



**SKATE CANADA INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURE  
2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES  
February 4 – 20, 2022  
Beijing, China**

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### **General**

This version of the Skate Canada Internal Nomination Procedure (INP) was approved on July 22, 2021, as it relates to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, China.

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that Skate Canada will undertake in the selection of athletes who will represent Canada at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing China. The objective of the selection policy and procedures is to select the maximum number of medal potential athletes for the Olympic Team in the individual disciplines and the Team event.

Pursuant to the International Skating Union (ISU) Qualification System for XXIV Olympic Winter Games, Beijing 2022, Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries:

Men	-	2* entries (*1 provisional entry to be determined at ISU Olympic qualifier)
Women	-	1 entries
Pairs	-	2 entries
Dance	-	3 entries

### **Decision Making Authority**

- The Skate Canada [High Performance Development Committee](#) (HPDC) is responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.
- The HPDC will nominate to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the selection of athletes at the conclusion of the 2022 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in Ottawa, Ontario on January 8, 2022.
- The CEO will ratify the final selection of the team to ensure that the selection criteria was adhered to and that the decisions were made in an objective and impartial manner.
- No member of the HPDC shall participate in any discussions or decisions regarding the nomination of any athletes with whom they have a perceived or real conflict of interest. Any member of the HPDC who considers that they are in a position of a perceived or real conflict of interest must declare such a conflict before any discussions are held or decisions are made, and must remove themselves from any meetings until the matter giving rise to the perceived or real conflict of interest has been resolved by the HPDC
- Skate Canada nominations are subject to the approval of the COC.

### **On-site Decision Making Authority**

- During the actual competition period onsite at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, all final decision making authority will reside with the Skate Canada High Performance Director (HPD).
- The composition of the team event participants shall be at the sole discretion of the HPD.

### **Athlete Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for nomination to the COC to be a member of the Skate Canada Team competing at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, an athlete must meet all the following eligibility requirements:

1. Canadian Citizen (Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter)
2. Must be in compliance with Rule 43 of the Olympic Charter (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention and Manipulation of Competitions)
3. Valid Canadian Passport on or before January 9, 2022 and must be valid until August 20, 2022.
4. Sign and submit the COC athlete agreement and Beijing 2022 Conditions of Participation Form no later than January 15, 2022. Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
5. ISU Minimum Technical Score (Appendix I).
6. All athletes must be in compliance with Rule 400, Section A paragraph 5 of the ISU Regulations with respect to entries to the Olympic Winter Games.
7. In compliance with Rule 108, paragraph 3(a) of the ISU Regulations with respect to Age Requirements, all athletes must be born before July 1, 2006.
8. Member in good standing of Skate Canada and must have signed the 2021-2022 Skate Canada Athlete Agreement.

### **Selection Criteria for Individual Discipline Events**

In determining athletes for nomination, the HPDC will consult with the appropriate Skate Canada staff, which must include the High Performance Director, and may also consult with National Team Coaches and other National Team Support Staff. The athlete assessment procedure involves weighing the relative strengths and weaknesses of the athletes and their competitive results in order to select the best athletes possible for a top result at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. The HPDC will exercise discretion with regard to the relative weight and priority of the Selection Criteria as well as other relevant factors deemed appropriate in their decision making process and will take into account, **in no specific order**, the following criteria:

- Medalist at the 2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Placement and scores at the 2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Season best international score from the 2021-2022, ISU Grand Prix Series, Senior International events and /or ISU Grand Prix Final
- Demonstration of short and free skate international scores from the current season (2021/2022) for a potential placement in the top two flights at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games
- Placement and scores at the 2022 Canadian Tire National Figure Skating Championships

- Other relevant criteria deemed appropriate for selection.

### **Qualification Period**

The period of qualification for athletes to meet the requirements of the established criteria as set by this document will be from September 1, 2020 to January 9, 2022.

### **Selection for the Team Event**

Skate Canada must be in compliance with Rule 400 Section B of the ISU Regulations with respect to entries for the Team Event at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. The athletes selected to compete in the Team Event will be determined by the Skate Canada High Performance Director, The decision will take into account those athletes in a position for an individual medal and what is best for their preparation and performance and will be made prior to the deadlines set onsite at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games by the ISU, as prescribed in the ISU Qualification System for the XXIV Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 document.

