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Patinage Saint-Jérôme

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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 **February 3, 2026, 4 p.m. (HAE (UTC 04-00))**.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

STAR Championships – Quebec Section 2026 will be held in accordance with [Skate Canada Competition Rules](#).

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Name of the competition rink	Ice surface
Aréna régionale Rivière-du-Nord 750 Rue Fillion, Saint-Jérôme, QC, J7Z 0J2	85' x 200' (Rink 1) 85' x 200' (Rink 2)

PURPOSE OF SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Quebec Section STAR 2026 Skating Championships identify the top STAR skaters in the province.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE (TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS)

For all categories, competitors must be [Skate Canada](#) members in good standing.

Competitors may not participate in [more than one category per discipline](#), e.g.: entering STAR 6 free program and STAR 8 free program will not be permitted.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

Participants in the Quebec Section 2026 STAR Skating Championships section must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Be a member in good standing of the Association.
- (2) **CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP:** Canadian citizens under the 1985 Citizenship Act or, if foreign subjects, permanent residents who have been resident in Canada for at least one year prior to the date of the championship in which they wish to participate. If the participant is of legal age, he/she must sign, in good faith, his/her intention to become a Canadian citizen. If the participant is not Canadian and is a minor, he and his parents (or guardians if both parents are deceased) must sign, under oath, with the Skate Canada Chief Executive Officer, a declaration indicating his intention to become a citizen as soon as legally possible.

In the case of a skating or ice-dancing couple, at least one partner must be a Canadian citizen. The other partner may be a citizen or resident of any other ISU member country and need not 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 a letter of "acceptance" from the Skate Canada National Office when you register for a qualifying competition of the season.

- (3) **CODE ON ETHICS:** [See the Skate Canada of Ethics](#)

CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION

- (1) **TEST REQUIREMENTS :** Competitors wishing to participate in the Championships must have passed the tests listed in the [Skate Canada Competition Program Rules](#) before **January 1, 2026**. A skater who has passed a test or part of a higher test may also be considered eligible, provided he/she meets the minimum test requirements.
- (2) **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Competitors wishing to participate in the Championships must meet the age requirements stipulated in the [Skate Canada Competition Rules](#) for each discipline.
- (3) **PARTICIPATION IN SINGLES EVENTS AT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:** A competitor may only take part in the singles events of the championships of the section of which his or her club/school is a member.
- (4) **PARTICIPATION IN ICE DANCE EVENTS AT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:** A skater who trains full-time in Québec or represents Québec may also register for Ice dance events at the Sectional Championships.

REGISTRATION

Immediately after the results of your regional final are posted, qualified participants must confirm their participation in the Quebec Section STAR 2026 Skating Championships to the regional representatives, who will inform them of the procedure to follow and collect the information needed to register for the provincial final, as well as the cost of affiliation.

Registrations must be made online via the following link: [Registration](#)

All entries and payments must be received before **Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 4 pm. (HNE (UTC-04:00))**. **Increased registration fees will apply to any registration completed after the deadline of Tuesday, February 3, 2026, as indicated in the table below. No registration will be accepted after February 6, 2026, 4:00 PM.**

The registration fees must be paid online by credit card. For refunds made before the registration deadline, Patinage Québec will deduct from the refund a 5% administration fee as well as the online registration fee.

No group or category changes will be made after posting on the website.

No refunds will be authorized after the registration deadline. It is the skater's responsibility to ensure that they are eligible for the category in which they are registering.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees do not include service charges (1% (min \$ 1, max \$10)), administrative charges (2.5%) and taxes.

