



SKATE/PATINAGE CANADA
NEW BRUNSWICK/NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

2023 CANADA WINTER GAMES

SELECTION CRITERIA

August 2021

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 (“CWG”) standing;
- To provide our athletes with training opportunities, monitoring sessions, and seminars for their development to pursue excellence;
- To select the best team possible, meeting both development and competitive objectives.

ROLE of SKATE CANADA NEW BRUNSWICK

- Identification, selection and training of athletes, coaches and manager;
- Ensuring athletes and coaching staff are in compliance with eligibility requirements;
- To provide our athletes with training opportunities, monitoring sessions, and seminars for success;
- To establish budget;
- To follow the guidelines as established in this document.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES, COACHES AND MANAGER

Athletes

Please note the following is subject to change without notice. See <https://www.canadagames.ca/sports> for the most up to date versions and additional information.

Responsibility

- Be a member in good standing with Skate Canada New Brunswick;
- Full time training
- Compete to the best of their ability, in a fair and sportsmanlike manner.

Expectations for SCNB CWG Team members:

- Attend all SCNB CWG events, Team NB functions and ceremonies prior to, during and after the Games;
- Adhere to Team NB's Code of Conduct and Skate Canada's Code of Ethics (<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/policies/79-skate-canada-code-of-ethics.html>)
- Reside in the Athletes' Village throughout the Games;
- Wear the Team NB clothing in the manner in which they are designed to be worn at the events and for the purposes for which they are provided;
- Good sportsmanship. Let's encourage fellow skaters at all times;
- That you abstain from the use of alcohol (skaters under the age of 19), banned substances, drugs and/or tobacco;
- That all coaches, arena personnel, volunteers and officials be treated with respect at all times. Decisions made by officials may not be what you expected, but these highly trained volunteers deserve respect;
- That you will not use disrespectful language and/or behaviour, harassment, discrimination be it at the arena, Athletes' Village, in transportation and/or on social media (https://skatenb.org/images/Social_Media_Policy_Feb_2021.pdf);
- That you skate to the best of your abilities.

Age Categories

Pre-Novice Singles:

- Males and females shall be under the age of 16 as of June 30, 2022;
- Date of birth: July 1, 2006 or later.

Pre-Novice Pairs and Ice Dance:

- Males and females shall be under the age of 18 as of June 30, 2022;
- Date of birth: July 1, 2004 or later.

Special Olympics:

- Males and females shall be a minimum of 13 years of age and a maximum of 30 years of age as of December 31, 2022;
- Year of birth: 1992-2009

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 (Eligibility to compete) applies to all competitors.

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h2-eligibility-to-participate>

For the Canada Games, competitors need to be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, with no minimum residency requirement for permanent residents.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wUzszKUOf7U-2GvlpWw7vTUdgha5f0UW/view>

Competitors must compete in the same category that they registered in at qualifying competition during the 2022-2023 competitive season.

* 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.

Skate Canada Requirements:

Pre-Novice Singles:

- <https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/261-competitive-competition-program-requirements.html#h1-3-pre-novice-singles>

Pre-Novice Pair:

- <https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/261-competitive-competition-program-requirements.html#h2-3-pre-novice-pairs>

Pre-Novice Ice Dance:

- <https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/261-competitive-competition-program-requirements.html#h3-3-pre-novice-dance>

Special Olympics Level 2 Singles (Men & Women):

https://www.specialolympics.ca/sites/default/files/Figure%20Skating_1.pdf

- Skaters must be working on Stages 4 – 6 of the CanSkate Program. Skaters must not have completed Stage 6.
- For skaters who have not completed stage 5 – CSA approved helmets must be worn at all times including during competition
 - NOTE: If skater is not wearing a Helmet at the event they must provide the CanSkate report card verifying they have successfully completed Stage 5.

Special Olympics Level 3 Singles (Men & Women):

https://www.specialolympics.ca/sites/default/files/Figure%20Skating_1.pdf

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

Coaches and Manager

- These positions are strictly volunteer assignments;
- Positions available:
 - One (1) manager
 - Two (2) coaches*
 - One (1) Special Olympics coach.

*At least 1 of the staff must be male and at least 1 must be female.

Coaches

Certification

<https://www.canadagames.ca/sports/figure-skating>

- All coaches registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system must be registered Skate Canada Professional Coaching members in good standing with the association and Skate Canada NCCP Provincial Coach certified;
- Special Olympics coaches must be Skate Canada NCCP Regional Coach certified;

- Coaches must be certified no later than 90 days prior to the opening ceremony (November 20, 2022);
- Please note that “NCCP Provincial Coach/Regional Coach Certified, Not Renewed” does not qualify under the coaching standards for the 2023 Canada Winter Games;
- Please refer to the CGC’s Coach Certification Policy for additional information: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G3R4LPSxy5bc_IZALgwLYqQzOpxFSm4x/view.

Skill Set

- Highly motivated;
- Previous experience with athletes who have participated in a qualifying event for Nationals and/or at a National Event is an asset;
- Good interpersonal skills;
- Willing to accept the challenges of the task;
- History of coaching excellence;
- Be an ambassador for the Province, Team NB and our sport;
- Be prepared to spend the necessary hours at this task, in addition to regular commitments;
- One coach or manager should have bilingual capabilities.

Responsibilities

- To work with and assist the Canada Winter Games Selection Committee with the preparation for the 2023 Canada Winter Games Team;
- To assist with the training and development of the selected athletes;
- To attend and participate in the Skate Canada New Brunswick Training program activities;
- To attend all scheduled Canada Winter Games and Team NB activities;
- To accompany and help coach at any out of province competitive opportunities;
- To maintain good working relationships with the personal coaches of athletes trying out and /or the final athletes chosen to attend CWG;
- To familiarize themselves with and adhering to Team NB’s Code of Conduct and rules;
 - Supervising athletes at all times and ensuring the Code of Conduct is followed.
- To coach in a fair and sportsmanlike manner.

