

# Important information for skaters entered in the Juvenile and Pre-Novice Singles events at the 2023 BC/YT Sectional Championship

## BC WINTER GAMES QUALIFYING

The 2023 BC Winter Games will be hosted by the city of Vernon from March 23-26, 2023. All entrants in the Juvenile and Pre-Novice Singles events, who meet the criteria listed in the **Technical Requirements** section below, are eligible for selection to the BC Winter Games. When you register for Sections in Coquitlam, you will automatically be considered for selection to the BC Winter Games Team for your zone. Skaters that qualify will be asked to make a decision by December 31<sup>st</sup> as to participation in the Games. After that date, alternate skaters will be invited.

### Which zone am I in?

Skaters represent the Zone in which they **reside** as opposed to the club they represent. **Skaters residing in the Yukon are ineligible.** Listed below is the zone distribution for the Province:

#### **Kootenays (Zone 1)**

Zone Colour - **Yellow**

Regional Districts of Central Kootenay, East Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary and Electoral Area A of Columbia-Shuswap Regional District, and including major centres: Castlegar, Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Golden, Grand Forks, Kimberley, Nelson, Radium, Rossland, and Trail.

#### **Thompson-Okanagan (Zone 2)**

Zone Colour - **Red**

Regional Districts of Central Okanagan, Columbia-Shuswap (excluding Electoral Area A), North Okanagan, Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola, and Electoral Areas A and B of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, and including major centres: Armstrong, Ashcroft, Enderby, Kamloops, Kelowna, Lillooet, Merritt, Peachland, Penticton, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Summerland, Vernon, and Westbank.

#### **Fraser Valley (Zone 3)**

Zone Colour - **Light Blue**

Regional Districts of Fraser Valley, Dewdney Alouette, and Fraser-Cheam, and including major centres: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Hope, Langley, Maple Ridge, Mission, and Pitt Meadows.

#### **Fraser River (Zone 4)**

Zone Colour - **Orange**

Anmore, Belcarra, The City of Burnaby, Cloverdale, Coquitlam, the City of New Westminster, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, South Surrey, Surrey and White Rock.

#### **Vancouver-Coastal (Zone 5)**

Zone Colour - **Dark Green**

The Regional Districts of Squamish-Lillooet (excluding Electoral Areas A and B), Sunshine Coast, Electoral Area A of the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Includes the major centres of the District of Delta, the Village of Lions Bay, the corporation of North Delta, the Village of Lions Bay, the City of North Vancouver, the District of North Vancouver, the City of Richmond, the corporation of Tsawwassen, the City of Vancouver, and the District of West Vancouver.

### **Vancouver Island-Central Coast (Zone 6)**

Zone Colour - **Light Green**

The Regional Districts of Alberni-Clayoquot, Capital, Central Coast, Comox-Strathcona, Cowichan Valley, Mount Waddington, Nanaimo, and Powell River, and including major centres: Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Duncan, Esquimalt, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, North Cowichan, Oak Bay, Ocean Falls, Port Alberni, Port Hardy, Powell River, Saanich, Sayward, Sidney, and Victoria.

