



ANNOUNCEMENT



2025 MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: January 24-26, 2025

Location: Minoru Arena, 7551 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC V6Y1R8

In Conjunction with: Skate Canada British Columbia/Yukon Section

EVENT PHILOSOPHY

The Regional Synchronized Skating Championships are part of the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championship qualifying system. These events are planned, managed and executed by Skate Canada Sections on a rotational basis, in conjunction with a local volunteer organizing team.

The purpose of this competition is to provide a developmental and competitive experience for synchronized skating teams which allows them the opportunity to qualify for the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships in Novice, Intermediate, and Open categories. The top team in each of the five qualifying categories in every Region may advance to the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships. Additional entries are allotted to regions based on their teams' placement at last year's National Championships and regional membership sizes.

In addition to experiencing the challenges and personal growth involved in competing at this level, one of the features of this competitive system is to allow skaters an opportunity to experience the cultural diversity of Canada through exploration of the area holding the championships.

The focus for skaters at this event is not only on qualifying for the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships, but on the whole experience: self-satisfaction in achieving competitive goals and meeting competitors from across the region and experiencing the camaraderie of traveling as part of a team.

The 2025 Mountain Regional Synchronized Skating Championships is open to all teams from the Mountain Region – British Columbia/Yukon, Alberta/NWT/Nunavut sections registered with Skate Canada and meeting the requirements outlined in the description of events to be held. There is no qualification process to enter the event, however a qualifying round may be held if entry numbers warrant.

The competition will be conducted in accordance with [Skate Canada rules for qualifying Synchronized Skating events](#). Refer to the Skate Canada Rulebook>Competitions>11.2 Regional Synchronized Skating Championships for specific details not contained in this announcement.

The host club for this event is the Skate Canada British Columbia/Yukon Section.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ARENA TO BE USED

Minoru Arena	Ice Surface Size:
7551 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC V6Y 1R8	200 feet x 85 feet
Phone: (604) 238-8465	

ADMISSION

The cost of admission is \$5.00 per day. Tickets available at the door.

REGISTRATION

Online registration must be completed by 11:45 p.m. Friday, December 27, 2024

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND WILL BE CHARGED DOUBLE THE ENTRY FEE.

REGISTRATION FEES

Qualifying Events (Open, Novice, Gold): \$390.00 per Team plus \$35.00 per Skater (Includes official practice ice).

Non-Qualifying Events: \$340.00 per Team plus \$35.00 per Skater (no practice ice included).

STAR 3 Events: \$150.00 per Team plus \$35.00 per Skater (no practice ice included).

STAR 4 Events: \$150.00 per Team plus \$35.00 per Skater (no practice ice include

EVENTS TO BE HELD

The following events will be included in the 2025 Mountain Regional Synchronized Skating Championships:

Qualifying Events:

Novice, Gold, Open

Non-Qualifying Events:

STAR 3, STAR 4, STAR 6, STAR 8, Adult SYS Class I, Adult SYS Class II, Adult SYS Class III, Junior and Senior

Refer to the Skate Canada 2024-2025 Synchronized Skating Technical Requirements Guide for age requirements and specifications for individual categories.

For STAR 3 and STAR 4 categories, refer to the Skate Canada 2024-2025 Synchronized Skating Assess to Standard Guide.

STAR 4 Synchro skaters must have all passed the STAR 1 Skill Assessment by the closing date of entry. There are no other test assessments.

All teams will skate twice except for STAR 3 & 4 who will skate once. STAR 3 teams will receive an assessment of Gold/Silver/ Bronze as in STAR 3. STAR 4 teams will be assessed and ranked as in STAR 4.

PLANNED PROGRAM SHEETS

Planned program sheets for all teams must be submitted online by January 15, 2025. There will be a \$30 fee assessed for failing to register planned program elements online by the January 15th deadline. Teams will not be permitted to register at the competition until this fee has been paid and a planned program sheet has been completed. [Click here](#) to submit your planned program sheet.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

All teams, coaches and team managers must register on-site at Minoru Arena. Registration Desk Hours will be communicated closer to the event.

Only those skaters whose names appear on the team registration form as team members/alternates will be allowed to skate.

Only those skaters whose names are listed on the team registration form for the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be allowed to skate in the 2025 Skate Canada Cip. No substitution or addition shall be allowed. The number of allowable alternates on each team is four.

ACCREDITATION FOR EVENTS POLICY

Coaches

To receive accreditation at the 2025 Regional Synchronized Skating Championships, all coaches must be registered Professional Coaches in good standing with Skate Canada and must meet the following requirements as outlined below.

