



2027 Canada Winter Games Jeux d'hiver du Canada 2027

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Canada Games brings together more than 2 000 able-bodied athletes and athletes with physical and intellectual disabilities for the largest amateur multi-sport event in the country. Alternating between winter and summer, they span over 30 different sports to showcase the very best in Canadian sport and spirit. The Games are held under the stewardship of the Canada Games Council who provide continuity, leadership and support. We're here to foster ongoing partnerships and ensure the Games leave an enduring legacy on communities from coast to coast.

- The Canada Games Council (canadagames.ca)

2027 Canada Winter Games	
Dates	February 27 – March 14, 2027 (Figure Skating on the second week: March 7-14)
Location	Québec City, QC (Figure Skating held at <u>Centre de glaces Intact Assurance</u> 999 Av. De Rochebelle, Entrée 1, Québec, QC, G1V 0J6)

CATEGORIES, AGE & ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

From [2027 CWG Figure Skating Technical Package](#)

Novice Singles

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/261-competitive-competition-program-requirements.html#h1-4-novice-singles>

- Under 17 as of June 30, 2026
 - Date of birth: July 1, 2009, or later
- Must have passed the complete Gold Freeskate Assessment

Novice Pairs

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

- Under 21 as of June 30, 2026
 - Date of birth: July 1, 2005, or later
- Both partners must have passed the STAR 10 Program (or equivalent) Freeskate Assessment

Novice Ice Dance

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/261-competitive-competition-program-requirements.html#h3-4-novice-ice-dance>

- Under 21 as of June 30, 2026
 - Date of birth: July 1, 2005, or later
- At least one partner must have passed the complete STAR 8 Dance Assessment



Special Olympics (SO)

<https://www.specialolympics.ca/media/ixln2bxa/figure-skating-rules-en.pdf>

- Minimum age of 13 and maximum of 30 as of December 31, 2026
- Must be born in the years 1996-2013
- Level 3
 - For STAR athletes, who have completed CanSkate Stage 6.
 - Intended for athletes who have not mastered more than 3 single jumps.
- Level 4
 - Intended for athletes who have not mastered more than 5 single jumps.

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes

From: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TgheMluG1IsxyuKTUA90bbuRzmeimfI9/view>

[Skate Canada Rule Book, Competitions, 2.1 Eligibility to Participate - Competitors](#)

For Canada Games, Athletes must meet at least one of the Citizenship requirements to be eligible for the Canada Games as outlined in section 6.3.1 of the [Canada Games Council Athlete Eligibility Policy](#)

To be named to the New Brunswick (NB) Figure Skating Team, all athletes must meet the requirements outlined in [Skate Canada New Brunswick's \(SCNB\) Residency Policy](#)

Athletes must compete in the same category that they registered in at qualifying competition during the 2026-2027 competitive season

- Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance
 - 2027 SCNB Pre-Novice/Novice Sectional Championships (November 2026)
- Special Olympics
 - 2027 SCNB Canada Winter Games (CWG) Special Olympics Qualifying Competition (November/December 2026)

All athletes wishing to be considered for the 2027 CWG Team must satisfy the following:

- Attend a CWG Seminar to be held between the dates of March 1, 2026, and April 30, 2026. Final date of the training camp will be determined based on the competition schedule, ice availability, and facilitator availability.
 - To attend the CWG Seminar, the athlete must have passed the required Assessment by March 31, 2026.
 - Please refer to the [Injury/Illness](#) for exemption guidelines.



- To be eligible for the CWG:
 - o Singles Men and Women athletes must have competed in at least one competition at the STAR 8, STAR 9, STAR 10, Gold, Pre-Novice or Novice level during the 2025-2026 skating season.
 - o Pairs and Dance teams must have competed in at least one competition at the Juvenile, Pre-Novice or Novice level during the 2025-2026 season.

Special Olympics Athletes must be registered with and be members in good standing of Special Olympics Canada and have qualified at events sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada.

Coaches

Singles, Pairs & Dance Coaches

- Must be Skate Canada National Coach Certification Program (NCCP) Provincial Coach Certified

Special Olympics Coach(es)

- Must be Skate Canada NCCP Regional Coach Certified and SO Competition Course certified.

All coaches must complete the following NCCP Comp-Dev multi-sport training modules which are available for completion online:

- NCCP Managing Conflict
- NCCP Leading Drug-Free Sport
- NCCP Manage a Sport Program



TEAM SIZE AND SELECTION PROCESS

Coaching Staff

- One (1) Team Manager
- Two (2) Coaches
- One (1) Special Olympics coach

Team Manager

Individuals interested in the Team Manager position will need to demonstrate interest before January 31st, 2026, by filling out the following online form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScITMNQ0YfIFFQOICLg-U9jSDYuVN2UKsp80P2zMqMnE-jGvQ/viewform?usp=header>

- The Team Manager will be announced by March 1, 2026.

