



## ANNOUNCEMENT

# CHAMPIONNATS RÉGIONAUX DE PATINAGE SYNCHRONISÉ QUÉBEC 2018

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**Dates:** February 2 to 4, 2018

**Location:** Centre Eugène Lalonde  
350 Terril Street  
Sherbrooke, Québec J1E 2K9

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**In conjunction with:** Sherbrooke FSC  
**Sanctioned by:** Skate Canada - P-17-006

### IMPORTANT

Please note that online registration is mandatory for all participants. The registration fee can be paid online or by check / money order **ONLY** and must be received at the office of Patinage Québec before Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Please note that no extension will be granted and only mail received at this date will be considered.

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## **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, Open, Junior and Senior 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 selecting host sites for these Championships, every attempt is made to move the event across each region in a regular cycle, to balance the costs faced by participants from year to year as much as possible, and to allow synchronized skating to be presented in various communities in each section.

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, learning about Canada and meeting competitors from across the region, and experiencing the camaraderie of traveling as part of a team.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The 2018 Québec Regional Synchronized Skating Championships will be conducted in accordance with Skate Canada rules and regulations for qualifying Synchronized Skating events. The host club for this event is the Sherbrooke FSC of the Québec Section – Skate Canada.

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## ARENA TO BE USED

**Centre Eugène-Lalonde**  
350 Terril Street  
Sherbrooke, Québec J1E 2K9

**Ice surface size:**  
100' x 200'

## ACCOMMODATION

The list of hotels is available on our website under "*Compétition*" then "*Compétitions provinciales*" and "*Championnats régionaux synchro*".

**Note:** Skaters, team managers, coaches and parents will be required to book accommodations directly with the hotel of their choice as required

## ONLINE EVENT REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

The club, coach or team manager must register the team for this event via AMILIA.

Using the AMILIA registration Guide, teams must input all required information by **Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

Planned Program Sheets must be sent by email at [patinage@patinage.qc.ca](mailto:patinage@patinage.qc.ca) no later than, **Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.**

## REGISTRATION FEE

**Team:** \$225.00 (plus taxes and fees) **Qualifying Categories, Adults, Elementary to Pre Novice Skater:** \$15.00 (plus taxes and fees)

**Team:** \$300.00 (plus taxes and fees) **Beginners Categories**

*No refunds will be allowed after the registration deadline.*

## ONLINE REGISTRATION - OFF-ICE PRACTICE SESSIONS AND PAYMENT

The team manager will be able to register the team for their selected off-ice practices via AMILIA, starting January 10, 2018. A gratuity coupon for the first off ice practice will be sent by email to the team manager.

### PRACTICE SESSION FEES

|                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> practice: | <b>Free (1 coupon)</b>                |
| Additional practice(s):   | <b>\$21</b> (fees and taxes included) |

### ON-SITE REGISTRATION

All teams, coaches and team managers must register on-site. Registration will start one hour prior to the first event.

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 2018 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships (Qualifying Competition Handbook Regulation 615-6). **No substitution or addition shall be allowed.** The number of allowable alternates on each team is four. Replacement members shall be registered before **Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

### ACCREDITATION FOR COACHES

#### COACH ACCREDITATION FREE ENTRANCE

- You present your valid photo ID card issued by Patinage Québec or your section

In order to receive accreditation from Skate Canada at Regional Synchronized Skating Championships, Skate Canada professional coaches must meet the following conditions:

#### Adult, Juvenile and below

- Must be "Regional Coach" certified or higher ;
- Be a current Professional Coaching Member of Skate Canada ;
- Hold a valid First Aid Certificate.

#### Pre-Novice, Intermediate and Open

- Must be "Provincial Coach" certified or higher ;
- Be a current Professional Coaching Member of Skate Canada ;
- Hold a valid First Aid Certificate.

#### Novice, Junior and Senior

- Must be "National Coach" certified or higher ;
- Be a current Professional Coaching Member of Skate Canada ;
- Hold a valid First Aid Certificate.

## ALLOWED ENTRANCE – FEES: \$15

- You do not have your photo ID card issued by Patinage Québec or your section.
- Your name is on the list of coaches AND
  - You will have to present an ID card with photo, ex: health insurance card, driver license, etc...

