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BC/YT Skater Development
Teams, Camps and Selection Process
2024-2025

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline development initiatives offered by the BC/YT Section and assist coaches, skaters and parents in planning training programs and setting goals for current and future seasons. The three initiatives outlined include:

- Talent identification and monitoring
- Teams
- Camps

Identifying and Supporting Talent

One of the mandates of the BC/YT Skater Development committee is to identify and support skaters and coaches in their drive for competitive success from the Sectional to International levels. Having a strong competitive program provides several benefits: skaters do not need to relocate to receive high calibre training opportunities, “best practice” coaching techniques can be used to benefit skaters in all streams, and successful results positively affect funding. The importance of achieving successful national and international results cannot be understated as the majority of our sport’s funding is based on the competitive achievements of our athletes.

The reality of being an early specialization sport means that monitoring and support of talented athletes must commence during the primary phases of an athlete’s career as there is a significant correlation between age and skill development. Because skaters develop and mature at different rates and skill acquisition may be affected by such events as growth spurts and injuries, programming and support needs to be responsive to the current needs and stages of athletes. Notable changes can occur during a relatively short period of time so monitoring of skaters needs to occur frequently.

What does this mean for skaters and coaches?

- **Talent identification and monitoring occurs year-round.**
- **Camps will have a specific focus and skaters will qualify for camps based on the skills that they most need to develop.** Camp invitations are based on skill sets and open to all qualifying team members*. Additional skaters, who have not been monitored, may be invited to attend. **The Kelowna Camp is open to STAR Skaters and higher who have achieved a minimum score.*
- **Additional opportunities, such as team trips to competition, are skills and performance based and may not be restricted to specific team members.**

Talent Identification

Talent identification may take place in several ways and is not restricted to a particular season. All skaters attending the BC/YT Sectional Championships are monitored by members of the Skater Development Committee including but not limited to the Director of Development and Executive

Director. Additional monitoring may take place at site visits, Sectional and Regional Competitions, development camps or by video submission.

Identification Criteria

Inclusion on teams and invitations to camps are primarily based on skill acquisition relative to age criteria. Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile skaters are assessed on a combination of age and total competition score. Invitations to other events may be based on pathway charts produced by Skate Canada which categorize performance based on age and technical scores. There are four performance categories: Behind Target, Approaching Target, On Target and Ahead of Target. There are different charts for each discipline and for women and men to account for the different rate and time during which maturation typically occurs. While these charts serve as the primary guide for assessing skaters, other factors may be considered and may require skaters to demonstrate they have acquired certain skills.

Teams

There are three teams:

The BC/YT Team: This team represents those skaters who qualified to represent the BC/YT Section at the Skate Canada Challenge, Skate Canada Trophy and/or National Championships. Team members who meet specific technical criteria for their discipline will be invited to attend either the Program Component Camp and/ or the BC/YT Section Technical Camp.

Prospect Team: This team represents those skaters assessed at the Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile level who demonstrate the potential to become podium pathway stream figure skaters capable of achieving success at provincial, national and international levels.

First consideration is given to skaters who are age eligible to compete in the Juvenile U12 and Pre-Novice U14 categories for the 2025-2026 season and who meet the following target score (total competition score) guidelines. Other factors may be considered.

Pre-Juvenile U11: 24 points

Pre-Juvenile U13: 27 points

Juvenile U12: 27 points

Juvenile U14: 29 points

Activities on the Prospect Team, which is limited to the singles discipline, will include monitoring, coach support, and development camp(s). Skaters on the Prospect Team are required to:

- Attend the BC/YT Section Development Camp in Kelowna – April 18-20, 2025
- Attend the BC/YT Section Technical Training Camp in Burnaby – Following Summerskate
- Train on-ice during the summer months for a minimum of 4 weeks
- Compete at the 2025 BC Summerskate Competition in Burnaby – August 14-17, 2025
- Compete at the 2026 BC/YT Sectional Championships – November 6-9, 2025 Location TBD

Development Team: The Development Team targets those skaters at the Pre-Novice to Junior levels who did not qualify to represent the Section at Challenge or higher events but who are still on track in terms of skill development and age to compete in higher level competition.