	Before February 3, 2026, 4:00 PM	From February 3, 2026 4:01 PM to February 6, 2026 4:00 PM
1 event		
Simple STAR, Sans Limites and Pre-Juvenile Special Olympics (free skating and solo ice dance)	200\$	250\$
2 events		
Novice, Junior, Senior (Solo Ice Dance)	275\$	375\$
Additional events		
Special Olympics (free skating and solo ice dance)	+ 75\$ / event	+125\$ /event
Pairs and Ice Dance		
1 event		
Juvenile Pairs	115\$ / partner	165 \$ / partner
Pre-Juvenile Ice Dance	115\$ / partner	165 \$ / partner
2 events		
Juvenile Ice Dance	165\$ / partner	265\$ / partner
Additional events		

Registration for skaters, officials and coaches will begin one hour prior to the events. Registration takes place 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 navy blue short-sleeved t-shirt (with the official competition logo)
- 1 navy blue 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 PROGRAM

All participants must complete the online program content form before Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

A \$10 fee will be applied for each missing program content form (Short Prog. and Free Prog.) **as of February 17, 2026**.

- [Single](#)
- [Pairs](#)
- [Ice Dance](#)

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

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

ACCOMMODATION

Please refer to the Patinage Québec website, <https://patinage.qc.ca/championnats-star/> for hotel and reservation information, under "*Compétitions*" / "*Compétitions provinciales*".

COACHES ACCREDITATION

Coaches must be certified Regional coaches, be members in good standing of Skate Canada and hold a professional coach card issued by Skate Quebec.

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

- Present your **valid** Patinage Québec coaching card.
 - **In addition**, all complementary dates must be valid on the competition accreditation list (e.g., first aid, criminal background check, Respect in Sport, Code of Ethics, etc.)

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

- You have a valid Patinage Québec coaching card, but one or more complementary dates are no longer valid on the accreditation list:

- You must have proof of updated credentials in hand (screenshot of your Skate Canada profile).
- You do not have a Patinage Québec card, but your name appears on the list of coaches in good standing;
- You do not have a Patinage Québec card, your name is not on the list of coaches in good standing, but you have in hand:
 - Proof of current season membership with Skate Canada;
 - Valid first aid certificate;
 - Criminal background check certificate;
 - Completion certificate for the Respect in Sport course;
 - Code of Ethics certificate
 - **OR** a screenshot from the Skate Canada website showing the dates of the above-mentioned proofs and certificates.

Scenario 3: If you do not meet the conditions of Scenarios 1 or 2, **you will not be accredited and must be replaced by a coach in good standing** to accompany your athlete.

- If a coach (not in good standing) is denied entry, the person responsible for accreditation will inform the technical representative so that the coach does not access the dressing rooms or the **rink side**.

Number of coaches with the athlete

Two coaches per skater/team or skating couple and two coaches per synchronized skating team will be accredited. Only these individuals will be allowed at ice level.

During accreditation

Coaches must register in person and present their valid coach card with photo. The coach card must be worn around their neck at all times.

A coloured bracelet (provided by Patinage Québec for provincial competitions only) will be wrapped around the card's lanyard OR around 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 files must be uploaded to SPLEX upon 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 February 17th, 2026.** 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 and mention to accreditation that there has been a music change, **as the download will take precedence over the CDs.**

Standard Specifications for CDs

- (1) Only one program must be recorded on each CD
- (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.
- (4) **Cellular phones, USB flash drive or MP3 files** will not be accepted.
- (5) Each CD must be enclosed in a plastic case.

It's important to clean your CDs and make sure they are not scratched to avoid reading problems.

Athletes will be able to recuperate their CDs after the end of each event. Any CD that is not collected will not be returned.

VIDEO

A representative will 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 to receive the link.

AWARDS

Medals will be presented to the top three competitors of each event. If only two competitors participate in the event, they will both receive a medal. If only one competitor participates in the event, he/she will receive a medal. You will be able to obtain a copy of the medal presentation schedule at the time of registration.

ENTRY FEE

There is no admission charge for spectators at 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 volunteer 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 volunteer 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 would encourage you to not use 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 regulations or communications issued by the ISU and the Quebec government in the coming months may result in changes to the announcement of the Quebec Section 2026 STAR Skating Championships

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EVENTS WITH REGIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

For all categories, competitors must be members in good standing of [Skate Canada](#).

The competitors must respect test requirements.

Competitors registered in a Jeux du Québec category during regional elimination and/or Section or Sub section Championships **cannot register** in **ANY** of the categories in the same discipline (simple, couple, dance) of the regional finals and the provincial final of the STAR Championship for the current year.

