



SELECTION CRITERIA

FIGURE SKATING

SKATE CANADA NEW BRUNSWICK

2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES

Pre-Novice, Novice and Special Olympics

February 2018

PHILOSOPHY:

The selection of athletes shall support the following beliefs:

- Personal commitment to a training program with the primary goal to reaching their athletic potential.
- Fair play and team co-operation both on and off ice.

OBJECTIVES:

- To field a team to represent the province of New Brunswick with a goal to improve upon our previous Canada Winter Games ("CGW") standing.
- To provide our athletes with training opportunities, monitoring sessions, and seminars for their development in order to pursue excellence.
- To select the best team possible, meeting both development and competitive objectives.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES:

Please see "Appendix A" attached.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection of athletes will be the responsibility of the CWG Selection Committee, which shall be comprised of the following:

- Skate Canada NB Section Executive (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). The SCNB President will act as chair of the committee.
- Director of Athlete Development
- Chair of the Competitive Skater Development Programs Committee
- Technical Director

Note: Any member of the Selection Committee listed above having a conflict of interest in the selection of the CWG Team will be removed from the Selection Committee. Skate Canada's

policy "Conflict of Interest for Directors, Committee Members & Trustees" will determine conflict of interest (see <https://info.skatecanada.ca/hc/en-ca/articles/201224760-Conflict-of-Interest-for-Directors-Committee-Members-Trustees-Policy>).

Note: In the event the Selection Committee has fewer than 5 members considering vacant positions/conflict of interest, the remaining Selection Committee members will name additional members to the Selection Committee as they see fit to a minimum of 5 members.

SELECTION PROCESS – Pre-Novice / Novice Events:

Step 1. Identify the pool of athletes that could be eligible for the 2019 CWG.

All athletes wishing to be considered for the 2019 CWG Team must satisfy the following:

- Attend a CWG Training Camp to be held between the dates of March 1, 2018 and April 30, 2018. Final date of the training camp will be determined based on the competition schedule, ice availability, and facilitator availability.

Note: For dance and pairs disciplines, each partner must meet the above criteria however they may qualify for the CWG Team with a different partner.

Step 2. Athletes competing for a spot on the 2019 CWG Team must compete at the intended level of competition for the 2019 CWG commencing at the 2018 Skate Canada NB Fall Skate Competition.

In 2018, all eligible athletes competing for a spot on the 2019 CWG Team must compete in the following listed competitions:

- 2018 Skate Canada NB Fall Skate Competition (held in Fall of 2018)
- 2019 Skate Canada NB Sectionals (held in Fall of 2018)

Athletes will be ranked using the Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) judging system at SCNB Fall Skate and the SCNB Provincial Championships. The combined total points from the two required competitions shall determine which athletes will be selected for the CWG Team. For singles, pairs and dance categories, the three highest total scores per qualifying events will be considered for a spot on the CWG Team.

TIE BREAKER: In case of a tie, the athlete with the highest points at the 2019 Skate Canada NB Sectional Championships will be chosen. If there is still a tie, the highest score from the combined total of the Free Skating portion from both required competitions will break the tie.

Step 3. Final Team Selection

There are spots for a selection of up to 12 athletes, a maximum of 6 male and 6 female, from the following categories:

Pre-Novice Women, Pre-Novice Men, Pre-Novice Pairs, Pre-Novice Dance, Novice Women, Novice Men, Novice Pairs, and Novice Dance.

A maximum of two (2) entries per category with an alternate will be selected for the CWG Team. Athletes may only qualify for the CWG Team in a single discipline.

Any member of the final team selected must be able to attend the CWG Event and stay in the village on their own under the care and supervision of the CWG Coaches and Manager.

The final 2019 CWG Team and alternates will be chosen following the 2019 Skate Canada NB Sectional Championships. To be considered, the athlete must be in good standing with their home Club, the Skate Canada NB Section and Skate Canada. Additionally, the athlete must meet the eligibility criteria of the CWG as well as those established by Skate Canada NB (see Minimum Points Requirements).

Due to the limited number of spots, the Selection Committee will select athletes and alternates based on the objectives previously outlined in this document.

SELECTION PROCESS – SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS:

Step 1. Athletes competing for a spot on the 2019 CWG Team must compete at the intended level of competition for the 2019 CWG commencing at the 2018 Skate Canada Fall Skate Competition.

All eligible athletes competing for a spot on the 2019 CWG Team must compete in the following listed competitions:

- 2018 Skate Canada NB Fall Skate Competition (held in Fall of 2018)
- 2019 Skate Canada NB Sectionals (held in Fall of 2018)

Athletes will be ranked at SCNB Fall Skate and the SCNB Provincial Championships. The combined rankings from the two required competitions shall determine which athletes will be selected for the CWG Team. The two highest rankings per qualifying events will be considered for a spot on the CWG Team.

TIE BREAKER: In case of a tie, the athlete with the highest rank at the 2019 Skate Canada NB Sectional Championships will be chosen.

Step 2. There are spots for a selection of up to 2 athletes, a maximum of 1 male and 1 female, from the following categories:

Level 2 Singles Men, Level 2 Singles Women, Level 3 Singles Men, Level 3 Singles Women.

A maximum of 1 entry per event with an alternate will be selected for the CWG Team.

Any member of the final team selected must be able to attend the CWG Event and stay in the village (possibly with the aid of a chaperone – to be confirmed) under the care and supervision of the CWG Coaches and Manager.

The final 2019 CWG Team and alternates will be chosen following the 2019 Skate Canada NB Sectionals based their individual performances providing the athlete is in good standing with their home Club, the Skate Canada NB Section, and Skate Canada. Additionally, the athlete must meet all eligibility criteria of the CWG as well as those established by Skate Canada NB.

