



2026 ISU SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

The following describes the process Skate Canada will undertake in the selection of teams who will represent Canada at the following ISU Championships:

- 2026 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships
- 2026 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that Skate Canada will undertake in the selection of teams who will represent Canada at the 2026 ISU Synchronized Skating Championships.

Decision Making Authority

- For the 2026 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships a Selection Committee comprised of the Skate Canada High Performance Director, Skate Canada Next Gen Director, Skate Canada Chief Sport Officer, the Chair of the Skate Canada Technical Coordinating Committee, and the Chair of the Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee will nominate to Skate Canada's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the selection of teams by February 9, 2026, due to the deadline of entries for these Championships.
- For the 2026 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships a Selection Committee comprised of the Skate Canada High Performance Director, Skate Canada Chief Sport Officer, the Chair of the Skate Canada Technical Coordinating Committee, and the Chair of the Skate Canada High Performance Development Committee will nominate to Skate Canada's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the teams to represent Canada at the 2026 ISU World Synchronized Championships by February 9, 2026, due to the deadline of entries for these Championships.
- The CEO will ratify the final selection of the teams 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 Selection Committee shall participate in any discussions or decisions regarding the nomination of any teams with whom they have a perceived or real conflict of interest. Any member of the Selection Committee 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 Selection Committee.

Cancelled or Postponed Events

- Should any event specified in this selection criteria be canceled, postponed, rescheduled, or replaced, Skate Canada shall update the nomination procedures indicated in this selection criteria, as applicable, as soon as reasonably possible and shall communicate any modifications to all impacted individuals, as well as publish the modified selection criteria 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.

Revisions 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 teams possible to represent Canada. 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.



**2026 ISU WORLD JUNIOR SYNCHRONIZED
SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Gdansk, POL
March 13-14, 2026**

Pursuant to ISU rules and regulations, Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries:

- Junior synchronized teams - 2 entries

Selection Criteria

All athletes meet the age limits and eligibility requirements for Synchronized Skating at the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships as per ISU Rule 108 4(b):

- ISU Combined Total Elements Score (Appendix i).
- In International Synchronized Skating Competitions and the World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, a junior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached the age of thirteen (13) but not have reached the age of nineteen (19), before July 1st preceding the competition.
- Each team is responsible to ensure that all athlete team members' required eligibility and /or release documents are in place and available on site when requested by the ISU and/or the Organizing Committee at registration for the 2026 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships.

The Selection Committee will exercise discretion in considering 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:

- Placement and performances at the 2026 Canadian National Skating Championships.
- Performances, results, and scores from the 2025-2026 International Synchronized Skating events as assigned by Skate Canada.
- Performances, results, and scores from 2025-2026 Domestic events.
- Demonstration of technical and component scores for a potential top 10 world placement.
- Demonstration of competitive readiness.



**2026 ISU WORLD SYNCHRONIZED
SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS®
Salzburg, AUT
April 10-11, 2026**

Pursuant to ISU rules and regulations, Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries:

- Senior synchronized teams - 2 entries

Selection Criteria:

All athletes meet the age limits and eligibility requirements for Synchronized Skating at the ISU Synchronized Skating Championships as per ISU Rule 108 4(a):

- ISU Combined Total Elements Score (Appendix i)
- In the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships® and International Synchronized Skating Competitions, a Senior team comprises Skaters all of whom must have reached at least the age of seventeen (17) before July 1st preceding the Championship or competition.
- Each team is responsible to ensure that all athlete team members' required eligibility and/or release documents are in place and available on site when requested by the ISU and/or the Organizing Committee at registration for the 2026 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships®.

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- Placement and performances at the 2026 Canadian National Skating Championships.
- Performances, results, and scores from the 2025-2026 International Synchronized Skating events as assigned by Skate Canada.
- Demonstration of technical and component scores for a potential top 10 world placement.



Combined Total Elements Scores (ISU Communication No. 2732)

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2026: Team's participating in the 2026 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships must have reached in an ISU recognized Senior International Competition during the ongoing season (2025/26) or immediately preceding season (2024/25) the applicable Combined Total Elements Score (SP + FS) as follows:

CTES: 43.00

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CTES: 35.00

The Combined Total Elements Score (not including Component Scores) is calculated by adding the Teams highest Technical Elements Score in Short Program and the Free Skating at an ISU recognized International Competition and must be reached 28 (twenty-eight) days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned (same as entry deadline). The Team's highest Technical Elements Score in Short Program and Free Skating to calculate the Combined Total Elements Score may be reached at different competitions.

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