

2025 ATLANTIC REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENT

(As of August 20, 2024)

HOSTED BY: SKATE CANADA NEW BRUNSWICK & DIEPPE GOLD BLADES SC

UNIplex

450 College St

Dieppe, NB

EVENT PHILOSOPHY

The Atlantic Regional Synchronized Skating Championships are part of the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships series as identified in the Skate Canada Competition Rule Book. These championships are to be held each year and serve as a qualifying event for the Canadian Figure Skating Championships or the Skate Canada Cup for the respective disciplines.

In selecting the host section, the Atlantic Regional Synchronized Skating Championships cycles across the 4 participating sections (NB, NS, NL, PEI) each year. This year, they will be hosted by Skate NB.

GENERAL INFORMATION

2025 Atlantic Regional Synchronized Skating Championships			
Dates	January 24-26, 2025		
Hosts	Skate Canada New Brunswick & Dieppe Gold Blades SC		
Venue	UNIplex		
	450 College St, Dieppe, NB, E1A 1V3		
Ice Surface	85' x 200'		
Contact	events@skatenb.org		

Registration information		
Deadlines	Registration via Uplifter (https://scnb.uplifterinc.com/)	
	 Opens November 25, 2024, at 8:00am (AST) 	
	 Closes November 28, 2024, at 11:59pm (AST) 	
Payment	Credit Card only	
Refunds	Refer to the Refunds, Exhibitions and Skate Up section of this	
	document	

Please have the following ready before registering:

- Team Skate Canada Number and name
- Coaches' names and emails
- Team Manager and Chaperones' names and emails
- Credit Card information

CATEGORIES

The following categories are to be held at the 2025 Atlantic Regional Synchronized Skating Championships:

NOVICE GOLD (INTERMEDIATE) OPEN

An Entry List shall be published following close of registration. From the moment the Entry List is published, athletes will have one (1) week to contact the SCNB office for modifications without a fee. An administrative fee of \$50.00 will be charged for all modifications after the 1-week deadline. No modifications are possible after **January 10, 2025, 12pm.**

ENTRY FEES

	Registration fee	Technology fee [†]	Total
In person	\$400.00 per team	\$10.00	\$410.00
	+ \$38.00 per skater		+ \$38.00 per skater
Virtual (only available	\$300.00 per team	\$10.00	\$310.00
to NL teams)*	+ \$38.00 per skater	\$10.00	+ \$38.00 per skater

^{*}Virtual submissions must be received no later than Monday, January 20, 2024. See Appendix A.

[†]Charged once per team (\$7.00 for livestream, \$3.00 for Officials development and technology)

ELIGIBILITY

Refer to:

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

Age requirement

Must be met before July 1st, 2024. Age requirements are as outlined in the <u>Competition Program</u> Requirements

*Any skater/team entered in an age-restricted category for which they are not age-qualified may be disqualified and changes will not be permitted after the start of the competition. Entre fees shall not be refunded.

Category Specifications

Novice	Synchronized Skating	https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-
		ca/rules-of-sport/261-competitive-
		competition-program-requirements.html#h4-
		3-novice-synchronized-skating
Gold (Intermediate)	Synchronized Skating	https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-
		ca/rules-of-sport/261-competitive-
		competition-program-requirements.html#h4-
		4-gold-intermediate-synchronized-skating
Open	Synchronized Skating	https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-
		ca/rules-of-sport/261-competitive-
		competition-program-requirements.html#h4-
		5-open-synchronized-skating

REFUNDS, EXHIBITIONS AND SKATE UP

Entry fees shall be refunded, minus 10% administrative fees, if the event/competition is cancelled for whatever reason it may be.

If the entry is withdrawn before the date of closing entries, an administrative fee of 25% will be retained.

No refunds (including medical) will be issued after registration close.

If only one team is entered in a category (single entry), the following options will be presented to them:

- Skate an exhibition. Skaters wishing to skate an exhibition will be charged the registration fee.
 This fee will include feedback from the Judges and Technical Panel via report card. No medals will be awarded for exhibitions.
- 2) Withdraw for the competition and automatically qualify for Skate Canada Cup in their respective category. A refund will be issued.

The section office will contact the team manager. They will have 48 hours to convey their decision back to the office. This decision shall be final. If an answer is not received, option 2) will be automatically selected.

ENTRIES (SKATE CANADA RULES OF SPORT SECTION 10.1)

If there are fewer entries than the normal quota of entries to the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships or the Canada Cup in any Regional competition, the Region may dispense with the competition and approve the entry of the competitors to the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships or the Canada Cup of the same Category (if applicable).

The entry fees, if any, for the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be set by the host Section.

