



Event Announcement:

2016 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships

Halifax, Nova Scotia - January 17-24, 2016

The 2016 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships to be held under the direction of Skate Canada and hosted by Skate Canada – Nova Scotia will take place from Sunday, January 17, 2016 to Saturday, January 23, 2016. The Exhibition Gala featuring the top 5 seniors and invited guests will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at the Scotiabank Centre.

The technical information concerning eligibility and requirements coincides with Skate Canada Sectionals from Novice to Senior levels. See the [Skate Canada CPC Regulations](#) for specific rules governing events run in the CPC System. See also discipline-specific pre-event technical packages, ISU Communications and clarifications to prepare for this event. They can be found on the Skate Canada Info Centre.

Additional event details for participants will be posted on the Skate Canada [Info Centre](#) (<https://info.skatecanada.ca/hc/en-ca>) as they become available. Public information can be found on the Skate Canada website (www.skatecanada.ca). The final schedule will be posted in both locations following the completion of the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge.

Should you have any questions, please email 2016canadians@skatecanada.ca.

Julie Healy
Events Director

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General Information

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Competition & Practice Rinks

Competition Rink:

Scotiabank Centre
1800 Argyle Street
Halifax, NS B3J 2V9
Rink Dimension: 200 feet x 85 feet
<http://www.scotiabank-centre.com/>

Practice Rink:

Dartmouth Sportsplex
110 Wyse Road
Dartmouth, NS B3A 1M2
Rink Dimension: 200 feet x 85 feet
<http://www.dartmouthsportsplex.com/>

Accommodations

Hotel	Room Rates
Delta Barrington 1875 Barrington Street Halifax, NS B3J 3L6 www.deltahotels.com	Standard Room Rate (single/double/triple/quad occupancy): Starting at \$139.00 plus taxes*
Delta Halifax 1990 Barrington Street Halifax, NS B3J 1P2 www.deltahotels.com	Standard Room Rate (single/double/triple/quad occupancy): Starting at \$139.00 plus taxes*
Halifax Marriot Harbourfront 1919 Upper Water Street Halifax, NS B3J 3J5 www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yhzmc-halifax-marriott-harbourfront-hotel	Standard Room Rate (single & double occupancy): Starting at \$144.00 plus taxes*

Rates are subject to the current 2.0% Halifax Regional Municipality Marketing Levy and the current 15% Harmonized Sales Tax.

Distances				
	Hotel 1	Hotel 2	Hotel 3	Airport
Arena	83m	250m	450m	36.6km
Hotel 1		170m	600m	36.6km
Hotel 2	170m		750m	36.4km
Hotel 3	700m	700m		36.6km

Section Accommodation Contacts

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Entry Information

Entry Fees

Please ensure that the names of all skaters granted byes from Skate Canada are included on all entry lists. Further, all byed skaters must complete the relevant [athlete confirmation form](#).

All skaters who qualify from Challenge or receive a bye shall pay the following fees upon entry to the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships:

- ◆ NOVICE TO SENIOR SINGLES inclusive: \$240 per entry
- ◆ NOVICE TO SENIOR PAIR/DANCE inclusive: \$360 per entry

Each section is responsible for collecting the fees from their skaters and remitting these fees to Skate Canada via cheque. Refunds for medical withdrawals will be processed within six weeks following the event with proper notification and a copy of a medical certificate. A medical certificate from the doctor must be submitted within one month from the date of withdrawal. All refund requests will be subject to a \$25 administrative fee.

Athlete Confirmation Form

All athletes must complete the Athlete Confirmation Form on-line. All confirmed entries and alternates must complete this registration process.