If your name is not on the list, you will have to present:

- Photo ID card issued by Patinage Québec AND / OR if some of the dates are expired OR you have not received your card yet :
- Following documents :
  - Proof that you are registered and in good standing for 2017/2018
  - Proof of certification
  - Valid first aid card
  - Proof of the up-to-date BackCheck

## ACCREDITATION MATRIX

- As per the NCCP pathways, coaches may obtain accreditation privileges provided the qualifications in the accreditation matrix below are valid at time of competition entry and on-site during the event. The Skate Canada qualifying events are categorized below as events 1-4.

| Categories   | EVENT # |     |     |     | COACH MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING |           |           |                    |
|--------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
|              | 1       | 2   | 3   | 4   | Registered                    | First Aid | Screening | NCCP Certification |
| Pre-Juvenile | ✓       | N/A | N/A | N/A | ✓                             | ✓         | ✓         | Regional Coach     |
| Juvenile     | ✓       | N/A | N/A | N/A | ✓                             | ✓         | ✓         | Regional Coach     |
| Pre-Novice   | ✓       | ✓   | N/A | N/A | ✓                             | ✓         | ✓         | Provincial Coach   |
| Novice       | ✓       | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓                             | ✓         | ✓         | National Coach     |
| Junior       | ✓       | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓                             | ✓         | ✓         | National Coach     |
| Senior       | ✓       | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓                             | ✓         | ✓         | National Coach     |
| Intermediate | ✓       | N/A | N/A | ✓   | ✓                             | ✓         | ✓         | Provincial Coach   |
| Open         | ✓       | N/A | N/A | ✓   | ✓                             | ✓         | ✓         | Provincial Coach   |

The accreditation guidelines for all other Skate Canada sanctioned competitions (as applicable) are determined by the Sections.

### Additional Considerations:

- Coaches who are in the process of achieving a [NCCP certification](#) may be considered for accreditation provided the necessary in-training or trained status as stipulated in the relevant NCCP coach pathway is achieved. Please note: the [NCCP coach pathways](#) are currently being revised to reflect the changes in this policy. We will notify you when this information has been updated on Info Centre.
- Non-resident coaches who do not coach in a Skate Canada club or skating school may be considered for accreditation provided that a valid screening is provided at time of competition entry and on-site at events.

## **Team Managers and Chaperones**

Team managers and chaperones must be current Skate Canada registrants.

Two coaches, one team manager and two chaperones for a total of five people per team will be accredited. 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, and the team manager and other alternates 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 whole 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**

Each team must provide two CDs for the competition upon registration. One for competition (marked "Master") and one for back up (marked "copy").

#### **Standard Specifications for CDs and Cassettes**

1. Only one (1) program shall be recorded on each CD.
2. The start of the music shall be recorded on the CD with less than 2 seconds of lead in.
3. Competitor's/team's name followed by music time (not skating time) shall be clearly printed on the CD.
4. Each CD shall be enclosed in a plastic case marked with the skater's/team's name, event and total music time

#### **Post-Event Segment or Event**

Music and team detail sheets can be picked up from entrance approximately 30 minutes after the completion of each event. Any music not picked up will not be returned.

## **AWARDS**

**CPC:** Awards will be presented as per Regulation of the Skate Canada.

### **Assessed to Standard** (Beginner I and Beginner II)

Teams will receive a certificate according to the performance standard achieved.

### **Ranked Assessed to Standard** (Elementary)

Medals will be awarded to the first 3 teams and all teams will receive a certificate according to the performance standard achieved.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

A finalized schedule of events and practices will be provided to each team at registration onsite and will be posted on the event website: [www.patinage.qc.ca](http://www.patinage.qc.ca) under “Compétition” and “Compétitions provinciales”.

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. The host committee may not manipulate the official start orders or start times in order to accommodate competitors who are skating on more than one team.

## ADMISSION

|               |                                   |                  |                            |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ENTRY:</b> | 12 years and older - \$10 per day | <b>PASSPORT:</b> | Adults - \$25 all events   |
|               | 6 - 11 years old - \$5 per day    |                  | Children - \$15 all events |
|               | 5 years and younger - Free        |                  |                            |

## LIABILITY

Skate Canada and the Host Committee 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 2018 Québec Regional Synchronized Skating Volunteer Team and their officers and their 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.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### ELIGIBILITY

The 2018 Quebec Regional Synchronized Skating Championships is open to all teams from the Quebec section registered with Skate Canada as per Regulation 620-8 of the Qualifying Competition Handbook 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.

