



Competitive Program – June 2009 Update

At the June 7 Board Meeting, the Skate Canada Board of Directors approved rule suspensions that will bring about changes we are piloting within the competitive program during the 2009/2010 season. This pilot is part of an overall strategy to ensure that the national championships provide the highest level of competition

Western and Eastern Challenge

Each category at Challenge will be conducted as one event (no Western and Eastern division) including skaters from all Sectional Championships. The Pre-Novice national champions will be declared at Challenge. The top finishers in Novice, Junior and Senior at Challenge will advance to Junior Nationals (Novice and Junior) and Canadians (Senior). Draft schedules and technical announcements will be available by August 1, 2009 on the Members Only website. Final event schedules will not be posted until all entries and final bye decisions are determined.

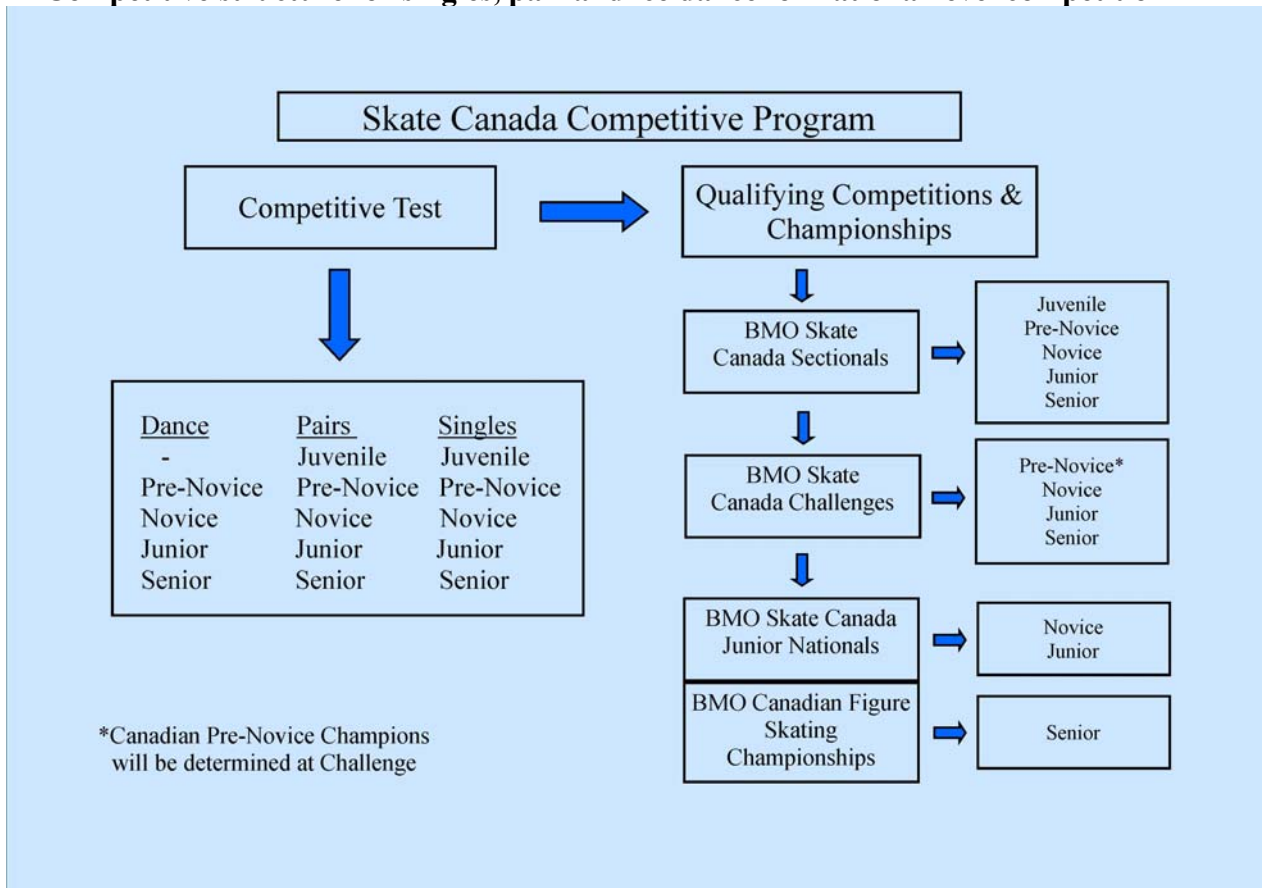
Number of athletes/entries competing at national championships				
	Singles	Pair	Dance	Notes
Novice	18	12	15	These numbers include skaters receiving a bye through Challenge competition
Junior	18	12	15	These numbers include skaters receiving a bye through Challenge competition
Senior	18	12	15	These numbers include skaters receiving a bye through Challenge competition.

Note: skaters representing another ISU Member are ineligible to “guest compete” at any qualifying event.

Byes Policy

To further clarify from our recent communication about byes; all skaters will compete at Challenge other than those receiving a bye. Byes are discipline specific. Please see the updated [Byes Policy](#) available on Members Only.

Competitive structure for singles, pair and ice dance for national level competition



Important information per competitive category

Juvenile – This category will now compete to Sectionals and will not progress to Junior Nationals. This change is effective to better fit with the forthcoming Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model. According to LTAD philosophies, this change is beneficial to skaters at this level as they continue to develop within the “Learn to Train” stage and prepare for the next step in their skating journey.

Pre-Novice – This category competes to Challenge and does not progress to Junior Nationals but will be declared the Pre-Novice Champion of Canada. Pre-Novice categories will run as one event at Challenge.

Novice – All events will be run as one event at Challenge and the top number of entries (specified in the chart above) will progress to Junior Nationals in a second rink in the same city and timeframe as Senior Canadians in 2010 (London).



Junior - All events will be run as one event at Challenge and the top number of entries (specified in the chart above) will progress to Junior Nationals in a second rink in the same city and timeframe as Senior Canadians in 2010 (London).

Junior Nationals judges' panels will consist of qualified Canadian judges or higher.

Senior – no changes

We thank you for your continued participation in skating and look forward to another successful season. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Member Services department – memberservices@skatecanada.ca.

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