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**Skate Canada Athlete Selection Procedure
2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games
January 19 – 01 February 2024
Gangwon, Republic of Korea**

Introduction

The 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) is an important competition in which Skate Canada will name the best possible athletes who meet the eligibility standards. Skate Canada recognises that this competitive event can play a significant role in an athlete's long-term preparation for Olympic Winter Games. Skate Canada also recognizes that the age eligibility for YOG does not completely align with Skate Canada's LTAD and NextGen development guidelines.

The Canadian 2024 Olympic Winter Games Figure Skating Team will be named by Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee.

In addition, the limited time between the 2024 National Championship and the 2024 YOG may pose a challenge for some athletes as it relates to the Skate Canada selection guidelines for the 2024 World Junior Figure Skating Championships and could affect their decision to participate in the YOG 2024 selection process depending on the goals they have established for the 2023-2024 season.

Entries

Pursuant to the qualification system for the 4th Winter Youth Olympic Games (hereafter called YOG) as distributed by the IOC in, Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries.

- Ladies - To be determined (Min: 0 entries, Max 2 entries)
- Men - To be determined (Min: 0 entries, Max 2 entries)
- Pairs - To be determined (Min: 0 entries, Max 2 entries)
- Dance - To be determined (Min: 0 entries, Max 2 entries)

Quota places will be determined based on results at the 2023 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships or ranking at the 2023/2024 ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating. The complete ISU Qualification System is available on Skate Canada website https://skatecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FSK_Qualif_5Sep22.pdf and in the event of a discrepancy with this document, the Qualification System will prevail.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee (the "COC") to be a member of the Skate Canada Team competing at the YOG, an athlete must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games



2. Must be a Canadian citizen holding a valid Canadian Passport valid until 1 August 2024
3. Member in good standing of Skate Canada
4. Athletes must meet the age eligibility requirements. To be eligible to participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024, all male and female athletes must be born between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2009.
5. Submit all related accreditation data and information to Skate Canada and or Canadian Olympic Committee no later than 28 August 2023.
6. Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Gangwon 2024 Condition of Participation form no later than 15 November 2023. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
7. Members of the 2023 NextGen Team who meet the above requirements will be eligible for selection upon informing the Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee of their interest to be considered for selection. Such interest must be communicated no later than 15 November 2023.
8. Where applicable, comply with the vaccination policies and vaccination requirements of the venues, the COC, the ISU, the IOC and the host country of YOG.

Athlete Selection Criteria

The Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee has the final authority over the selection of the team to YOG. After the selection process is completed, if any events remain unfilled, the Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee has the authority to fill those events. If unanticipated circumstances arise that are not covered in the selection criteria, a final and binding decision will be made by the Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee.

The Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee will then base its athlete selection to the YOG on the following criteria:

1. Qualifying for the 2023 ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final
2. Best international scores achieved at a Junior Grand Prix, junior international competition, Grand Prix or senior international competition from 20 August to 13 November 2023 in which the skater/team has been named to the Junior Grand Prix or international competition by Skate Canada. Scores achieved at a Grand Prix or senior international will be adjusted to match the junior technical requirements.
3. In the event of a tie, the best technical total score will be used

Should any decision regarding selection of athletes or removal of athletes be required while on-site at the 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games, the team leader in consultation with the NextGen Director will have the decision-making authority.

Alternates and Late Athlete Replacement Policy

- Up to two (2) alternates per discipline can be named and these alternates will be nominated at the same time as the team selection based on the Athlete Selection Criteria
- Substitutions after 18 December 2023, are subject to any and all applicable policies on late athlete replacement implemented by the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy



Performance Readiness

- All selected athletes to the Winter Youth Olympic Team must show readiness 7 days prior to departure for the YOG. This readiness is through an on-ice monitoring session organised by Skate Canada.
- Athletes who are injured must receive and submit a medical clearance to compete to the Skate Canada NextGen Director 7 days prior to their departure for the YOG.

Team Coach Selection

- Member in good standing of Skate Canada
- Member in good standing of the Professional Coaching Program of Coaching Association of Canada.
- The NextGen Director, along with the Skate Canada High Performance Director and Chief Executive Officer will select the Team Coach

Team Selection and Announcement

Skate Canada will announce the Team on 5 December 2023. The Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee will select the Team members along with substitute skaters for the disciplines in which Skate Canada has quota places no more than 7 days prior to the announcement of the team. Should Skate Canada not have an allocation of quota places in a discipline, the Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee can select a skater as a substitute pending a possible ISU reallocation of a quota place.

Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to members of the NextGen Team, along with their coaches and Skate Canada Section Technical Directors. In addition, any changes to this document will be posted on the Skate Canada website. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Internal Nomination Procedures unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This 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. 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.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Skate Canada that prevents the Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee from fairly implementing these Internal Nomination Procedures as written, the NextGen Director in consultation with the Senior Director of Performance Excellence and the Chief Executive Officer shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.

The NextGen Director in consultation with the Senior Director of Performance Excellence and the Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to review and modify any selection criteria or decision related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from the ISU or the International Olympic Committee that affect the selection criteria set out in this document. In the event that the selection criteria is modified, Skate Canada will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.



Skate Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots for the YOG and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the YOG. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Skate Canada will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Skate Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

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 NextGen Team members, along with their coaches and Section Technical Directors, as well as publish the modified INP on the Skate Canada website.

Appeals

Skate Canada nominations to the COC for the Youth 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 in the discretion of the SDRCC. All appeals must be resolved no later than 12 December 2023. [SDRCC \(crdsc-sdrcc.ca\)](https://www.crdsc-sdrcc.ca)

For further information or questions, please contact the Skate Canada NextGen Director, Andre Bourgeois, abourgeois@skatecanada.ca