Manager

Skill set

- Demonstrated administrative/organizational/team leadership ability/experience is a requirement;
- Bilingual is an asset;
- Known to have good interpersonal working relationships;
- Must be able to make the commitment of time needed to assist with the project;
- Good working knowledge of the sport of figure skating;
- A Criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Check must be conducted before the awarding of any positions.

Responsibilities

- To perform the administrative duties in assisting the Canada Winter Games Selection Committee with the preparation for the Games;
- Ensuring all team members are fully registered for the Games including submitting waiver forms and participant agreements by the deadlines;
- Act as a liaison with Team NB;
 - Familiarizing themselves with and adhering to Team NB's Code of Conduct and Rules.
- Prepare budgets, plan, and attend scheduled team preparation seminars and competitions;
- Act as the public relations coordinator for press releases re: 2023 CWG activities or team profiles;
- Send memorandums and updates to skaters, coaches, and parents;
- Co-ordinate and attend activities related to team meetings, seminars, Team NB official functions etc;
- Schedule any meetings with Team NB skaters and Parents;
- Managing in a fair and sportsmanlike manner.

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 Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, Director Finance, and Director Administration). The SCNB Chair will act as Chair of the Committee;
- Referees of Pre Novice Women and/or and Men categories;
- Technical Director and/or Chair of CompetitiveSkate Committee and/or Director Athlete Development.

Notes:

1. 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: (<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/policies/96-conflict-of-interest-for-directors-committee-members-trustees-policy.html>).

2. In the event the Selection Committee has fewer than five (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 five (5) members.

SELECTION PROCESS – Pre-Novice Categories

Step 1. Identify the pool of athletes that could be eligible for the 2023 CWG.

All athletes wishing to be considered for the 2023 CWG Team must satisfy the following:

- Attend a CWG Training Camp to be held between the dates of March 1, 2022 and April 30, 2022. Final date of the training camp will be determined based on the competition schedule, ice availability, and facilitator availability;
- To be eligible for the CWG, all pair and dance teams must be training together, at a minimum, as of February 1 of the year preceding the CWG. Exception will be granted to a team where both athletes were already competing in the discipline with other partners and a new partnership is formed because of a breakup. In that case, the new partnership must be formed as of July 1 of the year preceding the CWG, and all CMS requirements must be met.

Step 2. Athletes competing for a spot on the 2023 CWG Team must compete at the intended level of competition for the 2023 CWG commencing at the 2022 Skate Canada NB Fall Skate Competition.

In 2022, all eligible athletes competing for a spot on the 2023 CWG Team must compete in the following listed competitions:

- 2022 Skate Canada NB Fall Skate Competition (held in Fall of 2022);
- 2023 Skate Canada NB Sectionals (held in Fall of 2022)

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 2023 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 ten (10) athletes, a maximum of five (5) male and five (5) female, from the following categories:

- Pre-Novice Women
- Pre-Novice Men
- Pre-Novice Pairs
- Pre-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 one discipline.

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

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 2023 CWG Team and alternates will be chosen following the 2023 Skate Canada NB Sectional Championships. To be considered, the athlete must be in good standing with their home Club/School, 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).

SELECTION PROCESS – Special Olympics Categories

Step 1. Athletes competing for a spot on the 2023 CWG Team must compete at the intended level of competition for the 2023 CWG commencing at the 2022 Skate Canada Fall Skate Competition.

All eligible athletes competing for a spot on the 2023 CWG Team must compete in the following listed competitions:

- 2022 Skate Canada NB Fall Skate Competition (held in Fall of 2022);
- 2023 Skate Canada NB Sectionals (held in Fall of 2022)

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 2023 Skate Canada NB Sectional Championships will be chosen.

Step 2. There are spots for a selection of up to two (2) athletes, a maximum of one (1) male and one (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 one (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 2023 CWG Team and alternates will be chosen following the 2023 Skate Canada NB Sectionals based on 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 limitations and the allowed 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 required event.

MINIMUM POINT REQUIREMENTS

Athletes qualifying in Pre-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 July 1, 2020 until the conclusion of the 2023 Skate Canada NB Sectionals;
- Have been achieved at the same category 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:

	Women	Men	Pairs	Ice Dance
Pre-Novice	19.3	15.4	15.9	20.4

Note: Should Skate Canada impose Minimum Technical Scores, these will supersede those listed above.

JUMP REQUIREMENTS

The following jumps must be successfully scored on a competition detailed sheet. Jumps must have rotation on the quarter “q” or better (fully rotated) with a GOE of “- 4” or better.

The solo jump and the jump combination may be achieved from either the Short Program or the Free Program and do not need to be from the same program or competition.

	Women	Men
Pre-Novice	2Lo or higher Double / Double combo	2Lo or higher Double / Double combo

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. All alternates will also be individually notified during this time. Once all selected athletes and alternates have been notified, a public announcement will be made to announce 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 (1) director from Skate Canada NB Board of Directors who is not on the Selection Committee;
- One (1) Skate Canada NB official. Qualified official shall be either a judge qualified at the Senior Sectional level or higher or a Technical Specialist / Controller qualified at the Section level or higher;
- One (1) member from the sport community.

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 2023 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 ten (10) days before team departure for the CWG.

The situation will be evaluated by the Selection Committee at least five (5) days prior to the departure for the 2023 CWG and, if necessary, an alternate will be named to attend the CWG in their place.