### **ISU Olympic Selection Criteria Paramount**

In the event of changes by the ISU to any of its selection and eligibility criteria, Skate Canada will post such changes on its website as soon as possible, and such changes shall automatically and regardless of notice modify this selection procedure accordingly.

### **Alternates and Late Athlete Replacement Policy**

- Up to two (2) alternates per discipline can be named by the HPDC, and these alternates will be nominated at the same time as the team selection on January 9, 2022.
- Substitutions after January 24, 2022 are subject to any and all applicable policies on late athlete replacement imposed by the International Olympic Committee, COC and the Beijing 2022 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

### **Performance Readiness**

- Selected athletes to the Olympic Team must show readiness 7 days prior to their departure for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. This readiness is through an on-ice monitoring session by Skate Canada.
- Athletes who are injured must receive medical clearance to compete from Skate Canada's Chief Medical Advisor 14 days prior to their first event at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

### **Removal from the 2022 Olympic Team**

- Athletes can be removed from the Olympic Team if they are in breach of the Skate Canada and/or the Canadian Olympic Committee Athlete agreement and Code of Conduct, or if they are not deemed by the HPDC to be performance ready.

### **Appeals**

Skate Canada nominations to the COC for the Olympic Team may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Skate Canada Athlete Agreement or may be brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) on the consent of all parties and at the sole discretion of the SRDCC pursuant to the rules of the SRDCC. This must be resolved by January 15,

2022, which is the deadline to submit the COC athlete agreement and Beijing 2022 Conditions of Participation Forms.

#### **Coach Selection**

- Member in good standing of Skate Canada or, if a foreign coach, with their country of affiliation who has an athlete named to the Olympic Team.
- Must be NCCP National Coach Certified, or the foreign equivalent, as determined by Skate Canada prior to January 8, 2022.
- Member in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada prior to January 8, 2022.

#### **Staff Selection**

- The HPD has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including team leader, for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

#### **Announcements**

- The 2022 Olympic Winter Games Selection Criteria will be posted on the Skate Canada website.
- The final selection of the Olympic Team will be made following the completion of the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in Ottawa, Ontario on January 8, 2022.

#### **Cancelled or Postponed Events**

- Should any event specified in this INP be canceled, postponed, rescheduled or replaced, Skate Canada shall update the nomination procedures indicated in this INP, as applicable, as soon as reasonably possible and shall communicate any modifications to all impacted individuals, as well as publish the modified INP on its website, prior to the postponed, rescheduled or replacement event.
- Decisions made pursuant to this clause shall not be subject to appeal and do not apply to the cancellation of events that are conducted under the authority of organizations other than Skate Canada.

#### **Changes to this Document**

Skate Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best athletes possible for the Olympic Team. Any changes to this document shall be promptly posted on the Skate Canada website. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials, which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with

fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. In the event of a change to this document Skate Canada shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

## Appendix I

### Minimum Technical Scores (ISU Communication No. 2406)

Skaters/couples participating in the Winter Olympic Games 2022 must have reached the following Minimum Total Elements Scores during the ongoing season (2021/22) or the two immediately preceding seasons (2020/21 and 2019/20). The applicable minimum **Technical Scores** (both for SP/RD **and** FS/FD) are as follows:

	<b>SP/RD</b>	<b>FS/FD</b>
Men	28.00	46.00
Women	23.00	40.00
Pairs	25.00	42.00
Ice Dance	28.00	44.00

The minimum Technical Scores can be reached in either the same or in two different ISU recognized Senior International Competition and must be reached 21 (twenty-one) days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Winter Olympic Games 2022 (same as entry deadline).

***\*\*The ISU Council reserves the right to slightly re-adjust the Minimum Total Technical Scores if it became evident that the number of entries would be significantly higher or lower than expected. HPDC would therefore reserve the right to revisit athlete selection if the Minimum Total Technical score is adjusted and impacts prior selections.***