Current year: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Competitors cannot register in two categories of the same discipline (example STAR 6 and STAR 8 in Single).

See the table below for details of the categories in which they can participate:

Competitive skater category	Events in which skaters can participate in the Quebec Section STAR 2026 Skating Championships
Sans-Limites and Pre-Juvenile skaters in Single	Sans-Limites and Pre-Juvenile skaters in Single in Free Style
Pre-Novice Pair competition skaters	Free Style
Pre-Juvenile skaters and superior level Dance competition	Free Style
Competitive Synchronized skaters	All events

REGIONAL ELIMINATION PROCESS

Immediately following the completion of the regional competition schedule, the technical representative determines the composition of the regional team as follows:

- a) The first three places (or in the event of withdrawal, the next place) **qualifying categories** for the STAR skating regional final. If there is only one entry, the participant will need to demonstrate if he/she wants to be eligible for the provincial final.
- b) In the event of non-participation in one or more categories in the regional final, the team will not be represented in that category.
- c) In the event of withdrawal, the replacement will be in the same category.
- d) If there are fewer than three competitors in the same category, the competitors in that category will be eligible for the Quebec Section STAR 2026 Skating Championships provided they present their program at the regional elimination in their category.
- e) All skaters who compete in the STAR Regional Finals qualifying round will not be able to enter the Quebec Section STAR 2026 Skating Championships in another category.
- f) Substitutions meeting criteria a, c and d listed above will be accepted until Wednesday 4 p.m. preceding the start of the Quebec Section 2026 STAR Skating Championships.

REGIONAL TEAM REGISTRATION

Athletes who will qualify for the regional team and the substitute must register at the indicated location before leaving the competition site. See timetables on display.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Reference: [Competition resource guide](#) et [Sans Limites Technical kit](#)

SINGLE EVENTS

✓ **Women**

✓ **Men**

- **GOLD**

[Test](#) : Must have passed the complete STAR 8 freestyle assessment.
Age : No age limit
Free Skating program: 3 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **STAR 10**

[Test](#) : Must have passed the complete STAR 8 freestyle assessment.
Age : No age limit
Free Skating program: 3 min. (+/- 10 sec)

- **STAR 8**

[Test](#) : Must have passed the complete STAR 5 freestyle assessment.
Age: No age limit
Free Skating program: 3 min. (+/- 10 sec)

- **STAR 6**

[Test](#) : May have passed the complete STAR 5 freestyle assessment.
Age: No age limit
Free Skating program: 2 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **STAR 5**

[Tests](#): MUST NOT have passed any part of STAR 8 freestyle assessment.
Free Skating program: 2 min. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **Under 10 years of age**

Age: Not have reached 10 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.

- **Under 13 years of age**

Age: Not have reached 13 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.

- **13 and over**

Age: Be aged 13 and over on July 1st preceding the competition.

- **PRE-JUVENILE UNDER 11 YEARS OF AGE**

Test: May have passed the complete STAR 5 freestyle assessment or higher.
Age: Not have reached 11 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.
Free Skating program: 2 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **SANS LIMITES UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE, Women**

Test: No restrictions
Age: Not have reached 10 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.
Free Skating program: 2 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **SANS LIMITES UNDER 9 YEARS OF AGE**

Test: No restrictions
Age: Not have reached 9 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.
Free Skating program: 2 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **SANS LIMITES UNDER 8 YEARS OF AGE, Women**

Test: No restrictions
Age: Not have reached 8 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.
Free Skating program: 2 min. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **SANS LIMITES UNDER 7 YEARS OF AGE, Women**

Test: No restrictions
Age: Not have reached 7 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.
Free Skating program: 2 min. (+/- 10 sec.)