Due to the limited number of spots, the Selection Committee will select athletes and alternates based on the objectives previously outlined in this document.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Selection Committee will consider athletes who are unable to participate in one of the required events on a case-by-case basis.

- In the event of illness or injury – the Selection Committee will require a medical note signed by a doctor.
- In the event of circumstances requiring compassion – the responsibility of determining if the situation qualifies for compassion will rest with the Selection Committee

The Selection Committee must receive requests for special circumstances (with medical note if applicable) prior to the start of the event.

MINIMUM POINT REQUIREMENTS

Athletes qualifying in Pre-Novice and Novice categories must have achieved a Minimum Technical Score in the Free Program to qualify for the CWG Team. This Minimum Technical Score must:

- Have been achieved from September 1, 2016 until the conclusion of the 2019 Skate Canada NB Sectionals.
- Have been achieved at the same level of competition or lower as that to be competed at the CWG.
- Be in the same discipline as that to be competed at the CWG.

The Minimum Technical Scores are as follows.

	Men	Women	Pairs	Ice Dance
Pre-Novice	18	21	15	14
Novice	27	25	25	20

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CWG TEAM SELECTION

The decision-making results for the final team selection by the CWG Selection Committee shall remain confidential within the Committee. The CWG Committee shall inform each selected athlete individually within 72 hours following Skate Canada NB Sectionals. During this time period all alternates will also be individually notified. Once all selected athletes and alternates have been notified, a public announcement will be made of the Skate Canada NB CWG Team on the Skate Canada NB website (<http://www.skatenb.org>).

APPEAL PROCEDURE

An athlete or coach has the right to appeal the selection decision if they believe the selection process was not implemented as indicated in this document. An appeal will not be considered based solely on an athlete or coach disagreeing with the decision of the selection committee.

The Appeal Committee shall consist of:

- One director from Skate Canada NB Board of Directors who is not on the Selection Committee

- One Skate Canada NB official. Qualified official shall be either a judge qualified at the Senior Interclub level or higher or a Technical Specialist / Controller qualified at the Section level or higher.
- One member from Sport NB

The Executive members of the Skate Canada NB Board of Directors shall appoint the Appeal Committee. Those appointed shall have no conflict of interest with any athlete potentially qualifying for the CWG Team.

An appeal must be submitted in writing to the Appeal Committee within 72 hours of the official announcement of the 2019 CWG Team.

A decision on the appeal will be communicated within seven days of the receipt of the appeal.

The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final and binding.

INJURY/ILLNESS POLICY

Athletes will be continually monitored following selection leading up to departure for the CWG.

In the event of illness or injury of an athlete who has been selected for the CWG Team, the athlete may be requested by the team manager to submit a letter from a physician verifying they are fit to compete. The team manager must receive this letter no later than 10 days before team departure for the CWG.

The injured skater will be evaluated by the Selection Committee at least 5 days prior to the departure for the 2019 CWG and, if necessary, an alternate will be named to attend the CWG in their place.

APPENDIX A

Please note the following is subject to change without notice. See <http://www.canadagames.ca/sports?2019> or <https://info.skatecanada.ca/hc/en-ca/sections/202213123-2019-Canada-Winter-Games> for the most up to date versions and additional information.

Age Categories

PRE-NOVICE SINGLES Competitors shall be under the age of 16 before July 1 preceding the event.

PRENOVICE PAIR Competitors shall be under the age of 18 before July 1 preceding the event.

PRENOVICE ICE DANCE Competitors shall be under the age of 18 before July 1 preceding the event.

NOVICE SINGLES Competitors shall be under the age of 17 before July 1 preceding the event.

NOVICE PAIR Competitors shall meet ISU Junior age criteria (maximum age limit only applies); males shall be under 21 years of age and females under 19 years of age before July 1 preceding the event.

NOVICE ICE DANCE Competitors shall meet ISU Junior age criteria (maximum age limit only applies); males shall be under 21 years of age and females under 19 years of age before July 1 preceding the event.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS LEVEL 2 SINGLES Competitors must be a minimum of 13 years of age, and under 30 years of age, as of December 31, 2018.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS LEVEL 3 SINGLES Competitors must be a minimum of 13 years of age, and under 30 years of age, as of December 31, 2018.

Eligibility Restrictions

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- National Team athletes* and international Junior and Senior competitors;
- Athletes who do not meet the date of birth requirements as determined in section 3 of the Technical Package;
- Athletes that have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time;
- Athletes who have previously competed at the following events: ISU World Championships, ISU Four Continent Championships, ISU World Junior Championships, Olympic Games, FISU Games.

Skate Canada Rule 5401 (Eligibility to compete) applies to all competitors, with the exception of 5401(3). For the Canada Games, competitors need to be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, with no minimum residency requirement for permanent residents.

Competitors must compete in the same category that they registered in at qualifying competition during the 2018-2019 competitive season.

Skate Canada Requirements:

- Pre-Novice Singles: Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 510 (2)(a)(i).
- Pre-Novice Pair: Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 510 (2)(b)(i).
- Pre-Novice Ice Dance: Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 510 (2)(c)(i).
- Novice Singles: Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 510 (3)(a)(i).
- Novice Pair: Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 510 (3)(b)(i).
- Novice Ice Dance: Skate Canada Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 510 (3)(c)(i).
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Special Olympics Level 2 Singles (Men & Women):

- Skaters must be working on Stages 4-6 of the CanSkate Program. Skaters must not have completed Stage 6.

Special Olympics Level 3 Singles (Men & Women):

- For STAR athletes, who have completed CanSkate Stage 6.
- Skaters must not have mastered more than 3 single jumps.

* Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Sport Committee.