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/hc/en-ca/articles/206353613>

Planned Programs (only one partner must submit)

Any changes to planned programs since they were submitted at the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge can be made no later than **Wednesday, December 16**. This is done by submitting a new planned program at the link below:

<https://jumpbeyond.ca/plan?skater>

Registration & Accreditation

- ◆ Skaters must register before their official practice session immediately prior to the first portion of their event, in accordance with Qualifying Competition Handbook Section 520, paragraph 8(i).
- ◆ Once registered, only the official practice ice may be used as per Qualifying Competition Handbook Section 520, paragraph 8(j).

Team registration for skaters, coaches and team managers will begin at the Scotiabank Centre ONLY - Team Entrance starting Saturday January 16th from 14:00 to 20:00. An Information package will be e-mailed and posted on the website one week prior to the event. Photo accreditations will be in effect at these Championships.

If a Section is planning on registering a large group at one time, please contact: diane-v@skatecanada.ca, **no later than January 4, 2016**, so arrangements can be made in advance to accommodate a large group.

Coaches

As per the Skate Canada Accreditation for Events Policy, in order to receive accreditation at the 2016 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, coaches must:

- ◆ Be NCCP Level 3 Certified or higher (Novice, Junior and Senior events)
- ◆ Be registered as a Skate Canada professional coach for the 2015-2016 season.
- ◆ Hold a valid First Aid and BackCheck
- ◆ Register onsite and show proof of 2015-2016 Skate Canada professional coach membership

Each competition entry may only have two accredited individuals for the event (two professional coaches or one professional coach and one performance enhancement person or one team manager). Only two accredited persons as described here will be allowed at ice level and, except that no rinkside access will be granted for performance enhancement personnel who are accredited with competition entries.

New professional coaches who do not meet the above criteria for accreditation or funding will have four years to become NCCP Level 3 Certified from the date of first registering as a Skate Canada professional coach.

Foreign coaches must register through their applicable Section a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. They will only be accredited if they qualify in accordance with Skate Canada Policies and Procedures.

Team Managers

All team managers must be current registered members of Skate Canada per the Accreditation Policy.

If a team manager is a coach, then he/she must:

- ◆ Be NCCP Level 3 Certified or higher
- ◆ Be registered as a Skate Canada professional coach for the 2015-2016 season.

- ◆ Hold a valid First Aid and BackCheck
- ◆ Register onsite and show proof of 2015-2016 Skate Canada professional coach membership

The number of team managers permitted is as follows:

- ◆ Two team managers per section are automatically permitted for up to ten skaters
- ◆ One additional team manager is permitted for every additional five skaters.
 - ◆ 1 - 10 skaters = 2 team managers
 - ◆ 11 - 15 skaters = 3 team managers
 - ◆ 16 - 20 skaters = 4 team managers
 - ◆ Etc.

Integrated Sport Team (IST)

Skate Canada may approve performance enhancement personnel (sport science professionals) to be accredited with athletes at the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships who have the following professional designations:

- ◆ Medical Doctor
- ◆ Physiotherapist
- ◆ Sport Psychologist – must be a psychologist (i) licensed by and in good standing with their provincial governing body; and/or (ii) a member in good standing of the Canadian Sport Psychology Association.

All applications for accreditation from performance enhancement personnel are subject to review and approval by Skate Canada and they must provide proof that they meet the minimum criteria. All applications must be signed by both the athlete and head coach. Back of House (BOH) access will be granted but not rink side for practice and competition.

Music

Standard Music Specifications – 2015-16

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.

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 entry must provide two CDs for the competition upon registration, one for competition - marked "Master" and one for back up - marked "Copy".

Standard Specifications for CDs

1. Only one program shall be recorded on each CD.
2. Competitor's name followed by category, program type – short or free, and music time shall be shown on the CD label.

3. Each CD shall be enclosed in a plastic case marked with the skater's name, category, program type – short or free, and total music time.

Gala Music

Senior Competitors who place 1st to 5th, plus invited guests (who will be advised on-site) are expected to take part in the Exhibition Gala on Sunday, January 24, 2016. All Competitors are required to hand in their Music exhibition forms and Gala music when they register.

