



ANNOUNCEMENT

2017 SKATE CANADA NOVA SCOTIA SECTIONALS

Dates:	November 4th to 6th 2016
Location:	Arthur J. LeBlanc Arena, Dieppe NB
Hosted By:	Skate Canada New Brunswick & Dieppe Gold Blades Skating Club
Sanctioned By:	Skate Canada

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PURPOSE OF SECTIONALS

Sectionals identify the top skaters in each province (Ontario having four Sections) for advancement to the next round of qualifying events ultimately leading to the Canadian Figure Skating Championships. Sectionals is a skater's first exposure to competitive stream competition, and is to be organized from a technical perspective as closely as possible to the Canadian Championships in terms of rules and competitive experience.

Each Sectionals event is the property of Skate Canada and may be sponsored locally in accordance with Skate Canada's Marketing Guidelines. 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.

Sectionals allow the section to feature their talented skaters, train officials and volunteers, recognize sponsors, and provide entertaining skating for audiences at the provincial level.

In accordance with Skate Canada rules, all Sectional events must be completed no later than the first Sunday following November 30 of the current skating year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2017 Skate Canada Nova Scotia Sectionals will be conducted in accordance with the Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook and the CPC Regulations for specific rules governing qualifying events and events run in the CPC System. Discipline specific pre-event technical packages, ISU Communications and clarifications should also be referred to in preparation for the upcoming 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 allotted to each section in any Sectional competition, the section may elect to cancel the competition and may approve the entry of the relevant competitors to the Skate Canada Challenge competition of the same category (if applicable).

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Technical Representative	Sheila Beard	sheilabeard@eastlink.ca
Section Contact	Jill Knowles	skatecanadans@sportnovascotia.ca

RINKS TO BE USED

Arthur J. LeBlanc Centre (St. Anselme surface) 432 Melanson Road, Dieppe NB	185' x 85'
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ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE (Skate Canada Rule 5401)

Entrants in Canadian Championships events, or qualifying events for Canadian Championships shall:

- (1) **ELIGIBLE PERSON STATUS:** Be eligible persons as defined in Skate Canada Rule Book [Section 2100](#).
- (2) **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** Be Associate members in good standing of the Association.
- (3) **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 an ice dance couple, at least one partner must be a Canadian citizen. The other partner may be a citizen or resident of a country of any other ISU Member and need not reside in Canada.

All Non-Canadian citizens interested in competing in the 2016-2017 Skate Canada Qualifying Competitions are required to complete the [NON-CANADIAN CITIZEN APPLICATION](#). In order to be eligible to compete in the 2016-2017 Skate Canada Qualifying Competition, you must present an "Acceptance" letter from the Skate Canada National Office when you register for entry into the 2016-17 Qualifying Competition.

Please complete the [NON-CANADIAN CITIZEN APPLICATION](#) and forward it to the attention of Laura Baker, High Performance Analyst postmarked by no later than August 22, 2016.

- (4) **ANTI-DOPING POLICY AND DOPING CONTROL POLICY:** Agree to be subject to Association rules and regulations regarding doping controls, on an announced or unannounced basis, as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Such rules and regulations shall be entitled "Skate Canada Anti-Doping Policy and Doping Control Program" and shall be made available to potential entrants upon request to their Section or the National Office. (See Skate Canada Policies and Procedures.)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY ([Qualifying Competition Handbook](#), paragraph 515)

- (1) **TEST PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter Sectionals and events leading to Sectionals shall have passed the tests as listed in paragraph 510 of the Qualifying Competition Handbook (see below) before October 1st preceding the Championships. A skater may also be considered qualified having passed a higher test or parts thereof as long as the minimum test requirement is fulfilled.
- (2) **AGE PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter Sectionals and events leading to Sectionals shall meet the age requirements to compete as listed in paragraph 510.
- (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 is a member.
- (4) **COMPETING IN PAIR OR DANCE AT SECTIONALS:** A pair or dance team composed of skaters having clubs in different Sections may enter the group event of the Sectional Championships of any one, but only one, of the Sections represented by its members. The Chair of each Section concerned must be advised as to which championship the group will enter.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry forms and fees must be in hand no later than 4:00 pm Monday September 19th 2016

Entry forms must be forwarded to your section co-ordinator, **Jill Knowles Skate Canada Nova Scotia 5516 Spring Garden Road, 4th floor, Halifax, NS B3J 1G6** with entry fees no later than **Monday September 19th 2016**.

