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2027 ISU FIGURE AND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. Introduction

1.1. This document outlines the Selection Criteria and Process applicable to all athletes and teams considered for selection to represent Canada at the 2027 ISU Figure and Synchronized Skating Championships including:

- ISU Figure Skating Four Continents Championships 2027
- ISU Figure Skating Junior World Championships 2027
- ISU Figure Skating World Championships 2027
- ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Championships 2027
- ISU Synchronized Skating World Championships 2027

1.2. The Selection Criteria and Process shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the principle of procedural fairness and natural justice.

1.3. The Chief Sport Officer (CSO) is responsible for developing the criteria and ensuring the athlete and team nominations are carried out in accordance with this published Selection Criteria and Process.

2. Performance Objectives

2.1. The objective is to select athletes and teams

2.1.1. with podium potential at the 2027 Championship events;

2.1.2. with podium potential at future Championship events and Olympic Winter Games;

2.1.3. to maximize the number of entries at future championships and series (where applicable).

2.2. To achieve this performance objective, athletes who have demonstrated evidence of podium potential as outlined in the criteria below will be selected.

2.3. Notwithstanding anything in these selection guidelines, the availability of a quota place does not create an entitlement to selection. Skate Canada reserves the discretion to select fewer athletes or teams than the maximum quota available based on performance standards, alignment with Skate Canada's performance objectives, athlete health and safety, financial considerations, or other exceptional circumstances.

3. Eligibility

Athletes must meet the following eligibility requirements to be nominated:

3.1. ISU Combined Total Elements Score (ISU Communication 2818);

3.2. Age requirements as per ISU Competition and Event Regulation 9.4;

3.3. Citizenship requirement as per ISU Competition and Event Regulation 8.2;

3.4. Be able to obtain a Visa for entry to the country hosting the Championship (if applicable);

3.5. Be a registered participant of Skate Canada in Good Standing;

3.6. Meet Skate Canada's medical requirements;

3.7. Not be subject to a provisional suspension or period of ineligibility for any doping-related offences or any disciplinary offense; and

3.8. Satisfy the selection criteria outlined for the specific event in Section 8-12 below.

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4. Discretionary Nominations

An athlete or team may be nominated under the sole discretion of the High-Performance Director (HPD) or NextGen Senior Manager (NGSM), as applicable, if health reasons such as injury, illness or pregnancy restricted an athlete's participation in international competitions during the 2026-2027 season. To receive a discretionary nomination for health-related reasons, the following factors will be assessed:

4.1. Scores and results achieved during the 2025-2026 season;

4.2. The athlete has a committed return to training and performance program and is expected to return to full capabilities and either meet or exceed other athletes considered for selection; and

4.3. The athlete has a doctor's certificate attesting they are likely to achieve a full recovery and the indication of the estimated recovery period.

5. Selection Process

5.1. Any athlete or team meeting the eligibility requirements in Section 3 and any of the selection criteria elements as outlined in Section 8-12 will be considered for selection.

5.2. The HPD*/NGSM, with the support of High-Performance Analytics Program Manager (HPAPM) shall make recommendations for nomination to compete at 2027 ISU Championships at least 30 days prior to the event (except for the Four Continents Championships). Four Continents Championship nominations will be made following the conclusion of the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships on January 17, 2027.

5.3. All recommendations for nomination shall be provided to the Championship Selection Advisory Group (CSAG) with a data package with the relevant performance metrics and rationale in the case of discretionary nominations.

5.4. The CSAG shall be comprised of the following five (5) members and will be chaired by the Chief Sport Officer (CSO) who does not have a vote, except to break a tie:

- Skate Canada NextGen Sr Manager
- Skate Canada High-Performance Director* (Mike Slipchuk for 2027)
- Skate Canada Integrated Support Team (IST) lead
- Own the Podium (OTP) HP Advisor
- Athlete Representative (Appointed)

5.5. No CSAG member shall participate in discussions or decisions regarding the nomination of any athlete or team with whom they have a real or perceived conflict of interest. A member who believes they may have a real or perceived conflict of interest must declare such a conflict before any discussions or decisions and must withdraw from any discussions until the CSAG has resolved the matter giving rise to the conflict of interest.