PAIRS

- **JUVENILE PAIR**

Test : Must have passed STAR 5 freestyle assessment or higher.
Age : Not have reached 16 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.
Free Skating prgm: 2 min. 30 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

ICE DANCE

- **JUVENILE**

Test : At least one partner must have passed the complete STAR 5 Dance Assessment or equivalent or higher
Age : Competitors must not have reached 16 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.
Pattern Dances: Fourteenstep (4 seq) and Foxtrot (4 seq)
Free Dance : 2 min. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **PRE-JUVENILE**

Test : At least one partner must have passed the complete STAR 5 Dance Assessment or equivalent or higher
Age : Competitors must not have reached 14 years of age on July 1st preceding the competition.
Pattern Dances: Swing (2 seq) and Tango Fiesta (3 seq).

PATTERN DANCE SOLO EVENT

PATTERN DANCE DRAW :

The Skate Canada Series 8 music will be used for all pattern dance events. However, skaters have the option to use music from the ISU selection (songs 1–5 only) or from Skate Canada's approved Contemporary Music List. If skaters choose to use either the ISU selection or contemporary music, they must provide the music to the competition organizers as indicated in the competition announcement. Only the Skate Canada Series 8 music will be used during the warm-up period.

✓ **Follow**

✓ **Lead**

- **SENIOR**

Test: Must have passed the complete Gold test A and Gold test B or higher.
Age: Competitors must have reached the age of 13 before July 1 preceding the competition.
Rhythm Dance: 2 min. 50 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)
Free dance: 3 min. 10 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **JUNIOR**

Test : Must have passed the complete Gold test A and Gold test B or higher.
Age : Competitors must not have reached the age of 21 before July 1 preceding the competition.
Rhythm Dance: 2 min. 50 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)
Free dance: 3 min. (+/- 10 sec.)

- **NOVICE**

Test : Must have passed the complete STAR 8 Dance test or higher.
Age : Competitors must not have reached the age of 21 before July 1 preceding the competition.
Pattern dance : Quickstep (4 seq) et Tango Argentin (2 seq)
Free dance : 2 min. 20 sec. (+/- 10 sec.)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

ELIGIBILITY

For all categories, competitors must be members in good standing of [Skate Canada](#).

The SOC Figure Skating rules are based upon the Skate Canada CanSkate and STAR programs. ISU or the SC rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the Official Special Olympics Canada Sport Rules. In such cases, the Official Special Olympics Canada Figure Skating Rules shall apply. **Note:** All reference to vocal music permitted is for Skate Canada national events only.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

[Regulations](#) specific to Special Olympics Canada figure skating- winter sport must be consulted before each competition. This documentation is available on the Special Olympics Canada Website. In these documents, you will find the program content for each category.

Division

There can be no more than 8 skaters per group. When there are more than eight (8) skaters in a level, a skate-off will take place. In the case of an odd number of skaters the larger group would go into group "A" (the higher group) if the skate-off.

Skate-off for final flight

If a skate-off is necessary, skaters will be assigned to a warm-up group. Each group will warm-up and immediately compete (Warm-up group 1-Competition group 1). No results will be posted- only the final group in which the skaters will compete in.

If the number of skaters is uneven, the top group will have an odd number.

In the case of a tie, the PC scores will be used to break the tie. If after this the tie remains, the skater with the least number of Merit assessments will break the tie, followed by the number of bronze assessments etc. In Dance- only 1 dance will be used for a skate-off (to be drawn on day of competition).

Planned Program sheets

Will be required for all Freestyle and Pair Events

***** Coaches and skaters** are required to hand in Planned Program sheets at registration desk for all Single and Pair events (please use the provided form).

Scoring

All events will be ranked. Final placements will be posted. Total scores will not be posted. For more information, please refer to the scoring appendix.

Report Cards

Each skater will receive a report card following the event. The report card will show the assessment of each Required Element and Component Scores or CPC marks depending on the event/level.

Awards

All skaters placing first through third will receive a medal. (No medal will be awarded for Introductory Dance)

Vocal music is permitted for Single and Pair events.

SCORING SYSTEM

- The Performance Standard system with ranking is used for Level 1 to 5, Masters, and Couple categories.
- The cumulative points calculation system. (CPC) is used for all Level 6 and open events, Dance Level 1 and above.