First consideration is given to skaters who are age eligible to compete in the Pre-Novice U14, Novice U17 categories for the 2025-2026 season and who meet the following target score (total program score) guidelines. Other factors may be considered.

Pre-Novice U14: 68 points Pre-Novice U16: 70 points Novice U17: 75 points

Activities on the Development Team, which is limited to the singles discipline, will include monitoring, coach support, and development camp(s). Skaters on the Development Team are required to:

- Attend the BC/YT Section Development Camp in Kelowna – April 18-20, 2025
- Attend the BC/YT Section Technical Training Camp in Burnaby – Following Summerskate
- Train on-ice during the summer months for a minimum of 4 weeks
- Compete at the 2025 BC/YT Section High Performance Super Series-June 2025 Date TBC
- Compete at the 2025 BC Summerskate Competition in Burnaby – August 14-17, 2025
- Compete at the 2026 BC/YT Sectional Championships-November 6-9, 2025 Location TBC
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Camps

Three camps are offered this year:

Kelowna Camp: A technical camp for qualifying STAR skaters, Prospect and Development Team skaters.

June High Performance Camp: A camp focussed for skaters who are on the international/national pathway.

BC/YT Section Technical Camp: A technical camp for Prospect, Development and eligible BC/YT Team skaters who do not qualify for the High Performance Camp.

Kelowna Camp: This camp will continue to focus on skill and component development with an off-ice performance routine.

Qualification: Competing STAR 4 and higher. Skaters must meet a minimum score to attend. The purpose of minimum scores is to encourage skaters to strive for excellence and show continuous improvement over a season. All regional and sectional competitions up until March 2, 2025 will be monitored and any skater achieving a minimum score will receive an invitation from the BC/YT Section to attend the camp by March 9, 2025.

Minimum scores required for 2025 Camp: (total free skate program score unless noted)

Category	Minimum Score
STAR 4	Skaters will be invited based on attaining an unpublished target score before March 2, 2025. (Due to Skate Canada Policy-STAR 4 Scores cannot be published).
STAR 5	17 points
STAR 6	21 points
STAR 8	23 points
STAR 10	25 points
Gold	27 points
Pre-Juvenile	21 points
Juvenile	24 points
Pre-Novice	64 points (combined Short and Long Program)
Novice	74 points (combined Short and Long Program)
Junior/Senior	84 points (combined Short and Long Program)

June High Performance Camp 2025:

The focus of this camp will be specific National & International standards. Skaters will receive feedback from international level officials on their programs. Other activities may be included.

Qualification: Skaters attending this camp must be competing at the Pre-Novice level and higher, demonstrate that they can achieve scores at the upper end of “On Target” and possess a specific skill set. This camp is restricted to members of the BC/YT and Development teams. Other unmonitored BC/YT skaters who can verify they meet the entry requirements may be invited. The primary coach, or a member of their coaching team, must be present with their skater.

For a skater to qualify for this camp, they must be monitored between April 15 and May 31, 2025.

Monitoring may occur:

- during the Kelowna Camp
- at a Super Series Competition (Victoria Day)
- during a club visitation
- via video submission (submission standards and criteria to be announced)

Qualification Standards: Women

The target score range is indicated below.

Combined Short and Free TES																				
	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	60+
Age																				
10			Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
11			Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
12				Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Target Range					Ahead of Target
13					Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
14						Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
15							Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
16								Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
17									Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
18												Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target
19-20															Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target

Behind Target
Approaching Target
On Target
Ahead of Target

High Performance Skill Criteria Women

Age	Min Total TES	Jump Criteria
10	46	2A, rotating one triple
11	48	2A, landing 1 triple
12	50	2A, landing 1 triple, rotating 1 other
13	52	2A, landing 1 triple, rotating 2 others
14	54	2A, landing 1-2 triples, rotating 3 others
15	56	2A, landing 1-2 triples, rotating 3 others
16	58	2A, landing 2-3 triples, rotating 2 or more
17+	60	2A, landing 3-5 triples, rotating all

Qualification Standards: Men

The target score range for men is indicated below.