5.6. At the CSAG selection meeting, the CSAG shall review the recommended nominations and determine if the selection criteria and process have been properly applied to each athlete and/or team under consideration. If the CSAG is satisfied that the Selection Criteria and Process have been properly applied in an objective and impartial manner, it shall accept the athlete and team nominations.

5.7. In the event the CSAG has determined that the Selection Criteria and Process have not been properly applied, the CSAG shall advise the HPD/NGSM and Skate Canada CEO in writing and shall require the HPD/NGSM to conduct a second assessment and selection process of athletes and/or teams.

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5.8. The HPD/NGSM, supported by the HPAPM shall provide the CSAG with detailed rationale of the second selection process, including applicable criteria and previous results relied on, any comments related to their second assessment and their decision, for or against recommending the athlete or team for selection. The CSAG shall not approve the nomination until they are satisfied the Selection Criteria and Process have been properly applied.
5.9. The athlete and team nominations shall be forwarded to the CEO for final ratification.
5.10. The HPD/NGSM, or another designated Skate Canada representative shall notify those athletes or teams nominated and their coaches.
5.11. Athletes or teams and their coaches considered but not nominated will be notified by the HPD/NGSM or their designate.
5.12. Athletes or teams who wish to decline their nomination must advise Skate Canada within 48 hours after notification.
5.13. All nominated athletes are subject to a medical consultation with a Skate Canada appointed medical doctor. Skate Canada reserves the right to remove any nominated athlete or team not deemed fit to compete at the 2027 ISU Championship event.

6. Appeals

6.1. Skate Canada selection to the ISU Championship Teams may be appealed in accordance with the Appeal Procedure set out in the Skate Canada Athlete Agreement.
6.2. With the consent of all parties, to expedite the process, an appeal may be brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), at the SDRCC's sole discretion and pursuant to its rules. Appeals must be resolved within seven days after the selection for all Skate Canada ISU Championship Teams.

7. Unforeseen Circumstances and Revisions

7.1. If an event specified in these selection criteria is canceled, postponed, rescheduled, or replaced, Skate Canada shall update the applicable selection criteria as soon as reasonably possible. Skate Canada shall communicate any modifications to all affected individuals and publish the updated selection criteria on its website before the postponed, rescheduled or replacement event.
7.2. This clause does not apply to the cancellation of events that are conducted under the authority of organizations other than Skate Canada. Decisions made pursuant to this clause shall not be subject to appeal.
7.3. Skate Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document that, in its discretion, are necessary to ensure the selection of the best athletes or teams for the Skate Canada ISU Championship Teams. Any changes to this document shall be posted promptly on the Skate Canada website. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition that forms part of the selection criteria, unless the change relates to an unforeseen circumstance. Changes may be made before they affect athletes or teams to correct typographical errors or add clarity. Such changes must be intended to prevent disputes over the meaning of this document and must not be made to justify selection of different athletes or teams than would have otherwise been selected. All changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

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8. **Selection Criteria ISU Figure Skating Four Continents Championships 2027 (**Almaty, Kazakhstan, February 9 – 14, 2027)
   8.1. Pursuant to ISU rules and regulations, Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries:
      - Men: 3 entries
      - Women: 3 entries
      - Pairs: 3 entries
      - Dance: 3 entries

   8.2. The athlete or team with the highest result in a majority of the following Selection Criteria will be selected. If athletes or teams are tied on the number of criteria won, placement at the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships will determine the outcome:
      8.2.1. Medalist at the ISU Figure Skating World Championships 2026.
      8.2.2. Placement and scores at the ISU Figure Skating World Championships 2026.
      8.2.3. Qualification to the ISU Grand Prix Final 2026.
      8.2.4. Season best international score from the 2026-2027 ISU Grand Prix Series, ISU Grand Prix Final, and/or Junior or Senior International events.
      8.2.5. Placement and scores at the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships.
      8.2.6. Average score from the 2026-2027 ISU Grand Prix Series, ISU Grand Prix Final, Junior or Senior International events and 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships.
      8.2.7. Consistent demonstration of the technical requirements and Short Program or Rhythm Dance score required to qualify for the Free Program at the ISU Figure Skating Four Continents Championships.

