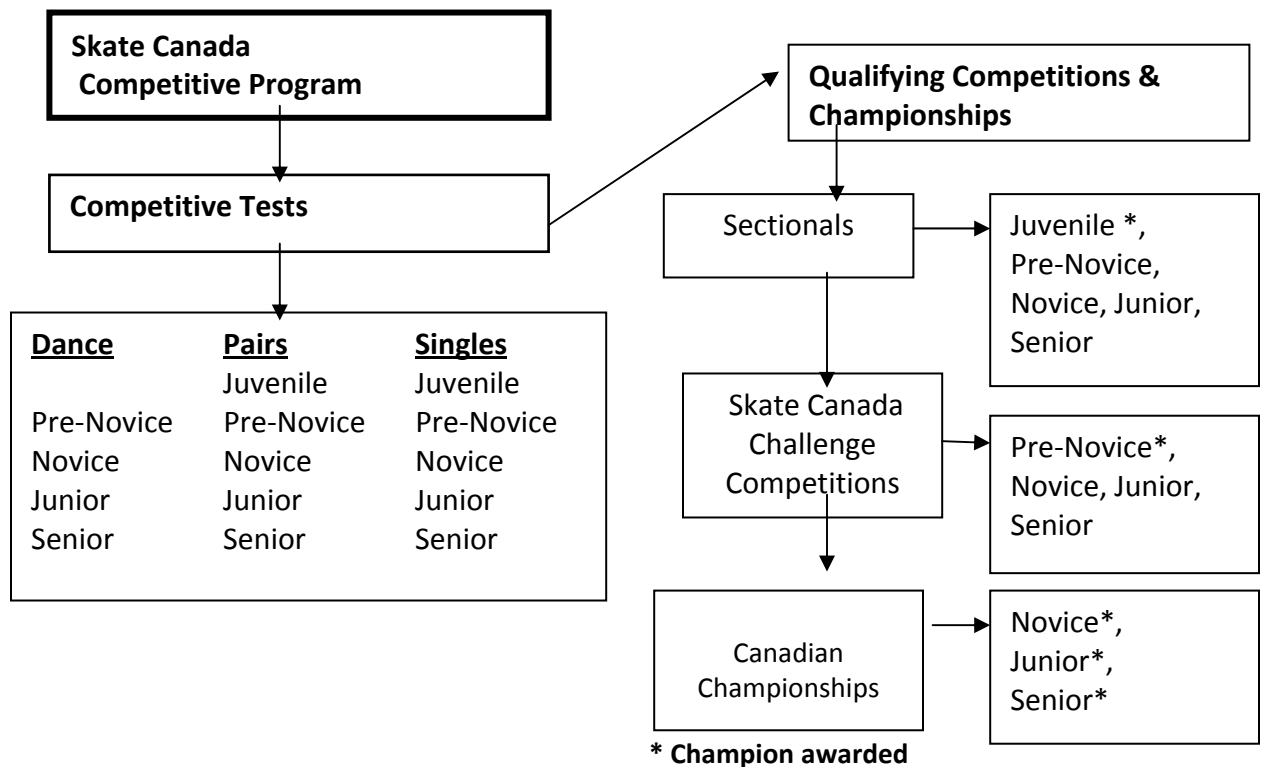


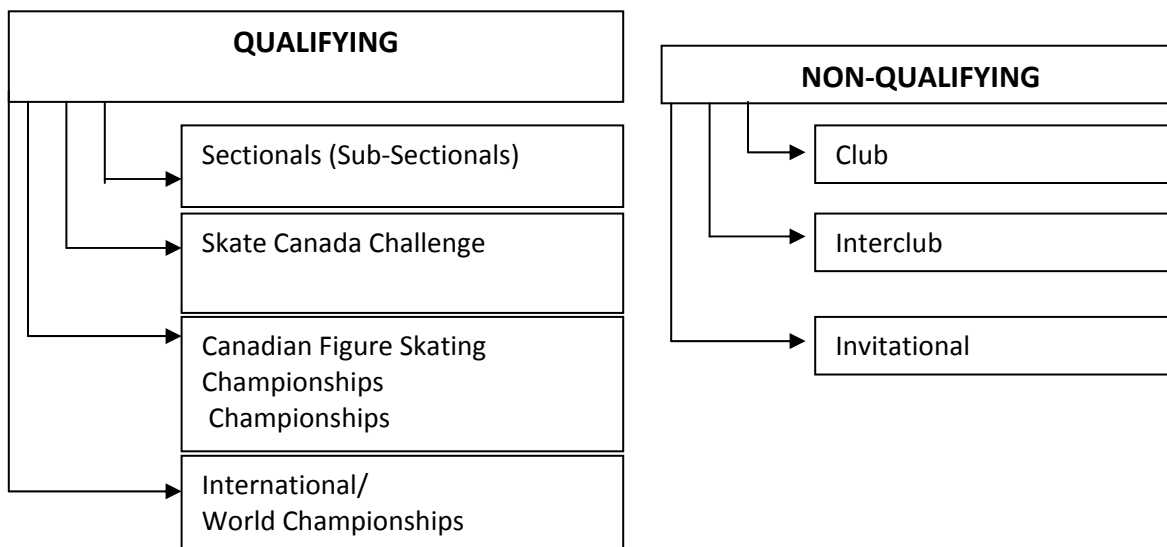
# COMPETITIVE PROGRAM STRUCTURE

## 500 STRUCTURE DIAGRAMS

### 1. Competitive Program



## 2. Competition



## 505 DEFINITIONS

### 1. QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Those skating competitions and championships leading to and including the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in singles, pair and ice dance. Currently These are Sub-Sectionals, Sectionals & Skate Canada Challenge Competitions. The levels of skating competition at the qualifying competitions and Championships currently are Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior.