The host Section must verify the eligibility of all competitors. The Section must submit all teams entering Qualifying Events to Skate Canada no later than October 3 (Junior and Senior) or December 15 (Novice, Intermediate (Gold), and Open) or the next business day following that date.

TEAM COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS (SKATE CANADA RULES OF SPORT SECTION 10.2)

The following composition requirements apply for teams competing at Regional Synchronized Skating Championships, at the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships and the Canada Cup:

- Teams may consist of members from different Clubs; Clubs may join together to form a synchronized skating team if there is not a sufficient number of skaters from one Club to make a team.
- A team must represent at least one Skate Canada Club and members of the team must be Registrants of Skate Canada
- Skaters may skate with as many Clubs as they wish but can only represent one Club in the same Event.
- A Club may enter teams in more than one Event Category provided that for each additional Category entered, 50% of the skaters are different (the calculation does not include alternates), different music is used, and a different routine is skated.
- Teams may be comprised of females and males.
- There shall be no substitution of registered team members or additional names added; only those skaters who competed at the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be allowed to skate in the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships or the Canada Cup
- Each team may have up to four alternates listed on the Event team roster.

NORMAL QUOTA OF ENTRIES TO THE SKATE CANADA CUP

As per <u>Skate Canada Rules of Sport Section 11.3</u>, the top 2 placing team in each Novice, Gold (Intermediate) and Open category shall be the selected entry for the Skate Canada Cup.

Alternates: The next placed entry in each category may be nominated as an alternate entry and may replace an entrant who has withdrawn before the start of the event.

ACCREDITATION POLICY

Coaches

All Coaches attending the competition <u>MUST</u> wear their accreditation tag at all times. Upon arrival at the competition site, all Coaches must register at the Coaches' Registration table in person.

As per Skate Canada Coach Accreditation Policy, all requirements must be valid prior to and on-site during the competition (https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/policies/127-coach-accreditation-policy-for-skate-canada-qualifying-events.html). For the Atlantic Regional Synchronized Skating Championships, all coaches must have at a minimum a "Provincial Trained" certification as well as they must be in good standing.

Team Managers and Chaperones

All team managers and chaperones must be current Skate Canada registrants. Two (2) coaches, one (1) team manager and two (2) chaperones, for a total of five (5) individuals per team will be accredited. The names and Skate Canada numbers for these accreditations must be submitted using the following Google Forms (https://forms.gle/VrhbAKbTP5Fy6r4n9), before the registration deadline as stated in the General Information section of this document.

*The main coach and one (1) alternate skater will be allowed to stand at the entrance to the ice. The team manager and other alternates will only be allowed at the exit of the ice and Kiss & Cry area. Chaperones will only be allowed in dressing rooms; they will not have access to the ice level during competition and official practices.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Upon arrival at the competition site, the team manager must present themselves to the registration table to retrieve accreditations for all members of the team.

Teams must register <u>at the latest</u> 30 minutes before the start of their event. If a team is not registered before the deadline, they will be considered withdrawn.

Only those skaters whose names appear on the team registration form as team members/alternates will be permitted to skate. The number of allowable alternates on each team is four (4).

PROBLEMS DURING A PERFORMANCE

Only the Referee and their designate (Ice-Level Referee) is allowed to ask a team alternate to go on the ice during a performance to retrieve any object that have dropped on the ice so that a performance does not have to be interrupted and that there is no danger to the skaters.

We therefore ask that, where possible, each team have an alternat dressed with skates on and guards off, available at the entrance of the ice during the team's performance.

DRESSING/CHANGING ROOMS

A Dressing Room schedule will be made for this event. Teams will have access to their assigned Dressing Room 20 minutes prior to their scheduled start time and will be required to be at ice level 2 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. Teams will have 15 minutes following their performances to leave their dressing rooms.

The safety and protection of our participants is important to us. SCNB adheres to Skate Canada's National Safe Sport Program to protect its participants from abuse and misconduct. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in dressing/changing rooms, SCNB has adopted the following for its events to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct.

- All dressing/changing rooms doors are required to remain open at all times.
- Only **accredited** people (coaches, skaters, team managers, chaperones, and volunteers) will have access to the dressing/changing rooms area.
- Cell phones and other mobile devices are not permitted to be used in the dressing/changing rooms.
 - If cell phones or other mobile devices must be used, they are to be taken outside of the dressing/changing rooms.
- If a skater's disability warrants assistance, we ask that parents/guardians to let the coach know beforehand so they can properly assist their skater.

MARKING, AWARDS AND PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

All categories in the 2025 Atlantic Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be marked using the Cumulative Points Calculations (CPC) judging system. Teams placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded medals.