The host Section must verify the eligibility of all competitors according to paragraph 510, 515 and 520 of the Qualifying Competition Handbook and submit the names and registration numbers of all competitors entering Canadian Championship qualifying events to the National Office of the Association immediately after the closing date of entries and no later than October 3rd or the next business day following that date.)

The acceptance of late entries is at the discretion of the Section in consultation with the technical representative.

The eligibility of all entries must be verified by the Section in consultation with the Skate Canada national office.



Entry Fees

Entry fees are as follows:

Singles:	\$ 225.00 for Pre Novice and higher \$ 145.00 for Pre Juvenile & Juvenile
Dance & Pairs:	\$ 115.00 per person

Please make cheques payable to Skate Canada Nova Scotia and send to Skate Canada Nova Scotia 5516 Spring Garden Road 4th floor, Halifax, NS B3J 1G6 by 4:00pm Monday September 19th 2016 along with your completed entry forms.

If you are e-transferring applications can be sent via e-mail to skatecanadans@sportnovascotia.ca or faxed 902-425-5606

E- transfers are also acceptable sent to skatecanadanovascotia@gmail.com please include the skater's name as it appears on the application form. Security question: What is the name of the competition? Answer: Sectionals 2017. Please print or record the confirmation number for your records.

RESTRICTIONS TO ENTRY

Refer to **Qualifying Competition Handbook**, [paragraph 530](#) (5)

TEST AND AGE PREREQUISITES FOR COMPETING

Refer to **Qualifying Competition Handbook**, [paragraph 510](#)

SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE CANADA SECTIONALS (Qualifying Competition Handbook, [paragraph 520](#))

SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE

Refer to **Qualifying Competition Handbook**, [paragraph 525](#) (3)

SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVENTS - SKATE CANADA NOVA SCOTIA SECTIONALS (Qualifying Competition Handbook [paragraph 520](#))

PRE- JUVENILE EVENTS:

SINGLES:

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skating Test or higher.
- II. **AGE:** Pre Juvenile Singles competitors shall be grouped in two categories as follows:
 - U11: under the age of 11 before July 1st preceding the event.
 - U13: under the age or 13 before July 1st preceding the event

PAIR:

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skating test of higher.
- II. **AGE:** Pre Juvenile Pair competitors shall be under the age of 14 before July 1st preceding the event

DANCE:

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Dance test of higher.
- II. **AGE:** Pre Juvenile Dance competitors shall be under the age of 14 before July 1st preceding the event

JUVENILE EVENTS:

SINGLES:

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skating Test or higher.
- II. **AGE:** Juvenile Singles competitors shall be grouped in two categories as follows:
 - U12: under the age of 12 before July 1st preceding the event.
 - U14: under the age or 14 before July 1st preceding the event

PAIR:

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Free Skating test of higher.
- II. **AGE:** Juvenile Pair competitors shall be under the age of 16 before July 1st preceding the event

DANCE:

- I. **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Dance test of higher.
- II. **AGE:** Juvenile Dance competitors shall be under the age of 16 before July 1st preceding the event

1. **PRE-NOVICE EVENTS**

- (a) **PRE-NOVICE WOMEN'S SINGLES & PRE-NOVICE MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:** These competitions shall consist of two parts: (refer to the Skate Canada Technical Requirements for the current season)

- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**

- (b) **PRE-NOVICE PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP:** This competition will consist of two parts: (refer to the Skate Canada Technical Requirements for the current season)

- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**

- (c) **PRE-NOVICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP:** This competition will consist of two parts: (refer to the Skate Canada Technical Requirements for the current season)

- (i) **PATTERN DANCES**
- (ii) **FREE DANCE**

2. **NOVICE EVENTS**

- (a) **NOVICE WOMEN SINGLES & NOVICE MEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** These competitions shall consist of two parts: (refer to the Skate Canada Technical Requirements for the current season)

- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**

- (b) **NOVICE PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts: (refer to the Skate Canada Technical Requirements for the current season)

- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**

(c) **NOVICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts: (refer to the Skate Canada Technical Requirements for the current season)

- (i) **PATTERN DANCES**
- (ii) **FREE DANCE**

3. **JUNIOR EVENTS**

(a) **JUNIOR WOMEN'S SINGLES & JUNIOR MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:**

These competitions shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:

- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**

(b) **JUNIOR PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:

- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**

(c) **JUNIOR DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:

- (i) **SHORT DANCE**
- (ii) **FREE DANCE**

4. **SENIOR EVENTS**

(a) **SENIOR WOMEN'S SINGLES AND MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** These competitions shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:

- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**

(b) **SENIOR PAIR SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:

- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**

- (c) **SENIOR ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:
- (i) **SHORT DANCE**
 - (ii) **FREE DANCE**

REGISTRATION

Registration for skaters, officials and coaches will commence 1 hour before the first official practice.

REGISTRATION AND PRACTICE ICE FOR SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Qualifying Competition Handbook paragraph 520, 8(i –j))

- (1) **REGISTRATION:** Unless otherwise listed in the event announcement competitors must register for the competition before their official practice session immediately prior to the first portion of their event.
- (2) **PRACTICE ICE:** Upon registration or attendance at an officially scheduled practice session competitors are not permitted to skate on ice other than the official practice or competition ice as scheduled for the event. Violators of this rule shall be subject to suspension from the competition in question.

ACCREDITATION FOR COACHES

By-law 2403 (Skate Canada Policies and Procedures) shall apply.

In order to receive accreditation from Skate Canada at Sectionals, Skate Canada professional coaches must meet the following conditions:

- Be Intermediate STARSkate/Provincial Coach certified
- Be a current Professional Coaching Member of Skate Canada
- Hold a valid First Aid Certificate
- Coaches must register in person and show their Skate Canada Professional Coach Membership Card which includes their photo

NEW COACHES: New professional coaches who do not meet the above criteria for accreditation or funding will have three years in which to become Level 2/ISPC Certified and four years to become Level 3 Certified from the date of registering as a Skate Canada Professional Coach.

Two coaches per entry will be accredited. Only two people will be allowed at ice level – determined by the skater/team.



JUDGING SYSTEM

The Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) Judging System will be used for all events.

MUSIC

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights societies.

Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, are responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and/or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights societies.

Pre-Novice and Novice Dance competitors: The ISU pattern dance music to be used for all practices and events is the 2001 Revised Version produced by the ISU.

Music Requirements – Each competitor must provide 2 CD's for the competition upon registration, one marked Master and one marked back up.

- Only 1 program shall be recorded on each CD
- The start of the music shall be recorded on the CD with less than 2 seconds lead in
- Competitor's name followed by the category, program type – short or free, and music time shall be on the CD and case
- Each CD must be in a case that is in good repair and properly marked as above
- It is suggested that each coach have copies for their skater's programs

Music/Practice Rotations

Music/Practice rotations will be available at registration. Any special requirements should be communicated to the technical representative (***INSERT NAME AND CONTACT INFO***), by (***INSERT DATE***).

AWARDS

Standard Skate Canada Sectional medals will be presented to the top three finishers of each event. In the case of only two entries, each entry shall be awarded a prize. In the case of only one entry in an event an exhibition shall be performed but no prize shall be awarded. The presentation schedule will be available at registration.

ACCOMMODATION

Crowne Plaza Downtown Moncton
1005 Main Street Moncton, NB E1C 1G9
506-854-6340
Rate \$121.00 per night (includes parking & breakfast)

ACCIDENTS / LIABILITY

Skate Canada, the Skate Canada Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Sections, Skate Canada 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, the Skate Canada, the volunteer team and against their officers and 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.

TICKET INFORMATION

There may be a nominal admission fee charged for spectators. Competitors will not be charged an admission fee.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE – Any rules or communications published by the ISU over the summer may have an impact on the Sectional announcement.