### 2. NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the purposes of these rules, the term “non-qualifying competition” is used in reference to events which do not qualify skaters for the Canadian Figure Skating Championships. These include: club, interclub, and invitational competitions.

### 3. DISCIPLINE

The type of skating at the qualifying competitions and championships. Currently the disciplines are women’s singles, men’s singles, pair and ice dance..

## 510 TEST AND AGE PREREQUISITES FOR COMPETING

### 1. JUVENILE EVENTS:

#### (a) SINGLES:

- (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Juvenile Competitive Singles Test or higher.

- (ii) **AGE:** Juvenile Singles competitors shall be under the age of 12 for women and 13 for men before July 1 preceding the event.
  - (b) **PAIR:**
    - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Juvenile Competitive Pair test or higher.
    - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirement.
  - (c) **DANCE:**
    - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the complete Junior Bronze Dance test or higher.
    - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirement.
2. **PRE-NOVICE EVENTS:**
- (a) **SINGLES:**
    - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Pre-Novice Competitive Singles Test or higher.
    - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirement
  - (b) **PAIR:**
    - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Pre-Novice Competitive Pair Test or higher.
    - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirement.
  - (c) **DANCE:**
    - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Pre-Novice Competitive Dance Test and the complete Senior Bronze Dance test or higher.
    - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirement.
3. **NOVICE EVENTS:**
- (a) **SINGLES:**
    - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Novice Competitive Singles Test or higher.
    - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirements.

- (b) **PAIR:**
  - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Novice Competitive Pair Test or higher.
  - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirements.
- (c) **DANCE:**
  - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Novice Competitive Dance Test or higher.
  - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirements.

4. **JUNIOR EVENTS:**

- (a) **SINGLES:**
  - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Junior Competitive Singles Test or higher.
  - (ii) **AGE:** Shall meet ISU Junior age criteria (maximum age limit only applies).
- (b) **PAIR:**
  - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Junior Competitive Pair Test or higher.
  - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirements for qualifying competitions in Canada.
- (c) **DANCE:**
  - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Junior Competitive Dance Test or higher.
  - (ii) **AGE:** Shall meet ISU Junior age criteria (maximum age limit only applies).

5. **SENIOR EVENTS:**

- (a) **SINGLES:**
  - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Senior Competitive Singles Test
  - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirement.
- (b) **PAIR:**
  - (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Senior Competitive Pair Test
  - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirement.

- (c) **DANCE:**
- (i) **TEST:** Must have passed the Senior Competitive Dance Test
  - (ii) **AGE:** No age requirement.

## **515 QUALIFICATIONS FOR COMPETING IN QUALIFYING EVENTS**

1. **TEST PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter qualifying events leading to the Canadian Figure Skating Championships shall have passed the tests as listed in Rule 5404 by the October 1st preceding the Championships. A skater may also be considered qualified having passed a higher test or parts thereof as long as the minimum test requirement is fulfilled. For example, a skater who has completed the Junior Singles Free Program but no other competitive test parts is considered eligible for the Novice category also if other eligibility requirements are also met.
2. **AGE PREREQUISITES:** Competitors wishing to enter qualifying events leading to the Canadian Figure Skating Championships shall meet the age requirements to compete as listed in paragraph 510.
3. **COMPETING IN SINGLES AT SECTIONALS:** A skater may compete in singles events only in the Championships of the Section in which his home club is a member.
4. **COMPETING IN PAIR OR DANCE AT SECTIONALS:** A pair or dance team composed of skaters having clubs in different Sections may enter the group event of the Sectional Championships of any one, but only one, of the Sections represented by its members. The Chair of each Section concerned must be advised as to which championship the group will enter.
5. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS:** The eligibility requirements for events which qualify competitors for the Canadian Figure Skating Championships must be the same as those for the corresponding Canadian Figure Skating Championships event.
6. **WINNER OF A QUALIFYING EVENT LEADING TO THE CANADIAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP:** A previous winner of a qualifying event for a Canadian Figure Skating Championships is eligible to re-enter the same qualifying event provided that the competitor is still eligible to enter the corresponding Canadian Figure Skating Championships competition.
7. **DANCE AND PAIR COUPLE COMPOSITION:** All dance and pair couples shall consist of a woman and a man.
8. **ONE EVENT PER DISCIPLINE:** Competitors may not enter more than one event in the same discipline in the same championship or its qualifying events.
9. **COMPETING IN A QUALIFYING CANADIAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1990:** Individuals who competed in a qualifying Canadian Figure Skating Championships event prior to July 1, 1990 shall retain their qualification to enter the same event.

10. **ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICIALS TO COMPETE**

- (a) **OFFICIALS SHALL NOT COMPETE:** Except as noted below, a referee, judge or data specialist shall not compete in a competition in which he/she is acting in an official capacity.
- (b) **EXCEPTION FOR ADULT CATEGORY:** A referee, judge or data specialist may compete in the Adult category in a competition, at the sectional or lower level, in which he/she is also acting in an official capacity.
- (c) **REFER TO RULES FOR SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS:** See also special rules governing the various types of competitions.

**520 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. **JUVENILE EVENTS:** Juvenile events shall consist of the four disciplines and specifications set forth below:

- (a) **JUVENILE WOMEN'S SINGLES AND JUVENILE MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS:** These competitions shall consist of a free skating program to music of 2.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. The composition of the free skating program and the requirements for a well balanced program shall be as communicated each season.
- (b) **JUVENILE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS:** This competition shall consist of a free skating program to music of 2.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. The composition of the free skating program and the requirements for a well balanced program shall be as communicated each season.
- (c) **JUVENILE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** This competition will consist of two parts:

**PATTERN DANCES:** Two of the four dances listed below shall be skated at each qualifying event in the order listed:

Year 1\* (2011-2012) - Fiesta and European Waltz

Year 2 \*(2012-2013) – Willow Waltz and Ten-Fox

\*Note: Dances will be selected from annually rotating groups.