Combined Short and Free TES																				
	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85+
Age																				
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18																				
19-20																				

	Behind Target
	Approaching Target
	On Target
	Ahead of Target

High Performance Skill Criteria (competing Pre-Novice and higher upcoming season)

Age	Min Total TES	Jump Criteria
10	38	2A, rotating one triple
11	45	2A, rotating one triple
12	47	2A, landing 1 triple, rotating 1 other
13	50	2A, landing 1 triple, rotating 1 other
14	52	2A, landing 1-2 triples, rotating 2-3 others
15	57	2A, landing 2-3 triples, rotating 2-3 others
16	62	2A, landing 3-5 triples, rotating 2 or more
17	67	2A, landing 4-5 triples
18	72	2A or 3A, landing other triples, 1 triple/triple
19+	82	2A or 3A, landing other triples

Qualification Standard: Pairs

To be considered for the High Performance Camp in the pairs discipline, teams must demonstrate the ability to attain a competitive technical scores, possess strong individual skating skills, and be on track to meet Junior International age criteria.

Qualification Standard: Dance

To be determined in consultation with the Executive Director and Aaron Lowe.

BC/YT Technical Camp 2025:

The focus of this camp is technical and for skaters on the Prospect Team, Development Team and other monitored qualifying skaters. Elite level coaches will lead skaters through a variety of exercises and programs to assist them in taking their skills to the next level.

Qualification: In addition to Prospect and Development Team members, other monitored skaters who would benefit from additional technical expertise may be considered. Qualifying skaters not on the Prospect and Development Teams will be invited by June 2, 2025 following the spring monitoring period.

Selection Process and Conflict of Interest

As noted above, specific criteria are provided to guide monitors in the selection of skaters to various teams and camps. Skaters are identified by a team of individuals including the Executive Director and Director of Development at Super Series and Sectional events.

In no cases will an individual be involved in the selection if a conflict of interest is present. Individuals who find themselves in a position of conflict of interest concerning the selection decisions of one or more skaters will recuse themselves from the decisions concerning that skater or those skaters. The Executive Director, in consultation with the Directors of Development, has the right to add Wild Card Selections based on skill assessment to either Prospect or Development Teams at anytime.

The complete policy regarding the selection of skaters to teams and camps is included below. Please direct any questions concerning selections and policies concerning selections to the Executive Director.

BC/YT Section Skater Development Committee Policy for Selection of Skaters to Camps

Development camps for competitive skaters are intended to provide an opportunity for skaters and their coaches to enrich their repertoire of skills to compete to the best of their abilities.

Camps will have a particular focus and/or theme as determined by the Skater Development Committee (e.g. Program Components, Technical Elements)

Prospect Team selection criteria and process:

The Prospect Team is an initiative developed to track, monitor and support skaters who demonstrate the potential to become competitive figure skaters capable of achieving success at provincial, national and international levels.

The team focuses on Pre Juvenile, Juvenile and Pre-Novice skaters. Skaters are identified by a team of individuals including the Executive Director and Directors of Development at Super Series and Sectional events.

In addition to target scores (which will be published annually) other factors such as age, creative ability, and participation level are also assessed.

Membership on the team is for one year but may be extended.

June Program Component Camp selection criteria and process:

This Camp focuses on skaters with technical abilities as defined by pathway development charts and specific skill criteria, which are published annually by Skate Canada.

Skaters will be assessed over the spring up until the end of May for consideration for the June Program Component Camp. Skill assessment may occur at competitions (Victoria Day), in person during practice or by video submission.

All skaters, BC Team members or not, who meet the criteria will be eligible to attend.

The principal coach, or a member of the coaching team, of each skater chosen is required to attend the Camp.

Conflict of interest in selection decisions

Skaters are identified by a team of individuals including the Executive Director and Directors of Development at Super Series and Sectional events.

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