Coaches must:

- Be NCCP National Coach Certified or higher in any discipline for Junior and Senior categories
- Be NCCP Provincial Coach Certified or higher in any discipline for Novice, Open and Gold categories
- Be NCCP Regional Coach Certified or higher for all other categories
- Show proof being registered as a Skate Canada Coach in good standing

New coaches or foreign coaches who do not meet the above criteria will be accredited only if they qualify in accordance with Skate Canada Policies and Procedures.

All participating coaches must register at the competition and will be given a competition accreditation. If lost, Coaches can obtain a temporary accreditation by showing their current Skate Canada membership and paying a \$25.00 fee.

Team Managers and Chaperones

All team managers and chaperones must be current Skate Canada registrants.

Three individuals may be accredited per team and can include coaches, team managers, chaperones and IST. A maximum of two coaches can be included as part of the three accredited individuals. The names and Skate Canada numbers for these accreditations MUST be included on the online registration page under "Attending Personnel".

The main coach and one alternate (skater) will stand at the entrance to the ice. The team manager and other alternates will stand in the exit area (Kiss & Cry). The chaperones will be allowed in the dressing rooms ONLY and will not have access to ice level during practice and competition (including Kiss & Cry).

MUSIC

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights society.

Teams that have music composed especially for their programs, either in wholly or in part shall be responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and/or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights society.

Music Requirements (As per host section requirements)

- All Skaters must submit music online as part of the registration process.
- Music will only be accepted electronically via MP3 format. Do not begin the registration process

until you have your music file ready to load. Questions can be directed to the BC/YT Section at bcytsection@skatinginbc.com

- Music files are not kept for the next competition. Teams must submit their music for each individual competition.
 - Teams must have their back-up file – on a USB – at the boards during official practice and/or competition.
 - Alternate electronic items such as iPhones, tablets, mp3 players etc. will not be accepted for playing music.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded in all events with more than one entry in the competition except STAR 3, where ribbons will be awarded.

Medals or ribbons will be awarded to all team members.

Full details of medal presentations will be communicated to the teams once registration has closed and the competition schedule is finalized. Presentations will take place at the end of the day that the event concludes. Full teams are to come onto the ice and be presented their medals. Parents and friends can take team pictures from the boards. It is up to the coach and team manager if they would like the skaters to be in club attire or their competitions dresses.

EVENT SCHEDULE

A finalized schedule of events and practices (if held) will be provided to each team at registration on-site and will be posted on the BC/YT Section website: www.skatinginbc.com

A tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday, January 24th: Official and Open Practices
Saturday, January 25th: Competition
Sunday, January 26th: Competition

Information for double entry skaters: Should a schedule conflict arise between a practice time and event time, it is up to the skater, coach and team manager to decide what takes priority.

PRACTICE ICE

Information about official practice ice will be posted on the section website at www.skatinginbc.com

If available, unofficial practice ice may be purchased separately by teams for \$50.00 per block. Further details will be communicated to the teams immediately after the close of entry.

OFF ICE PRACTICE: Details will be communicated to the teams once registration is complete.

PROBLEMS DURING A PERFORMANCE

The Technical Representative or designate (ice level referee) may ask a team alternate to go on the ice during a performance to retrieve any objects that have dropped on to the ice (hair accessories, etc.) so that a performance does not have to be interrupted and avoid danger to the skaters. Where possible, it is requested that each team have an alternate dressed, with skates on and skate guards off, available at the entrance area during the team's performance.

RESULTS CALCULATION & MARKING

The Cumulative Points Calculation System will be used.

Judging of free programs for ALL Synchro Skating events will be as follows:

All teams will skate twice except for STAR 3 & 4 who will skate once. STAR 3 teams will receive an assessment of Gold/Silver/ Bronze.

PROTESTS: [Skate Canada Protest Rule](#) will be followed.

LIABILITY

Skate Canada and the BC/YT Section accept no liability for bodily or personal injury, or for property loss or damage incurred by participants and officials. As a condition of and in consideration of their entries in the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships, all participants and their parents or guardians, shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks or injuries to the competitor's person and property resulting from, or caused by, or connected with, the conduct and management of the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, Skate Canada and the 2025 Mountain Regional Synchronized Skating Volunteer Team and their officers, and entries shall be accepted on these conditions.

The Host Committee will provide emergency medical services for all competitors and officials during the practice and competition times on the event dates.

MEDICAL AND SECURITY SERVICES

First Aid will be available in the main arena

INFORMATION/LOST AND FOUND

This will be located at the Registration desk during practice and competition times

VIDEOGRAPHER

The event will be live streamed. Teams will be able to purchase a video of their performance. A video order form will be emailed to registered teams as well as available at the competition.

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