International Airport to the Sheraton Gatineau-Ottawa starting on Sunday, January 4, 2026. Transfers to and from the airport will be provided for Skate Canada staff, Skate Canada Board Members, officials, event technicians, announcers and streaming only.

Please look for the Skate Canada volunteer greeters carrying signs once you exit the baggage area.

Should any guest's arrival be delayed for any reason, they are asked to inform the Transportation Desk (+1-613-914-5348) as soon as possible with the expected arrival time in Ottawa, so that arrangements can be modified.

Departures

The airport departures at the conclusion of the event will be managed by a departure list with times, which will be available on the Skate Canada Sportivity Event App as well as at the Transportation Desk at Slush Puppie Centre. Coordinate directly with the Transportation Desk, no later than 24 hours before your pick-up time if you need to change the time of your transportation to the airport.

Transportation Desk: +1.613.914.5348

Airport Transfers – Teams (Skaters, Coaches, Managers, Etc.)

Teams (skaters, coaches, team managers, etc.) are responsible for their own transportation between the airport and their hotel. See ground transportation below for transportation options.

Ground Transportation from Ottawa International Airport

Once you've arrived in Ottawa, there are lots of options to take you to your hotel. Please visit the Ottawa International Airport website ([YOW | Parking & Transportation](#)) for more information.

Shuttle

Event Shuttle for Accredited People

Transportation will be provided for all accredited people between the accommodation listed in this document and Slush Puppie Centre (Entrée Glace Communautaire).

- The shuttle will begin on Monday, January 5, 2026, for Registration and run through to Sunday, January 11, 2026.
- The shuttle will depart each location every 45 minutes throughout the day.
- Accreditation badges must be shown when boarding the shuttle (you will be able to board the shuttle at your hotel without your accreditation so that you are able to go to the rink to pick up your accreditation).
- A Transportation Desk will be open at Slush Puppie Centre.
- A Shuttle Schedule will be available on the Skate Canada Sportity Event App and posted at Registration and at the Transportation Desk.

Event Shuttle Access for Non-Accredited Persons

- Bus passes for parents and chaperones **WILL NOT** be available for purchase.
- Transportation for Synchronized Skating Teams – Teams are responsible for their own transportation to/from Slush Puppie Centre. More information regarding drop-off and pick-up location will be provided closer to the event.

Accommodation

Four Points by Sheraton Gatineau-Ottawa

Officials, LOC

35 Laurier St,
Gatineau, Québec

J8X 4E5

Telephone: +1 (819) 778-6111

[Website](#)

- Free in-room and lobby WIFI
- Complimentary On-site Parking
- Fitness center
- Meeting space
- Pet-friendly rooms
- Smoke Free Property



On-site restaurant

L'Ardoise Restaurant & Lounge

Inspired by the slow-food movement, L'Ardoise features clean, simple flavors and seasonal ingredients. Choose from Gatineau classics like gourmet burgers, sandwiches and salads for breakfast and lunch at this charming restaurant. Please note that the restaurant is only open for breakfast and dinner.

Distance from Airport to Hotel: Approximately 15 kilometers/20 minutes (traffic dependent)

Distance from Hotel to Venue: Approximately 8.0 kilometers/15 minutes (traffic dependent)

Château Cartier Hotel & Resort

Synchronized Skating Teams Hotel

1 170 Chemin d' Aylmer,

Gatineau, Québec,

J9H 7L3

Telephone: +1 (819) 778-0000

[Website](#)

- Free in-room and lobby WIFI
- Complimentary On-site Parking
- Fitness center
- Meeting space
- Pet-friendly rooms
- Smoke Free Property



On-site restaurant

KaTO

KaTO offers an incredible Japanese and Korean fusion in the Gatineau-Ottawa region. Our menu is a masterful blend of heritage and modernity, orchestrated by the talented Chef Taek Lee. Our cuisine features vibrant flavors and land and sea provisions for a memorable dining experience.

ONŌ

Discover our restaurant adjacent to the Kōena Spa, open to all. Explore our menu inspired by Canadian cuisine, offering a dish for every taste. Relax on one of our sofas, at our bar, or at one of our tables and enjoy the ONŌ experience.

Distance from Airport to Hotel: Approximately 18 kilometers/25 minutes (traffic dependent)

Distance from Hotel to Venue: Approximately 14 kilometers/20 minutes (traffic dependent)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Gatineau

Section Hotel

11 Impasse de la Gare-Talon Gatineau,

Québec J8T 0B1

Telephone: +1 (819) 503 8800

[Website](#)

- Free in-room and lobby WIFI
- Complimentary On-site Parking, EV Chargers
- Pool
- Meeting space
- Pet-friendly rooms
- Smoke Free Property



Distance from Airport to Hotel: Approximately 22 kilometers/30 minutes (traffic dependent)

Distance from Hotel to Venue: Approximately 1 kilometers/3 minutes (traffic dependent)

Best Western Plus Gatineau-Ottawa Downtown

Section Hotel

131 Rue Laurier, Gatineau,

Quebec J8X 3W3 Canada

Telephone: +1 (819) 770 8550

[Website](#)

- Free in-room and lobby WIFI
- Complimentary On-site Parking
- Fitness Centre. Pool
- Meeting space
- Smoke Free Property



Distance from Airport to Hotel: Approximately 15 kilometers/25 minutes (traffic dependent)

Distance from Hotel to Venue: Approximately 7.5 kilometers/15 minutes (traffic dependent)