**FREE DANCE:** A free dance to music of 2.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. The requirements for this program shall be as communicated each season.

2. **PRE-NOVICE EVENTS**

- (a) **PRE-NOVICE WOMEN'S SINGLES & PRE-NOVICE MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:** These competitions shall consist of two parts:

- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM:** A short program to music which shall not exceed 2 minutes, 30 seconds in duration containing the group of elements announced by Skate Canada for the current season.
  - (ii) **FREE PROGRAM:** A free skating program to music of 3.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. The requirements for this program shall be as communicated each season.
- (b) **PRE-NOVICE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP:** This competition will consist of two parts:
- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM:** A short program to music which shall not exceed 2 minutes, 40 seconds in duration containing the group of elements announced by Skate Canada for the current season.
  - (ii) **FREE PROGRAM:** A free skating program to music of 3.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. The requirements for this program shall be as communicated each season.
- (c) **PRE-NOVICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP:** This competition will consist of two parts:
- (i) **PATTERN DANCES:** Two of the four dances listed below shall be drawn for each qualifying event and skated in the order listed.  
  
European Waltz, Keats Foxtrot, Harris Tango, Rocker Foxtrot
  - (ii) **FREE DANCE:** A free dance to music of 2.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. The requirements for this program shall be as communicated each season.

### 3. NOVICE EVENTS

- (a) **NOVICE WOMEN SINGLES & NOVICE MEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** These competitions shall consist of two parts:
- (i) **SHORT PROGRAM:** A short program to music which shall not exceed 2 minutes, 30 seconds in duration containing the group of elements announced by Skate Canada for the current season.
  - (ii) **FREE PROGRAM:** A free skating program to music. The requirements for this program shall be as communicated each season. The length of the program is as follows:  
  
Women: 3.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds)  
  
Men: 3.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds)

- (b) **NOVICE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts:
  - (i) **SHORT PROGRAM:** A short program to music which shall not exceed 2 minutes, 40 seconds in duration containing the group of elements announced by Skate Canada for the current season.
  - (ii) **FREE PROGRAM:** A free skating program to music of 3.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. The requirements for this program shall be as communicated each season.
  
- (c) **NOVICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts:
  - (i) **PATTERN DANCES:** Two of the four dances listed below shall be drawn for each qualifying event and skated in the order as listed.
 

Year 1 - 2011-2012 – Starlight Waltz, Kilian, Argentine Tango, Silver Samba  
Year 2 - 2012-2013 – Paso Doble, Blues, Westminster Waltz, Quickstep
  - (ii) **FREE DANCE:** A free dance to music of 3.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. The requirements for this program shall be as communicated each season.

#### 4. JUNIOR EVENTS

- (a) **JUNIOR WOMEN’S SINGLES & JUNIOR MEN’S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** These competitions shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:
  - (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
  - (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**
  
- (b) **JUNIOR PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:
  - (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
  - (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**
  
- (c) **JUNIOR DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:
  - (i) **SHORT DANCE**
  - (ii) **FREE DANCE**



## 5. SENIOR EVENTS

- (a) **SENIOR WOMEN'S SINGLES AND MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** These competitions shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:
  - (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
  - (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**
- (b) **SENIOR PAIR SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:
  - (i) **SHORT PROGRAM**
  - (ii) **FREE PROGRAM**
- (c) **SENIOR ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:** This competition shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:
  - (i) **SHORT DANCE**
  - (ii) **FREE DANCE**

6. **OTHER EVENTS:** Details of any other Sectional events shall be included in the announcement.

## 7. ELIMINATION OF SKATE CANADA SECTIONALS COMPETITORS

- (a) **NON-QUALIFYING SECTIONAL EVENTS:** In events which do not qualify competitors for the Canadian Figure Skating Championships events, competitors may be eliminated at any stage of the competition in accordance with regulations set forth by the Skate Canada Sectionals Committee in the announcement of the championships.
- (b) **SECTIONAL QUALIFYING EVENTS:** In events which qualify competitors for the Canadian Figure Skating Championships, Sub-Sectional competitions may be held to reduce the number of competitors in a Sectional event. Where the number of skaters warrants, the qualifying events for the Sectionals may be based on either combined events identical to the respective Sectional events or on free skate programs only.

## 8. ENTRIES

- (a) **MANDATORY EVENTS:** The following events are mandatory for all Skate Canada Sectionals: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Mixed Pair, Mixed Dance in each of the five classes - Senior, Junior, Novice, Pre-Novice, Juvenile.
- (b) **NATURE OF OTHER EVENTS:** Other events may be added at the discretion of the Skate Canada Sectionals Committee.
- (c) **CLOSING DATE FOR SECTIONALS:** The closing date for entries for all events at a Skate Canada Sectionals shall be as prescribed from time to time by the relevant Section Executive. For Test Qualification requirements see paragraph 510.