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h12-synchronized-skating-competitions>



## **EVENTS TO BE HELD**

The following events must be included in the 2018 Québec Regional Synchronized Skating Championships. There are no test requirements. The following categories are based on age and number of skaters. Refer to *Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Technical Requirements*.

[https://scinfocentrerm.blob.core.windows.net/infocentre/file\\_exceptions/hmcmahon/progreqs/2017-2018%20Synchronized%20Skating%20technical%20requirements%20\(june%2019\).pdf](https://scinfocentrerm.blob.core.windows.net/infocentre/file_exceptions/hmcmahon/progreqs/2017-2018%20Synchronized%20Skating%20technical%20requirements%20(june%2019).pdf)

### **Novice**

A team of 12 to 16 skaters

Skaters must have reached the age of 10 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition but must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

Free Program: 3 min. 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

### **Intermediate**

A team of 12 to 16 skaters.

Skaters must have reached the age of 13 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.

Free Program: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

### **Open**

A team of 12 to 16 skaters.

Skaters must have reached the age of 15 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

Free Program: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

### **Junior**

A team of 16 skaters.

Skaters must have reached the age of 13 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.

Short Program: Max 2 min. 50 sec.

Free Program: 4 min. +/- 10 sec.

### **Senior**

A team of 16 skaters.

Skaters must have reached at least the age of 15 as of the July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

Short Program: Max 2 min. 50 sec.

Free Program: 4 min. 30 sec. +/- 10 sec.

## **NON-QUALIFYING EVENTS**

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/guides/115-2017-2018-synchronized-skating-skate-to-standard-pilot.html>

### **Begginer I**

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. At least 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 12 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

Free Program: Max 2 min. 10 sec.

### **Begginer II**

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must not have reached the age of 12 as of July 1st preceding the competition AND at least 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 10 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

Free Program: Max 2 min. 40 sec.

### **Elementary**

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1st preceding the competition.

Free Program: Max 2 min. 40 sec.

[https://scinfocentre.m.blob.core.windows.net/infocentre/file\\_exceptions/hmcmahon/progreqs/2017-2018%20Synchronized%20Skating%20technical%20requirements%20\(june%2019\).pdf](https://scinfocentre.m.blob.core.windows.net/infocentre/file_exceptions/hmcmahon/progreqs/2017-2018%20Synchronized%20Skating%20technical%20requirements%20(june%2019).pdf)

### **Pre-Juvenile**

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must not have reached the age of 12 as of July 1st preceding the competition

Free Program: Max 2 min. 40 sec

### **Juvenile**

A team of 8 to 16 skaters.

Skaters must not have reached the age of 15 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition and at least 75% of skaters must not have reached the age of 13 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

Free Program: Max 3 min. 10 sec.

### **Pre-Novice**

A team of 8 to 16 skaters

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 18 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

Free Program: Max 3 min. 10 sec.

### **Adult Sys III**

A team of 8 to 20 skaters.

Skaters must have reached the age of 19 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition. At least 75% of the skaters must have reached the age of 35 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

Free Program: Max 2 min. 40 sec.

### **Adult Sys II**

A team of 8 to 20 skaters.

Skaters must have reached the age of 18 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition and at least 75% of the skaters must have reached the age of 25 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition.

Free Program: Max 3 min. 10 sec.

### **Adult Sys I**

A team of 8 to 20 skaters.

Skaters must have reached the age of 18 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the competition

Free Program: Max 3 min. 40 sec.

## **FILLING MAXIMUM EVENT QUOTA AT REGIONALS**

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h12-synchronized-skating-competitions>

## **SINGLE ENTRY TEAMS (Novice, Intermediate and Open)**

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h12-synchronized-skating-competitions>

## **ALTERNATES**

A maximum of 4 alternates is permitted for any team in all categories.

## **PROBLEMS DURING A PERFORMANCE**

The Technical Representative or his/her 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 so that there is no danger to the skaters. To this end, it is requested that each team, where possible, have an alternate dressed with skates on and skate guards off, available at the entrance area during the team's performance.