Coaches

Coaches interested in being part of the team will need to show their interest before August 31, 2026, by filling out the following form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw-Y_xsiyD7Z_Rc_YkCTy0Y6O8zi15DAascVL-KaZ4Oml49Q/viewform?usp=header)

[Y_xsiyD7Z_Rc_YkCTy0Y6O8zi15DAascVL-KaZ4Oml49Q/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw-Y_xsiyD7Z_Rc_YkCTy0Y6O8zi15DAascVL-KaZ4Oml49Q/viewform?usp=header)

- Selected coaches will be announced during the SCNB CWG Team Announcement.

Athletes

Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance

A maximum of five (5) male and five (5) female, from the following categories may compose the team (maximum 10 athletes):

- Novice Women
- Novice Men
- Novice Pairs
- 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.

Starting July 1st, 2026, all eligible athletes must participate in the following competitions:

- One (1) out-of-province summer competition and/or 2026 SCNB Fall Invitational (November 2026)
- 2027 SCNB Pre-Novice/Novice Sectional Championships (November/December 2026)

The combined total scores (Short and Free Programs) from either the summer competition or Fall Invitational (highest score) and the Sectionals Championships will be used to rank eligible athletes. The top 2 athletes meeting [Minimum Requirements](#) from this ranking will be named to the Team, the 3rd ranking athlete being named the alternate.

Tie Breaker: In case of a tie, the athlete with the highest NB total score at the 2027 SCNB Pre-Novice/Novice Sectionals Championships will be chosen.



Special Olympics

A maximum of one (1) male and one (1) female, from the following categories may compose the SO Team (maximum 2 athletes):

- Level 3 Singles Men
- Level 3 Singles Women
- Level 4 Singles Men
- Level 4 Singles Women.

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

All eligible athletes must compete in the following competitions:

- 2026 SCNB Fall Invitational (November 2026)
- 2027 SCNB CWG Special Olympics Qualifying Competition (November/December 2026)

The following points system will be used to rank athletes:

1st place	10 points
2nd place	8 points
3rd place	6 points
4th place	4 points
5th place	3 points
6th place	2 points
7th place	1 point

The total points of the two (2) competitions will be tallied. The top athlete from this ranking will be named to the Team, the 2nd ranking athlete being named the alternate.

Tie breaker within a Category: In case of a tie, the athlete with the highest rank at the 2027 SCNB CWG Special Olympics Qualifying Competition will be chosen.

Final Selection: If needed, the SCNB Board of Directors will use individual results (from the Computer Scoring System (CSS)) from the 2027 SCNB CWG Special Olympics Qualifying Competition to select the Special Olympics athlete. This decision shall be final.



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Points

Athletes qualifying in Novice categories must achieve a Minimum Total Segment Score in the Free Program/Free Dance to qualify for the CWG Team. This Minimum Segment Score must:

- Have been achieved from July 1, 2025, until the conclusion of the 2027 SCNB Pre-Novice/Novice Sectional Championships.
- Have been achieved at the Novice level or lower.
- Be in the same discipline as that to be competed at the CWG.

The Minimum Segment Scores are as follows:

	Women	Men	Pairs	Ice Dance
Novice	50	50	48	50

Jump

Athletes qualifying in Novice Singles event must successfully achieve the following jumps in order to be eligible to qualify for the CWG Team. Jumps must have the full base value (no “e”, “<” or “<<”) with no judge awarding a GOE of -4 or -5.

These jumps must be achieved at any competition starting July 1st, 2026. They may be achieved in either the Short or Free Program and do not need to be from the same program.

Solo Jump (Short or Free program)	2Lz or higher
Jump combination or sequence (Free program only)	Double+Double+Double OR Double+Double+1A* *Order of jumps can be different



ANNOUNCEMENT OF CWG TEAM

The NB CWG Team will be announced on the SCNB website (<https://skatenb.org/>), and SCNB social media platforms.

APPEAL PROCEDURE

All appeals will follow [Skate Canada New Brunswick's Appeal Policy](#)

INJURY/ILLNESS

A degree of commitment to the process is required for all participants.

During the qualification process:

An athlete may request an exemption from certain required activities, such as the CWG Seminar. Exemption requests must be filed with the Director of Athlete Development (podium.pathway@skatenb.org) and copied to the Manager stating the event(s) for which an exemption is requested and the reason for the exemption. Exemptions may be granted in the case of serious injury or illness and for family emergencies, minor injuries, educational requirements, national team duty, attendance at training camps, etc. These decisions will be made at the discretion of the Director of Athlete Development and Manager. This decision will be final.

No Exemptions shall be provided for the qualification competitions. For these events, Extraordinary Circumstances must be proven.

For qualified athletes:

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.

Note that the SCNB Concussion Management Policy is applied.

The situation will be evaluated by the Team Manager, who will make a recommendation to the Director of Athlete Development and Executive at the latest five (5) days prior to the departure for the 2027 CWG and, if necessary, an alternate will be named to attend the CWG in their place.

This document is subject to change.



REFERENCES/LINKS

[2027 CWG Age Categories](#)
[2027 CWG Eligibility Restrictions](#)
[2027 CWG Team Sizes](#)
[2027 CWG Figure Skating Technical Package](#)

[CGC Athlete Eligibility Policy](#)

[CGC Sports & Corporate Policies](#)
[2027 CWG Website](#)

[SCNB Policies](#)

[Skate Canada Coach Accreditation Policy](#)