- (d) **ELIGIBILITY OF ALL ENTRIES MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE SECTION:** The host Section/Club must verify the eligibility of all competitors according to Rule 5401 and submit the names and registration numbers of all competitors entering the Canadian Figure Skating Championships qualifying events to the National Office of the Association immediately after the closing date of entries and no later than October 3<sup>rd</sup> or the next business day following that date.
  - (e) **INELIGIBLE SKATERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO COMPETE:** The National Office will attest the eligibility of such entrants and the referee of the specific qualifying event will not permit a skater to compete unless such evidence is produced.
  - (f) **RESTRICTION OF ENTRIES:** Entries may be restricted by the Skate Canada Sectionals Committee with the approval of the Section Executive, except for events which qualify competitors for the Canadian Figure Skating Championships events.
  - (g) **ENTRY FEES:** The entry fees, if any, for the Skate Canada Sectionals and other Section sponsored competitions shall be set by the Section.
  - (h) **NO COMPETITION IN JUNIOR OR SENIOR EVENTS:** If there is no competition in any Senior or Junior Sectional event and the previous winner has entered he shall retain the title, otherwise the title shall be declared vacant.
  - (i) **REGISTRATION:** Unless otherwise listed in the event announcement competitors must register for the competition before their official practice session immediately prior to the first portion of their event. This rule is applicable to all qualifying events including Regional/Sub-Sectional, Sectional, Skate Canada Challenge & Canadian Figure Skating Championships.
  - (j) **PRACTICE ICE:** Upon registration or attendance at an officially scheduled practice session competitors are not permitted to skate on ice other than the official practice or competition ice as scheduled for the event. Violators of this rule shall be subject to suspension from the competition in question. This rule is applicable to all qualifying events including Regional/Sub-Sectional, Sectional, Skate Canada Challenge & Canadian Figure Skating Championships.
9. **DRAW FOR SUBSEQUENT START OF AN EVENT:** Competitors will be assigned to skate the second and any subsequent program at the Skate Canada Sectionals in reverse order according to each competitor's placement in the short program. The specific method of conducting and timing of the draw will be determined and communicated in the event announcement.

#### 10. **SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE CANADA SECTIONALS**

Selection of Entries from Skate Canada Sectionals to Skate Canada Challenge or Canadian Figure Skating Championships is as follows:

- (a) **PRE-NOVICE, NOVICE & JUNIOR SKATERS TO SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE:**
  - (i) **PRE-NOVICE, NOVICE & JUNIOR EVENTS EXCEPT QUEBEC:** Pre-Novice, Novice and Junior competitors who place first, second, third and fourth in each of the Sectional qualifying events, except Quebec Section, may be selected to represent the Section in the respective Skate Canada Challenge, but the selection of fewer than four entries shall be at the discretion of the Section Executive.
  - (ii) **PRE-NOVICE, NOVICE AND JUNIOR EVENTS IN QUEBEC:** Pre-Novice, Novice and Junior competitors who place first through eighth in the Skate Canada Quebec Sectionals qualifying event, may be selected to represent the Section in the respective Skate Canada Challenge, but the selection of fewer than eight entries shall be at the discretion of the Section Executive.

11. **SENIOR SKATERS TO CHALLENGE:**

- (a) **ALL SENIOR EVENTS:** Senior competitors who place first, second, third and fourth (first through eighth inclusive in Quebec) in the Skate Canada Sectionals qualifying event, may be selected by the relevant Section to represent the Section in the Skate Canada Challenge without further qualification.
- (b) **COMPETITORS REGISTERED FOR SECTIONALS:** Competitors who register for an event(s) at the Skate Canada Sectionals and who in the same competitive season have been awarded a Junior Grand Prix, Senior Grand Prix or Senior International assignment, shall be granted an automatic entry into the Skate Canada Challenge event for each event discipline in which such competitor was registered at Skate Canada Sectionals.

Competitors who register for Senior events at Skate Canada Sectionals and who have been assigned a Senior Grand Prix or Junior Grand Prix Final event shall be granted an automatic entry into the Senior Canadian Figure Skating Championships event of the same event discipline in the same competitive season.
- (c) **SENIOR AUTOMATIC BYES:** Automatic "byes" are granted through their respective Sectional event to Senior competitors placing first, second and third in the last year's Canadian Championships or a medalist at the previous years ISU World Championships and/or Olympics) although they may compete at the Sectional event.
- (d) **BYED SKATERS:** Those who have been granted byes through Sectional qualifying events (see (b) above and Byes Policy in **Policies and Procedures**) may enter their Skate Canada Challenge event or Canadian Figure Skating Championships event (or qualifying round at Canadians) as applicable without further qualification.

12. **ALTERNATES:** The next placed competitor in each Sectional event may be nominated as an alternate entry and may replace an entrant who has withdrawn before the start of the event.

13. **FILING OF ENTRIES:** All entries must be approved and filed by the Section Chair or his/her nominee.

**1. STRUCTURE OF SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE**

- (a) **GROUPING OF THE SECTIONS FOR SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE:** For the purpose of holding qualifying events for the Canadian Figure Skating Championships, the Sections of the Association shall be grouped into one division for Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior.
- (b) **MANDATORY EVENTS:** The following events are mandatory for Skate Canada Challenge competitions provided that the number of skaters entered in the event exceeds the maximum quota to progress onto the applicable Canadian Figure Skating Championships: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Pair and Ice Dance in each of three classes – Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior and Senior.
- (c) **CONDUCT OF CHALLENGE EVENTS:** All events shall be conducted in the same manner as the event in the Canadian Figure Skating Championships event to which they correspond.
- (d) **DRAW FOR SUBSEQUENT START OF AN EVENT:** Competitors will be assigned to skate the second and any subsequent program at the Skate Canada Challenge in reverse order according to each competitor's placement in the short program. The specific method of conducting and timing of the draw will be determined and communicated in the event announcement.

**2. REGISTRATION AND PRACTICE ICE:** Paragraph 520 8 (i) and (j) applies.**3. SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE**

- (a) **FINAL RESULT:** The final result in each Skate Canada Challenge event shall determine the competitors eligible to enter the equivalent Canadian Figure Skating Championship event as follows.
  - (i) **PRE-NOVICE:** Each Skate Canada Challenge is entitled to enter the top third, rounded to the next whole number, or top eight placed skaters (whichever is greater) in each Pre-Novice event at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships. The number will be calculated based on the number of skaters receiving marks and a placement in at least one part of the competition.
  - (ii) **NOVICE:** The Skate Canada Novice Challenge is entitled to enter the top 18 placed singles in each of the Men's and Women's events, 12 placed Pair and 15 placed Ice Dance competitors, which include any byes awarded in each respective event at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in the same skating season.
  - (iii) **JUNIOR:** The Skate Canada Junior Challenge is entitled to enter the top 18 placed

singles in each of the Men's and Women's events, 12 placed Pair and 15 placed Ice Dance competitors, which include any byes awarded in each respective event, at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in the same skating season.