9. **Selection Criteria ISU Figure Skating Junior World Championships 2027 (**Sofia, Bulgaria, February 24 – 28, 2027)
   9.1. Pursuant to ISU rules and regulations Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries:
      - Men: 1 entry
      - Women: 1 entry
      - Pairs: 3 entries
      - Dance: 2 entries

   9.2. The athlete or team with the highest result in a majority of the following Selection Criteria will be selected. If athletes or teams are tied on the number of criteria won, placement at the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships will determine the outcome:
      9.2.1. Season best international score from the 2026-2027 ISU Junior Grand Prix Series, ISU Junior Grand Prix Final, and Junior and Senior international events.
      9.2.2. Qualification to the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final.
      9.2.3. Placements and scores at the 2026-2027 Skate Canada Challenge.
      9.2.4. Placements and scores at the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships.
      9.2.5. Average total score from the 2026-2027 ISU Junior Grand Prix Series, ISU Junior Grand Prix Final, Junior and Senior international events, 2026-2027 Skate Canada Challenge, and the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships.
      9.2.6. Consistent demonstration of the technical requirements and Short Program or Rhythm Dance score required to qualify for the Free Program or Free Dance at the ISU Figure Skating Junior World Championships.

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9.2.7. Athletes may be considered from Junior or Senior categories if they meet the eligibility requirements.

9.3. Competition and Performance Readiness

9.3.1.1. Selected athletes, including alternates, must demonstrate competition and performance readiness during an on-ice monitoring session conducted by Skate Canada between February 1 and 12, 2027.

9.3.1.2. Athletes who are injured must receive clearance to compete from Skate Canada's Chief Medical Advisor fourteen days before their first event at the ISU Figure Skating Junior World Championships 2027.

10. **Selection Criteria ISU Figure Skating World Championships 2027 (**Tampere, Finland, March 17 - 21, 2027)

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

- Men: 2 entries
- Women: 1 entry
- Pairs: 2 entries
- Dance: 3 entries

10.2. The athlete or team with the highest result in a majority of the following Selection Criteria will be selected. If athletes or teams are tied on the number of criteria won, placement at the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships will determine the outcome:

10.2.1. Medalist at the ISU Figure Skating World Championships 2026.

10.2.2. Placement and scores at the ISU Figure Skating World Championships 2026.

10.2.3. Qualification to the 2026-2027 ISU Grand Prix Final.

10.2.4. Season best international score from the 2026-2027 ISU Grand Prix Series, ISU Grand Prix Final, and/or Junior or Senior International events.

10.2.5. Placement and scores at the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships.

10.2.6. Average score from the 2026-2027 ISU Grand Prix Series, ISU Grand Prix Final, Junior or Senior International events and 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships.

10.2.7. Consistent demonstration of the technical requirements and Short Program or Rhythm Dance score required to qualify for the Free Program or Free Dance at the ISU Figure Skating World Championships.

10.2.8. Placement and scores at the ISU Figure Skating Four Continents Championships 2027 (if required).

10.3. Competition and Performance Readiness

10.3.1. Athletes who are injured must receive clearance to compete from Skate Canada's Chief Medical Advisor fourteen days before their first event at the ISU Figure Skating World Championships 2027.

11. **Selection Criteria ISU Synchronized Skating Junior World Championships 2027 (**Nottingham, Great Britain, March 31 – April 1, 2027)

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

- Junior synchronized teams: 2 entries

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11.2. The team with the highest result in a majority of the following Selection Criteria will be selected:
  11.2.1. Placement and scores at the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships.
  11.2.2. Scores from each 2026-2027 ISU Challenger Series or Junior International event.
  11.2.3. If management believes that scoring at an event was inconsistent, it may review the relevant calls and assess their effect on the score.

12. **Selection Criteria ISU Synchronized Skating World Championships 2027 (**Nottingham, Great Britain, April 2 – 4, 2027)

12.1. Pursuant to ISU rules and regulations, Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries:
- Senior synchronized teams: 2 entries

12.2. The team with the highest result in a majority of the following Selection Criteria will be selected:
  12.2.1. Placement and scores at the 2027 Canadian National Skating Championships.
  12.2.2. Scores from each 2026-2027 ISU Challenger Series or Senior International event.
  12.2.3. If management believes that scoring at an event was inconsistent, it may review the relevant calls and assess their effect on the score.