Warm-up Groups

Warm-up groups will be based on the draw for the first portion of each event. Please note that there will be no program music played during practices that are indicated as a warm-up (W) on the competition schedule. Practice groups will be determined by skating order. The start order will be posted on the Skate Canada website and will be available at registration.

Starting Order

[Regulation Qualifying Competition Handbook Section 520 paragraph 1(e)]

Draw For Subsequent Start of an Event

Competitors will be assigned to skate the second and any subsequent program in reverse order according to each competitor's placement in the short program.

Awards

Medals shall be presented on-ice to the top three finishers in each event. The times for the Victory Ceremonies will be listed on the competition schedule.

Accidents/Liability

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, Skate Canada, the volunteer team and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

Competition Schedule

The tentative competition schedule is posted on the Skate Canada website (www.skatecanada.ca). The final schedule will be posted in the same location following the completion of the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge, and is subject to change.

Closing Party

The Closing Party will take place on to Saturday, January 23, 2016.
Additional details to follow.

Choreographer Authorization

In accordance with ISU Rule 131, choreography presented and used by the competitor must be fully cleared and authorized for public use and television broadcast and re-broadcast throughout the world without further clearances or payments of any kind being required on the part of the ISU, Skate Canada or the relevant television networks or broadcasters. A choreographer clearance is included as part of the skater registration.

General Regulations

Refer to the Skate Canada Rule Book for the following rules and regulations that apply for this event:

Rule/Regulation Name	Rule/Regulation Number
Eligibility to Compete	Rule 5401
Accreditation for Events Policy	Policies and Procedures
Byes Policy	Policies and Procedures

Refer to the [2015-2016 Qualifying Competition Handbook](#) for all items surrounding format of this competition.

Refer to the [CPC Regulations](#) for all items concerning the Cumulative Points Calculation Judging System.

The above documents are available on Skate Canada's Info Centre under Rules. Please visit these sections of the website often to review any updates.

Reference Documents

The following reference documents will be available in on Skate Canada's Info Centre under [Technical](#):

- ◆ Technical Program Requirements
- ◆ Technical Clarifications/Questions
- ◆ Scale of Values
- ◆ Levels of Difficulty
- ◆ ISU Technical Information

Please visit these sections of the website often to review any updates.

Services

Doping Control

Doping tests are currently not planned for the 2016 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships. It is possible that the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) representatives may do post competition or random testing as part of their regular testing protocols.

Medical Services

Medical services for athletes competing at the 2016 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships include rinkside emergency coverage during all practices and competition. There will be a medical room at the Scotiabank Centre with physiotherapy services available upon request. For more information about other medical services available, athletes can contact the medical room at the arena.

Transportation

Airport Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Airport transfers to and from the airport will be provided for working officials only.

Teams (skaters, coaches, team managers, etc.) are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport upon arrival and departure.

Event Shuttle for Accredited Persons

- ◆ Transportation will be provided for all officials, team managers, skaters and their accredited coaches between the Scotiabank Centre and the Dartmouth Sportsplex (practice rink). The shuttle will begin on Sunday, January 17, 2015. The hotels are about a 2minute (83m) walk to the Scotiabank Centre. Accreditation badges must be shown when boarding the shuttle.
- ◆ A shuttle schedule will be available at registration.
- ◆ A Transportation and Information Desk will be open at Scotiabank Centre.

Event Shuttle Access for Non-Accredited Persons

Bus passes for parents and chaperones can be purchased for \$35 at Registration located at the Scotiabank Centre - Team Entrance. Family bus pass packages are available for \$100 for four people and \$25 for each additional family member (only available for immediate family members).

E.g.: Family of 4 = \$100, Family of 5 = \$125, Family of 6 = \$150.

Skaters and officials have priority seating on the shuttle buses and pass holders may be asked to wait for the next shuttle in order to accommodate accredited participants.

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