

Skate Canada - NextGen Program

NextGen Team Selection Guidelines



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The current selection guidelines are based on following circumstances:

- current Canadian standard within each Junior and Senior discipline
- scores and skill levels achieved by the top skaters at the 2021 Jr Grand Prix Series
- trends within the Junior and Senior category

The guidelines are designed with the hope of encouraging skaters to strive to achieve these scores and skills to be competitive with the top skaters competing in the Jr Grand Prix Series. As skating on the World stage improves, the selection guideline will similarly increase to ensure Canadian skaters remain competitive on the international stage.

The 2022 Skate Canada NextGen Team Selection Guidelines are as follows:

- **AGE:** Skaters/teams should **age eligible to compete for Canada at the Jr Grand Prix** level.
- **SCORES:** Skaters/teams who **achieve the scores listed in this document at a 2021 Junior Grand Prix or International Competition¹** will automatically be named to the 2022 NextGen Team
- **SKILLS:** Skaters/teams in the Junior categories who have demonstrated that they have **achieved the technical and performance skills similar to international trends** at 2022 SC Nationals. Performances at the 2022 SC Challenge and other competitions between July 2021 and March 2022 may also be taken into consideration. Skaters with 3 or more years eligible in the Junior category should be able to successfully achieve all the benchmarks in the Train to Train – Novice stage of development in the Skate Canada LTD, as well as begin achieving some benchmarks in the Train to Compete - Junior. Skaters with 2 years or less should be able to achieve most of the benchmarks at the Train to Compete - Junior stage of development in the Skate Canada LTD. Please refer to the Skate Canada Long Term Development (Podium Pathway) documents currently available in the Info Center on the Skate Canada website.
- **IMPROVEMENT:** The **improvement in skills** and scores a skater/teams achieve from one year to the next will be taken into consideration.
- **NEW TEAMS:** Starting in April 2020, new Pair or Ice Dance teams who demonstrate an ability of achieving the required competitive scores and technical skills will have opportunities to be monitored to determine if they should be named to NextGen Team or Skate Canada Jr Grand Prix Long-List.
- **OTHER:** In special circumstances, the Skate Canada NextGen Director may add skaters/teams to the NextGen Team if they have demonstrated that they can consistently perform the skills outlines in this document. Such additions to the NextGen Team may occur following a monitoring session during training or a competition performance.

¹ *International Competition includes 2021 Ice Challenge in Graz Austria and other international competitions during the 2021-22 ISU calendar in which Skate Canada sent and financially supported skaters*

Targeted Jr Grand Prix and International Competition Scores

	Men	Women	Pairs	Ice Dance
2 years or less – Junior age eligibility	190.00	170.00	155.00	148.00
3 years or more – Junior age eligibility	155.00	135.00	123.00	128.00