SINGLE EVENTS

✓

Women

✓

Men

- **LEVEL 1**

Eligibility: For skaters working on Stages 1-3 of the CanSkate Program. Skaters must not have passed Stage 4.

Safety requirement: CSA approved helmets must be worn at all times including during competition.

Free Style Program: 1 min. +/- 10 sec.

- **LEVEL 2**

Eligibility: For skaters working on Stages 4-6 of the CanSkate Program. Skaters must not have passed Stage 6.

Safety requirement: CSA approved helmets must be worn at all times for skaters who have not completed stage 5.

Free Style Program: Max. 1 min. 40 sec.

- **LEVEL 3**

Eligibility: For STAR athletes, who have completed CanSkate Stage 6. Intended for the skaters who have not mastered more than 3 single jumps.

The program must include elements from STAR Program- Level 1

Free Style Program: Max. 1 min. 40 sec.

- **LEVEL 4**

Eligibility: Intended for STAR Program skaters who have not mastered more than 5 single jumps.

Free Style Program: 2 min. +/- 10 sec.

- **LEVEL 5**

Eligibility: Intended for STAR Program skaters who have not mastered double jumps.

Free Style Program: 2 min. + / - 10 sec.

- **LEVEL 6**

Eligibility: Intended for STAR Program skaters who are working double jumps.

Free Style Program: 2 min. + / - 10 sec

- **OPEN**

Eligibility : Skaters must have successfully completed the STAR 6 Freestyle assessment or higher. Gered to those skaters who can do ore than two double jumps.

Free Style Program: 3 min. + / - 10 sec.

- **MASTER LEVEL 1/2**

Eligibility: Intended for skaters who are performing at or below the Stage 6 CanSkate level.

Age : The athletes must be 25 years of age as of July 1st preceding the competition

Free Style Program: Max. 1 min. 30 sec.

- **MASTER LEVEL 3/4**

Eligibility: Intended for skaters who have not mastered more than 5 single jumps.
Age : The athletes must be 25 years of age as of July 1st preceding the competition
Free Style Program: Max. 2 min.

PAIR EVENTS

- **LEVEL 1**

Eligibility: Each skater must be in minimum Level 3 Freestyle
Free Style Program: Max. 1 min. 30 sec.

- **LEVEL 2**

Eligibility: Each skater must be in minimum Level 4 Freestyle
Free Style Program: Max. 2 min.

- **LEVEL 3**

Eligibility: One skater must be in Level 4 Freestyle or higher. One skater **MUST** be higher than Level 4 Freestyle
Free Style Program: Max. 2 min. 30 sec.

PATTERN DANCE EVENT

PATTERN DANCE DRAW :

Please refer [to Appendix A-Special Olympics Canada Dance Draw 2025-2029](#) for appropriate seasons dances.

- **LEVEL 1**
Eligibility: Skaters must have passed complete STAR 2 dance assessment.
Dance patterns: Canasta (3 seq.) and Baby blues (3 seq.)

- **LEVEL 2**
Eligibility: Skaters must have passed the complete STAR 3 dance assessment but must not have passed the complete STAR 5 dance assessment.
Dance patterns: Swing (2 seq.) and Fiesta (3 seq.)

- **LEVEL 3**
Eligibility: Skaters must have completed STAR 4 dance assessment but must not have passed the complete STAR 6 dance test.
Dance patterns: Ten Fox (2 seq.) and Willow (2 seq.)

- **LEVEL 4**
Eligibility: Skaters must have completed the STAR 5 dance assessment but must not have passed the complete STAR 8 dance test.
Dance patterns: Fourteenstep (4 seq) and Foxtrot (4 seq.)

- **LEVEL 5**
Eligibility: Skaters must have completed the STAR 6 assessment but must not have passed the complete STAR 9 dance assessment.
Dance patterns: Rocker (4 seq.) and Blues (3 seq.)

- **LEVEL 6**
Eligibility: Skaters must have passed the complete STAR 9 dance assessment. No restriction to how many STAR 10 or Gold dances passed.
Dance patterns: Quickstep (4 seq.) and Blues (3 seq.)