Comfort Inn - Gatineau

Section Hotel

630 boul. la Gappe, Gatineau, QC,

J8T 7S8

Telephone : (819) 243 6010

[Website](#)

- Free in-room and lobby WIFI
- Complimentary On-site Parking
- Bus Parking
- Smoke Free Property



Distance from Airport to Hotel: Approximately 23.5 kilometers/35 minutes (traffic dependent)

Distance from Hotel to Venue: Approximately 1 kilometers/3 minutes (traffic dependent)

Registration Information

Location	Date	Hours of Operation
Slush Puppie Centre Team Entrance Skaters, Coaches, Officials, Team Managers, Etc.	Monday, January 5, 2026	09:00 – 17:00
	Tuesday, January 6, 2026	09:00 – 17:00
	Wednesday, January 7, 2026	06:00 – 16:00
	Thursday, January 8, 2026	07:00 – 16:00
	Friday, January 9, 2026	07:00 – 16:00
	Saturday, January 10, 2026	07:00 – 16:00
	Sunday, January 11, 2026	10:00 – 12:00

Accreditation

Please refer to the Info Centre for the latest policy related to accreditation found here: [Coach Accreditation Policy](#)

In addition, please be aware of accredited access as outlined here: [Competition - Skate Canada Domestic Events Accreditation Procedure](#)

Further information related to accredited access to specific areas within the competition venue will be communicated on-site as necessary.

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.

Music Requirements

- All skaters must have submitted music online as part of the registration process. Music used at the Event will be the electronic version submitted during registration.
- Competitors must have their back-up file – on a USB flash drive at **the boards during official practice and/or competition.**
- Alternative electronic items such as iPhones, tablets, CDs, mp3 players etc. will not be accepted for playing music.
- Updates to music files after registration can be sent to eventsinfo@skatecanada.ca

Victory Ceremonies

The Victory Ceremony schedule and order of medal presentations are indicated on the event schedule.

- Format – 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- All victory ceremonies will be held on-ice.
- Skaters in full costume with skates on

Team Manager to escort skaters to chute and confirm their arrival. Medals will be presented or available to the skaters, including alternates and skaters without medical clearance, that are registered and included on the team's official registration form for the Canadian National Skating Championships.

Only those team members in properly tied skates will be allowed on the ice to accept their award. No shoes or crutches will be allowed on the ice surface. Skaters without medical clearance may not wear skates and go on the ice surface.

Officials' Information

Meals And Per Diems

You will be provided with a cheque when you register. The amount you receive will vary based on the number of days you are away from home for the event. Everyone will be given \$65 per day regardless of travel times.

Meetings

Officials

Note: All pre-event meetings with your referee will take place 60 minutes prior to the start of the event. These meetings will take place in the *Officials' Room* at the arena, unless changed by the referee.

Please refer to and familiarize yourself with the officials SharePoint site for Nationals for all other information.

Media Information

Media Centre

The Media Centre is located at the Slush Puppie Centre and will provide a working area for media with fully equipped internet (wireless and hardline), printing stations and a small catering station.

Media Centre Hours (subject to change)

Date	Hours
Monday, January 5, 2026	10:30 – 19:30
Tuesday, January 6, 2026	07:30 – 22:30
Wednesday, January 7, 2026	07:00 – 22:30
Thursday, January 8, 2026	08:00 – 22:30
Friday, January 9, 2026	08:30 – 00:00
Saturday, January 10, 2026	07:00 – 00:00
Sunday, January 11, 2026	07:00 – 20:00

Mixed Zone

A *Mixed Zone* has been created at the Slush Puppie Centre. Skaters will access this zone on the way to their dressing rooms from the Kiss & Cry exit. The *Mixed Zone* will be located at ice level and media will access this area using the stairs at the main entrance. Senior skaters will come through the *Mixed Zone* after their short and free programs. Any interview requests for Junior skaters during competition or for Senior skaters during practices must be made to the staff at the *Media Centre* in advance.

Social Media

Stay up to date with Skate Canada's social media accounts:

- Facebook: [Skate Canada / Patinage Canada](#)
- X: [@SkateCanada](#)
- Instagram: [@skate_canada](#)
- TikTok: [@skate_canada](#)

Event hashtags: #SCNats26 (English) #NatPC26 (French)

Event Streaming

Skate Canada will be live streaming throughout the competition. Once the competition gets underway, you will be able to access the live streaming at skatecanada.ca.

Ticket Information

Tickets are available through the Slush Puppie Centre Box Office and the link below.

[Tickets – Centre Slush Puppie](#)

Event Team Seating

Team Seating for the 2026 Canadian National Skating Championships will be located in Sections 106, 108 and 110, from Tuesday, January 6th – Friday, January 9th.

For Saturday, January 10th and Sunday, January 11th, the Team Seating availability will be reduced, located in Section 106 only and are primarily intended for Senior competitors/coaches and Section team support still competing.

Competitors from other categories may still enter the venue to watch the Senior competitions but may not have a designated area to sit.

Medical Services

Medical services for athletes competing at the event include rink side emergency coverage during practices and competitions.

The medical room at the Slush Puppie Centre will provide initial injury assessments, and first aid services for acute injuries upon request only.

A sheet with medical services information is available on the Skate Canada Sportity Event App.

Boutique (Event Merchandise)

There will be a boutique selling merchandise on the concourse level throughout the event.

Appendix 1 – Photography

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 Photography
Event Media

Celebrate your experience at the
2026 National Championships with
a visit to our photo desk!

Digital & printed images will be
available to view and purchase
throughout the event at our booth
on the concourse!



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