- (iv) **SENIOR:**
  - (a) **SENIOR SINGLES:** The maximum number of competitors in the Senior singles events shall be 18. Such entries shall be filled in accordance with subsection (e) below.
  - (b) **SENIOR PAIR:** The maximum number of competitors in the Senior Pairs event shall be 12. Such entries shall be filled in accordance with subsection (e) below.
  - (c) **SENIOR ICE DANCE:** The maximum number of competitors in the Senior Dance events shall be 15. Such entries shall be filled in accordance with subsection (e) below.
- (b) **DETERMINING SENIOR ENTRIES:** The Senior events at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships shall be filled in accordance with the following priority until such time as the maximum number of competitors for the relevant event has been reached:
  - (i) firstly, those competitors who have received an automatic or individual bye; and
  - (ii) the balance of the entries shall be determined in accordance with the results of the Skate Canada Senior Challenge event, as applicable.
- (c) **ALTERNATES:** The entry with the next highest score from the applicable Challenge event may replace an entrant at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships who has withdrawn before the start of an event.
- (d) **NORMAL QUOTA AT THE CANADIAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS NOT EXCEEDED:** When the normal quota at The Canadian Figure Skating Championships is not exceeded (i.e. 18 for Singles, 12 for Pair and 15 for Ice Dance) after the total number of eligible entries from the Skate Canada Challenge are combined, that event will be held, but may not be Pattern at the Skate Canada Challenge even if the maximum event quota at one of the Skate Canada Challenge is exceeded.
- (e) **FILING OF ENTRIES:** Entries from the Skate Canada Challenge must be filed by the General Chair of the Organizing Committee or his/her nominee.

**1. CONDUCT OF SENIOR SINGLES SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CANADA**

Senior Championship Singles events will be conducted as follows at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships:

- (a) **SEGMENTS:** The Senior singles event shall consist of a short program of a maximum of 2 minutes, 50 seconds containing the elements to music as published annually and a free program of 4 minutes, 30 seconds (+ or – 10 seconds) to music for men and 4 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) to music for women. The requirements for this free skating program are published annually.
  
- (b) **STARTING ORDER – SHORT PROGRAM:** The manner in which competitors will be assigned to skate the short program of the Canadian Figure Skating Championships will be as follows:
  - (i) Senior competitors receiving a bye to the short program at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships shall be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the previous Senior Canadian Figure Skating Championships. The highest placed competitor from the previous Canadian Figure Skating Championships shall be last to skate, the second highest placed competitor shall be second last to skate, and so on.
  
  - (ii) Next, byed competitors that do not have a final placement from the preceding Senior Canadian Figure Skating Championships will be assigned by a random draw. These competitors shall skate prior to those listed in (i) above and following those listed in (iii) below.
  
  - (iii) The remaining competitors will be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the Skate Canada Challenge competition in the same competitive season.
  
  - (iv) In the case that the Skate Canada Challenge event is optional and some competitors elect not to compete and are therefore not ranked coming into the Canadian Figure Skating Championships, a random draw will be conducted to determine the start order of all competitors except the byed competitors.
  
  - (v) If two or more competitors are tied in the assignment of (i) and (iii) above, a random draw between the tied competitors will be conducted to determine the starting order.
  
- (c) **STARTING ORDER – FREE PROGRAM:** Competitors may be assigned to skate the free program at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in reverse order according to each competitor's placement in the short program. The specific method of conducting

and timing of the draw will be determined and communicated in the event announcement.

## 2. CONDUCT OF THE SENIOR PAIR SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA

The Senior Championship Pair event will be conducted as follows at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships:

- (a) **SEGMENTS:** The Senior pair event shall consist of a short program of a maximum of 2 minutes, 50 seconds containing the elements to music as published annually and a free program of 4 minutes, 30 seconds (+ or – 10 seconds) to music. The requirements for this free skating program are published annually.
- (b) **STARTING ORDER – SHORT PROGRAM:** The manner in which competitors will be assigned to skate the short program of the Canadian Figure Skating Championships will be as follows:
  - (i) Senior competitors receiving a bye to the short program at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships shall be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the previous Senior Canadian Figure Skating Championships. The highest placed competitors from the previous Canadian Figure Skating Championships shall be last to skate, the second highest placed competitors shall be second last to skate, and so on.
  - (ii) Next, byed competitors that do not have a final placement from the preceding Senior Canadian Figure Skating Championships will be assigned by a random draw. These competitors shall skate prior to those listed in (i) above and following those listed in (iii) below.
  - (iii) The remaining competitors will be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the Skate Canada Challenge competition in the same competitive season.
  - (iv) In the case that the Skate Canada Challenge event is optional and some competitors elect not to compete and are therefore not ranked coming into the Canadian Figure Skating Championships, a random draw will be conducted to determine the start order of all competitors except the byed competitors.
  - (v) If two or more competitors are tied in the assignment of (i) and (iii) above, a random draw between the tied competitors will be conducted to determine the starting order.
- (c) **STARTING ORDER – FREE PROGRAM:** Competitors may be assigned to skate the free program at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in reverse order according to each pair's placement in the short program. The specific method of conducting and timing of the draw will be determined and communicated in the event announcement.

### 3. CONDUCT OF THE SENIOR ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA

The Senior Championship Ice Dance event will be conducted as follows at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships:

- (a) **SEGMENTS:** The senior dance event shall consist of a short dance of a maximum of 2 minutes, 50 seconds containing the elements to music as published annually and a free dance of 4 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) to music. The requirements are published annually.
- (b) **STARTING ORDER – SHORT\_DANCE:** The manner in which competitors will be assigned to skate the short dance of the Canadian Figure Skating Championships will be as follows:
  - (i) Senior competitors receiving a bye to the Short Dance segment at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships shall be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the previous Senior Canadian Figure Skating Championships. The highest placed couple from the previous Canadian Figure Skating Championships shall be last to skate, the second highest placed competitor shall be second last to skate, and so on.
  - (ii) Next, byed competitors that do not have a final placement from the preceding Senior Canadian Figure Skating Championships will be assigned by a random draw. These competitors shall skate prior to those listed in (i) above and following those listed in (iii) below.
  - (iii) The remaining competitors will be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the Skate Canada Challenge competition in the same competitive season.
  - (iv) In the case that the Skate Canada Challenge event is optional and some competitors elect not to compete and are therefore not ranked coming into the Canadian Figure Skating Championships, a random draw will be conducted to determine the start order of all competitors except the byed competitors.
  - (v) If two or more competitors are tied in the assignment of (i) and (iii) above, a random draw between the tied competitors will be conducted to determine the skating order.
- (c) **STARTING ORDER – FREE DANCE:** Competitors may be assigned to skate the free dance of the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in reverse order according to each couple's combined result after the previous segment. The specific method of conducting and timing of the draw will be determined and communicated in the event announcement.



**4. NO COMPETITION FOR A SENIOR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

If there is no competition for a Senior Canadian Figure Skating Championship event the most recently declared Champion or Champions shall retain the title if he, she or they have entered the event, otherwise the title shall be declared vacant.

**5. RESTRICTIONS TO ENTRY:**

(a) **COMPETING IN THE SAME EVENT DISCIPLINE:** No one shall compete in the same discipline (singles, pair, ice dance) in the same event (Novice) at Junior Nationals more than three times.

(b) **WINNER OF AN EVENT DISCIPLINE (NOVICE):** The winner or the winning pair or ice dance couple of an event discipline shall not be eligible for the same event discipline again.

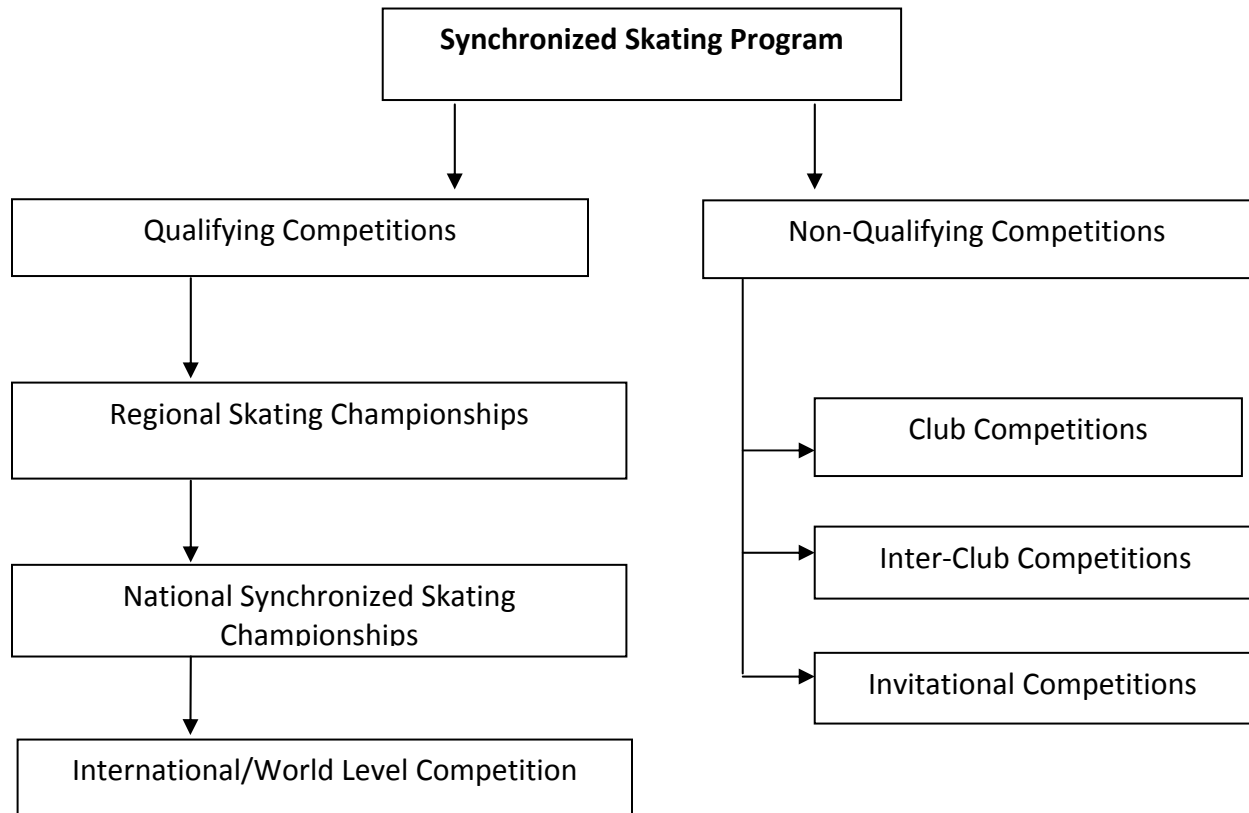
(c) **ONE OF A SENIOR PAIR OR ICE DANCE COUPLE COMPETING IN JUNIOR COMPETITION IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS:** One of a pair or ice dance couple placing first, second or third in a Senior Canadian event discipline shall not enter the same event discipline in the Junior Canadian Championships with a different partner in a subsequent year.

6. **REGISTRATION & PRACTICE ICE:** Paragraph 520 8 (i) and (j) applies.