In the case of only two (2) entries, each team shall be awarded a prize. In the case of exhibitions, no prize shall be awarded.

Medal presentations will be held on ice at a designated time on the competition's schedule.

Results, once authorized by the Referee and Technical Controller, will be published online on the Skate NB website (https://skatenb.org/en/) on the competition's result page. Teams' report cards will also be available online. No results or report cards will be printed on site.

SPORTITY

Skate Canada New Brunswick uses the Sportity application for the publication of all event resources and communications about the event. We highly recommend that you download the app and follow the competition's channel using the code **2025ATLREG**

If you are unable to download the app, you can access the web version: https://webapp.sportity.com/event/2025ATLREG/d2ed08b7-d4e2-4ac0-983a-20cb2222f9b5

MUSIC AND PLANNED PROGRAM SHEETS

Music

Submission

Music must be submitted with registration via Skate NB' Uplifter platform.

File format:

- The file must be of an MP3 format.
- Music must be uploaded in the correct location (i.e. Short Program music in the Short Program Music upload field)
- There will be a \$20.00 fee charged for any modification required to the music submitted to be made by the section office after registration.

On Site

USB keys with music backup must be readily available during competition (i.e. coach should have it on their person). No music will be picked up at registration.

Planned Program Sheets

Planned Program Sheets are required for all categories.

Forms to submit Planned Program Sheets are available on the competition's Sportity channel (see Sportity section of this document)

- The deadline to submit PPS is January 10, 2024 at 4:00pm (AST)
- Proper element codes must be used. (A list of element codes can be found on Sportity)
- A \$20.00 fine will be charged for:
 - o Failure to submit form on time, and/or
 - o Improperly filling of the form.
- Teams will not be permitted to register at the competition until this fee has been paid.
- PPS will not be accepted at registration on site.

PROTEST

Skate Canada Competition Rule 3.14

For events using the Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) scoring system, protests must be made as per the <u>Skate Canada Protest Procedure</u>. Decisions of the officials categorized as field of play may not be protested, except as noted in the Protest Procedure. Items that can be protested: Participation of a competitor in the competition, Composition of panels of officials, Determination of the results of a competition.

All protests regarding the determination of the result for a competitor(s) in the competition must be filed **immediately after, but within no more than one hour,** of the posting of the full and detailed results for the Segment in question.

Note: Personal videos cannot be used during a protest.

DRAWS

Draws are made as per Skate Canada Rules of Sport section 3.2.

For all second segments at the Atlantic Regional Synchronized Skating Championships, Reverse Order will be used.

Start Orders are published online only at https://skatenb.org/.

FEEDBACK FROM OFFICIALS

Should a team want feedback or clarification following publication of results, the main coach shall advise the Technical Representative as soon as possible. The Technical Representative will let the Referee and/or Technical Controller of the event know that feedback/clarification has been requested.

Please note that feedback/clarification are only possible following the publication of final category results, and not in between segments (Short/Free Program; Free Program 1/Free Program 2)

CAMERA AND VIDEO

For the safety of our athletes, please note that <u>no flash photography is allowed.</u> Any electronic devices with audio and/or video recording capabilities are prohibited to be used in dressing/changing rooms.

Any resale of photography or videos is strictly prohibited.

The competition will be livestreamed on Skate NB's Dailymotion page. The link will be made available on Sportity closer to the event. Please note that we can't guarantee that recordings of the live stream will be available after the competition.

ACCIDENTS/LIABILITY

Skate Canada, Skate Canada NB, and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in all competitions, 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 LOC and against their officers and their entries shall be accepted only on these conditions.

ADMISSION

An admission fee of \$5.00 per individual per day will be charged on site. This fee is payable using cash, debit, or credit card.

All individuals over the age of 5 will be charged for admission. Only accredited individuals won't be charged.

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APPENDIX A - INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL SUBMISSION

Virtual submissions are only available for NL teams.

All submissions must be submitted by the latest, Monday, January 20th, 2025, by 11:59pm AST.

The following must be respected:

- An Ice Level Referee must be appointed. This individual must be an Official in good standing with Skate Canada. Must follow <u>Skate Canada Rules Book</u>, <u>Officials</u>, <u>rule 4.3</u>.
- The Ice Level Referee must time the skate. The time is to be sent with the video.
- Video must be filmed from the highest possible perspective ("bird eye view").
- Separate videos must be submitted for Free Program 1 and Free Program 2.
- Video format must be MP4.

To submit your videos, please upload them using the following form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7WLTspHy6UyOWWrDADhXcORtTLDPahp PhlyQRAmE9-5UMkg0UUINT0NTQTNZVUw3S0JQUIRFWDdOMS4u

Questions can be sent to events@skatenb.org.