### **North West (Zone 7)**

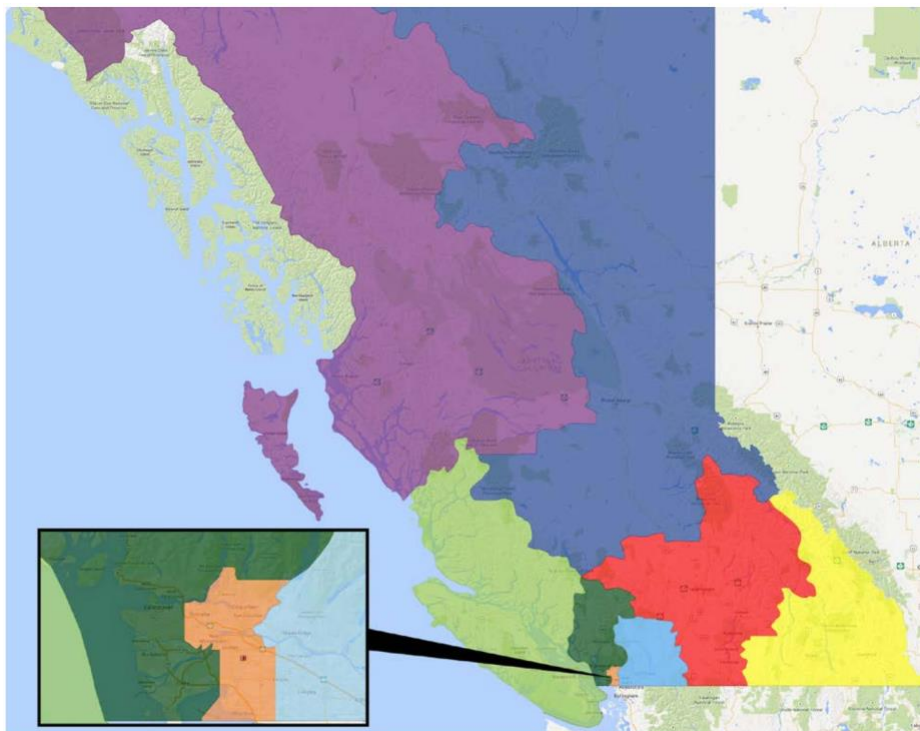
Zone Colour - **Purple**

The Regional Districts of Bulkley-Nechako, Kitimat-Stikine, and Skeena-Queen Charlotte and including major centres: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Houston, Kitimat, Masset, Port Clements, Prince Rupert, Smithers, Stewart, Terrace, and Vanderhoof.

### **Cariboo-North East (Zone 8)**

Zone Colour - **Dark Blue**

The Regional Districts of Cariboo, Fort Nelson-Liard, Fraser-Fort George, and Peace River, and including major centres: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Hudson Hope, Prince George, Quesnel, Tumbler Ridge, and Williams Lake.



### **Selections**

**Due category changes and age restrictions, skaters who qualified for the postponed 2022 BC Winter Games will need to requalify for the 2023 BC Winter Games**

**To be eligible to be selected to the Team, skaters must register and compete at the 2023 BC/YT Sectional Championships.** Skaters who qualify to attend the Canada Winter Games in Pre-Novice Women and Men are not eligible to attend the BC Winter Games. If a zone does not fill their quota of four female and two male athletes, Pre-Novice competitors who meet the age

criteria and achieve a minimum total score of 32.00 points in the Free Program at their Fall Regional Competition may be added to the Pre Novice category. Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile and/or STAR 6 competitors who meet the age criteria and achieve a minimum total score of 19.50 points at their Fall Regional Competition, may be added to the team in the Juvenile category.

Team selection must be completed by December 18, 2022. Selections will be made based on the placings from the 2023 BC/YT Sectional Championships or as noted above. Athletes cannot attend a second B.C. Games in the same category (i.e. athlete attending in Pre-Novice may not attend a second B.C. Games in the Pre-Novice category).

### **Team Composition**

Each zone team will comprise **four (4) female** and **two (2) male** athlete/entries, to a maximum of six (6) selected athlete/entries. Two (2) Coach/Managers will accompany each team, which must be one of each gender.

In addition, **eight (8) females** and **four (4) males** will be selected to fill **12 wild card spots**. These 12 skaters can represent any zone and have competed in any of the Juvenile or Pre-Novice Singles events at Sectionals.

### **Travel & Accommodation**

BC Games will provide accommodation and meals for all participating athletes. All athletes, coaches/chaperones/team managers are required to stay in BC Games accommodation and travel to and from Games on BC Games Transportation. Skaters and Coaches will travel to the Games with their Zone Team. Chartered bus and/or air transportation will be arranged for Games participants from predetermined Zone pick-up points for arrival in Vernon on Wednesday, March 22. Charter bus and/or air transportation will depart from Vernon in the afternoon and evening of Sunday, March 26.

### **Technical Requirements**

#### **JUVENILE LADIES**

#### **JUVENILE MEN**

Ladies – shall be under the age of 14 before July 1, 2022

Men – shall be under the age of 14 before July 1, 2022

Skaters must have reached 9<sup>th</sup> birthday by March 23, 2023

Competitors must have passed the complete STAR 5 Singles Test or higher.

These competitions shall consist of a free skating program to music of 2.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in length. The composition of the free program must meet the Well Balanced Program Criteria for the 2022-2023 season.

#### **PRE NOVICE WOMEN**

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Ladies - shall be under the age of 16 before July 1, 2022.

Men – shall under the age of 16 before July 1, 2022.

Skaters must have reached 9<sup>th</sup> birthday by March 23, 2023

Competitors must have passed the complete STAR 5 Singles Test or higher.

- (1) **Short Program:** A short program to music, which shall not exceed 2 minutes, 30 seconds in length containing the elements listed in the Pre-Event Technical Package. Men's solo spin will be -sit spin with only one change of foot.

- (2) **Free Program:** A free skating program to music 3.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in length. The composition of the free program must meet the Well Balanced Program Criteria for the 2022-2023 season.

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