7. **DRAW FOR SUBSEQUENT START OF AN EVENT (NOVICE AND JUNIOR):** Competitors will be assigned to skate the second and any subsequent program at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in reverse order according to each competitor's placement in the short program. The specific method of conducting and timing of the draw will be determined and communicated in the event announcement.

# SYNCHRONIZED SKATING PROGRAM STRUCTURE

## 600 STRUCTURE DIAGRAM



## 605 DEFINITIONS

### 1. QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

Those skating competitions and championships leading to and including the National Synchronized Skating Championships. Currently these qualifying competitions and championships are Regionals and National Qualifying Rounds.

### 2. NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the purposes of these rules, the term “non-qualifying competition” is used in reference to events which do not qualify teams for the National Synchronized Skating Championships: Club, Interclub, and all Invitational competitions.

### 3. **EVENTS**

The levels of skating competition included at the Qualifying Competitions and Championships. Currently the events are Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior and Senior.

### 4. **DISCIPLINE**

The type of skating included at the Qualifying Competitions and Championships: synchronized skating.

## **610 TEAM SIZE AND AGE PREREQUISITES FOR COMPETING**

### 1. **NOVICE**

- (a) **SIZE:** Novice teams consist of 12 to 16 skaters.
- (b) **AGE:** Skaters must have reached the age of 10 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition. 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 15, and up to 25% must not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### 2. **INTERMEDIATE**

- (a) **SIZE:** Intermediate teams consist of 12 to 16 skaters.
- (b) **AGE:** Skaters must have reached the age of 12 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition but must not have reached the age of 25 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### 3. **OPEN**

- (a) **SIZE:** Open teams consist of 12 to 16 skaters.
- (b) **AGE:** Skaters must have reached the age of 12 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### 4. **JUNIOR**

- (a) **SIZE:** Junior teams consist of 16 skaters.
- (b) **AGE:** Skaters must have reached the age of 12 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition but must not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

### 5. **SENIOR**

- (a) **SIZE:** Senior teams consist of 16 skaters.
- (b) **AGE:** Skaters must have reached at least the age of 14 as of the July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

## 615 TEAM COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETING

1. **TEAMS MAY CONSIST OF MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT CLUBS:** Clubs may join together to form a synchronized skating team if there is not a sufficient number of skaters from one club to make a team.
2. **TEAMS MUST REPRESENT AT LEAST ONE CLUB:** A team must represent at least one Skate Canada club and, to enter Synchronized Skating Championships and Competitions, shall be registered with the Association as required in the Skate Canada Policies and Procedures and the Technical Handbook.
3. **SKATERS MAY SKATE WITH MORE THAN ONE TEAM/CLUB:** A skater may skate with as many clubs as he/she wishes but can only represent one club in the same event.
4. **TEAMS MAY ENTER MORE THAN ONE EVENT:** A club may enter teams in more than one event category provided that for each additional event category entered, there is a minimum change in 50% of skaters, they use different music and skate a different routine. When calculating the 50%, the number is including alternates.
5. **GENDER OF TEAM MEMBERS:** Teams may be comprised of women and men.
6. **NO SUBSTITUTION OF REGISTERED TEAM MEMBERS:** Only those skaters whose names are listed on the team registration form for the Regional Championships will be allowed to skate in the National Synchronized Skating Championships as applicable. No substitution or addition shall be allowed.
7. **ALTERNATES:** Each team may have up to four alternates listed on the event team roster.
8. **CALCULATION OF AGE QUOTAS:** Synchronized Skating team composition shall be as follows with respect to the percentages of skaters meeting age requirements (including alternates):

Example: Novice –Skaters must have reached the age of 10 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition. 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 15, and up to 25% must not have reached the age of 19 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

<b>Total number of team members (including alternates)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Maximum number of skaters age 15-19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Number of skaters age 10-14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>

## 620 SYNCHRONIZED REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

1. **NOVICE EVENTS:** All specifications shall be identical to the corresponding events in Novice at the Synchronized Skating National Championships held in the same skating year.

2. **INTERMEDIATE EVENTS:** All specifications shall be identical to the corresponding events in Intermediate at the Synchronized Skating National Championships held in the same skating year.
3. **OPEN EVENTS:** All specifications shall be identical to the corresponding events in Open at the Synchronized Skating National Championships held in the same skating year.
4. **JUNIOR EVENTS:** All specifications shall be identical to the corresponding events in Junior at the Synchronized Skating National Championships held in the same skating year.
5. **SENIOR EVENTS:** All specifications shall be identical to the corresponding events in Senior at the Synchronized Skating National Championships held in the same skating year.
6. **OTHER EVENTS:** Details of any other Regional events shall be included in the announcement.
7. **ENTRIES:** There are no qualifying events for Regional competitions.
8. **STRUCTURE OF REGIONAL EVENTS:** A Regional competition will be held for each of the following groups of Sections:
 

Atlantic:	NB, PE, NS, NF
Quebec:	QC
Ontario:	NO, WO, CO, EO
Prairie:	MB, SK,
Mountain:	AB/NWT-NT, BC/YT
9. **COMPOSITION OF QUALIFYING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Synchronized Skating consists of:
  - (a) **SHORT PROGRAM:** Junior and Senior teams shall perform a short program to music (with required elements)
  - (b) **FREE SKATING PROGRAM:** Free skating program to music (skating of unspecified movements for a specified period of time to music chosen by the team). Senior and Junior qualifying competitors shall perform a free skating program in addition to a short program. All other competitions shall consist of a free program only.
10. **MANDATORY EVENTS:** Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior and Senior events are obligatory for all Regional Championships.
11. **PRACTICE ICE:** Upon registration or attendance at an officially scheduled practice session competitors are not permitted to skate on ice other than the official practice or competition ice as scheduled for the event. Violators of this rule shall be subject to suspension from the competition in question. This rule is applicable to all qualifying events including Regional/Sub-Sectional, Sectional, Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge Competitions, Junior National Championships & Canadian Championships.

12. **WARM-UPS**
- (a) **SHORT PROGRAM:** Each team shall be allowed one minute of warm-up on the competition ice surface immediately prior to its performance
  - (b) **FREE SKATING PROGRAM:** Each team shall be allowed a maximum of one minute warm-up time on the competition ice surface immediately prior to its performance.
  - (c) **TIMING OF THE WARM-UP:** Timing of the one minute warm-up will begin when the team is announced.
13. **ICE RESURFACING:** It is recommended that the ice be resurfaced after every six teams for the short program and after every five (or six in the case of a tie) for the free skating program.
14. **SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM REGIONALS:** Selection of entries from Regional Synchronized Skating Championships to Synchronized Nationals Qualifying Rounds is as follows:
- (a) The final result in each Regional event shall determine the competitors eligible to enter the equivalent National qualifying competition.
  - (b) **NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, OPEN, JUNIOR AND SENIOR:** Teams that place 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior and Senior categories at Regional qualifying events may be selected to represent the Section in the respective National qualifying competition.
  - (c) **ADDITIONAL ENTRIES BASED ON REGISTERED ASSOCIATE MEMBERS IN SECTION:** For every 15,000 registered associate members in the Region, an additional team may be entered into each category at the National qualifying event. The number of sustaining members shall be determined by the membership year September 1 to August 31 of the year preceding the National qualifying event.
  - (d) Teams placing in the top five at the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships will earn their Region an additional entry (or entries) into the respective category at the National qualifying round the following year.
  - (e) **ALTERNATES:** The next placed entry in each Regional event may be nominated as an alternate entry and may replace an entrant who has withdrawn before the start of the event.

## **625 SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

1. **NOVICE EVENTS:** These competitions shall consist of two parts:
- (a) **FREE PROGRAM #1:** The team shall perform a free skating program of 3.5 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals. The composition of the free skating program and the requirements for a well balanced program shall be as communicated

each season. The total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5 for the first segment of the event.

- (b) **FREE PROGRAM #2:** The team shall perform a free skating program as defined above. The total score will be multiplied by a factor of 1.0 for the second segment of the event.

2. **INTERMEDIATE EVENTS:** These competitions shall consist of two parts:

- (a) **FREE PROGRAM #1:** The team shall perform a free skating program of 4.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals. The composition of the free skating program and the requirements for a well balanced program shall be as communicated each season. The total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5 for the first segment of the event.

- (b) **FREE PROGRAM #2:** The team shall perform a free skating program as defined above. The total score will be multiplied by a factor of 1.0 for the second segment of the event.

3. **OPEN EVENTS:** These competitions shall consist of two parts:

- (a) **FREE PROGRAM #1:** The team shall perform a free skating program of 4.0 minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) in duration. Music may contain vocals. The composition of the free skating program and the requirements for a well balanced program shall be as communicated each season. The total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5 for the first segment of the event.

- (b) **FREE PROGRAM #2:** The team shall perform a free skating program as defined above. The total score will be multiplied by a factor of 1.0 for the second segment of the event.

4. **JUNIOR EVENTS:** These competitions shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:

- (a) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (b) **FREE PROGRAM**

5. **SENIOR EVENTS:** These competitions shall consist of two parts as defined by the ISU:

- (a) **SHORT PROGRAM**
- (b) **FREE PROGRAM**

6. **ORGANIZATION:** For the purpose of qualifying teams for the Synchronized Nationals for Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior and Senior events, all teams advancing from the Regional Championships shall enter directly into the qualifying round for each event.

7. **SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM QUALIFYING ROUNDS**

- (a) **TEAMS ADVANCING FROM QUALIFYING ROUND TO CANADIANS:** Teams as determined during the qualifying round shall skate in the Synchronized Nationals in each of the categories Novice, Intermediate, Open, Junior and Senior.

- (b) **DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF TEAMS TO ADVANCE:** The Skate Canada Executive, in consultation with the Skating Programs Committee, will authorize the number of teams to advance from each qualifying round to the final. The number of teams to be included in the final will be indicated in the official Announcement for the Synchronized Nationals.
- (c) **TEAMS QUALIFYING FOR THE CANADIAN FINAL:** If the number of teams entered is the number determined in (b) above or fewer in any category with a Canadian Qualifying Round the Qualifying Round will not be held and all teams in the category will skate in the Canadian Final event.

#### 8. REGISTRATION & PRACTICE ICE

- (a) **REGISTRATION:** Competitors at Synchronized Nationals must register for the competition before their official practice session immediately prior to the first portion of their event.
- (b) **PRACTICE ICE:** Upon registration or attendance at an officially scheduled practice session competitors are not permitted to skate on ice other than the official practice or competition ice as scheduled for the event. Violators of this rule shall be subject to suspension from the competition in question. This rule is applicable to all qualifying events including Regional/Sub-Sectional, Sectional, Skate Canada Eastern or Western Challenge Competitions, Junior National Championships & Canadian Championships.
- (c) **MINIMUM OF TEN MINUTES PRACTICE ICE ON COMPETITION ICE:** A minimum of ten minutes practice ice per team must be made available for Synchronized Nationals on the same ice as where the event will be held.

#### 9. WARM-UPS

- (a) **SHORT PROGRAM:** Each team shall be allowed one minute of warm-up on the competition ice surface immediately prior to its performance
- (b) **FREE SKATING PROGRAM:** Each team shall be allowed a maximum of one minute warm-up time on the competition ice surface immediately prior to its performance.
- (c) **TIMING OF THE WARM-UP:** Timing of the one minute warm-up will begin when the team is announced.