## **DRAWS**

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h3-2-draws>

A random draw will be used for the first portion of all events. The Chief Data Specialist as per Event will conduct the draws. The starting order for qualifying events for the first portion of the event will be available ten days prior to the start of the competition. The drawn starting orders (initial and subsequent) shall also apply for the official practice ice for all parts of the competition (if practice ice is available and being offered).

The draw for all subsequent events (including those events where the free program is skated twice) will be conducted at the Centre Eugène-Lalonde. Upon registration, teams will be notified of the location and times for all draws.

A coach and/or team captain shall be in attendance for all subsequent draws. In the event that a team is not represented, the Technical Representative will make the draw on behalf of the team. Draws for subsequent parts of the event will be posted immediately following the results of the previous part.

## STARTING ORDERS

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h3-2-draws>

- 1) **STARTING ORDER FOR THE FIRST PART OF AN EVENT:** The skating order shall be determined by a random draw in each event with the following exception: should a Short Program and Free Program constitute one event, the starting order for the Free Skating Program shall be determined from the results of the Short Program as follows:
  
- 2) **STARTING ORDER FOR SUBSEQUENT PART OF AN EVENT:** As soon as possible after the determination of the results of the preceding part, the Referee or Assistant Referee, in the presence of at least one team shall divide the teams for the purpose of the draw for the next succeeding part (in the order in which they finished in the previous part) into the smallest possible number of equal groups. If the number of teams is not equally divisible, the last group to skate (and as many preceding groups as necessary) must contain one more team than the first group. The lowest placed group must skate first, the next lowest second and so on.

## CONDUCT OF EVENTS

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h12-3-canadian-synchronized-skating-championships>

## RESULTS CALCULATION

Assessed to Standard for Beginners categories

Ranked Assessed to Standard for Elementary category

The Cumulative Points Calculation System will be used for Pre-Juvenile to Senior and Adults

## MARKING / JUDGING SYSTEM

- Each team (Elementary and higher) will skate their free program twice, each time may be with a different panel of judges. Final results will be based on the combined results of both skates as per the following factors:
  - In the first portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5.
  - In the second portion of the event, the total score of the free program will be multiplied by a factor of 1.0.
- The draw for the second free program will be seeded, based on the results of the first program, in the same manner as an event with a short and free program component.
- The total mark for Program Components will be used to break a tie in both free programs.

## QUALIFICATIONS TO COMPETE AT 2018 SKATE CANADA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h12-synchronized-skating-competitions>

Teams will qualify to compete at the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships as follows:

- 1) The final result in each Regional event shall determine the competitors eligible to enter the equivalent National qualifying competition.
- 2) **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.
- 3) **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.
- 4) 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.

Should a team(s) not be able to attend the Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships for any reason, the next best placed team(s) will have the opportunity to compete at the event.

If the maximum quota is not reached in the Junior or Senior categories at a Regional Synchronized Skating Championships due to an insufficient number of entries, it is not mandatory that the championship be held.

The Skate Canada national office must receive all required registration information no later than 48 hours after the completion of the Regional Synchronized Skating Championships. The entry list for each Regional Championships will be submitted to Skate Canada by the **Regional** event organizing committee.

### PRACTICE ICE

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/index.php/en-ca/rules-of-sport/54-competitions.html#h12-3-canadian-synchronized-skating-championships>

Upon registration or attendance at an officially scheduled practice session, teams are not permitted to skate on any ice surface other than the official practice or competition ice as scheduled for the event.

Information about available practice ice will be posted on the event or the section website at [www.patinage.qc.ca](http://www.patinage.qc.ca) under "compétitions" and "Compétitions Provinciales ". Practice periods will be offered only to the qualifying categories.

### **ENTERING AND EXITING THE ICE SURFACE:**

- a) Prior to the announcement, the Team to skate shall enter the competition ice surface for their warmup at the sign of the Referee's Assistant at ice level. Following a warmup period of at least **one (1)** minute, the Team is announced.
- b) Each team must take their starting position and make a signal to the Referee, at the latest, thirty (30) seconds after their name has been announced, failing which the music will be played.
- c) A team must not take more than thirty (30) seconds for exiting from the ice surface.

Sections a), b) & c) apply to both the short program and the free skating segments.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE**