

Marketing and programs Sector

Synchronised Skating

The synchronised skating structure has been completely reorganised. There used to be two streams: the competitive and the festival streams. In order to meet the objectives of the athlete long term development program, Skate Canada, with the collaboration of experts, has developed a skating progressive program for these categories.

It has been made possible for every team that existed last year to find in this new system a class in which to compete.

Beginner 1	Beginner 2	Elementary	
Juvenile	Pre-novice	Novice	
Intermediate	Open	Junior	Senior

Novice to senior categories are invited to participate in the national synchronised skating Championships categories.

The adult categories teams are now part of the competitive stream for adults.

Adult PSy 1	Adult PSy 2	Adult PSy 3
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These teams will be allowed to register at the Canadian championships for adult without having to qualify at the regional level.

The divisions have also been modified; for the qualifying rounds, Canada is now divided in 5 regions as follows:

Mountains:	British Columbia / Yukon / Alberta / North-West Territory / Nunavut
Prairies:	Saskatchewan / Manitoba
Ontario:	North, West, Center and East Ontario
Québec:	Québec
Atlantic:	New-Brunswick, Nova-Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador / Prince-Edward Island

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Many communiqués from Skate Canada and ISU have been published concerning synchronised skating.

We also have organised one workshop on the subject addressed for the coaches in August 2009 in order to clarify the technical changes made for the 2009-2010 season. We wish to thank Mélissa Pankratz and Julie Petrilli, technical specialists at the Canadian level, for their assistance in this instance. Coaches were encouraged to ask questions as necessary.

At the end of the workshop, we held a DVD simili competition. The role of each official on the technical panel and the new judging system were explained.

We wish to thank Hélène Gagnon, responsible for synchronised skating at Skate Canada, for her collaboration.

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