## Skate Canada PEI Residency Policy

This policy supersedes all previous Residency Policies.

## **Purpose**

To outline the eligibility requirements for athletes to be named to a Skate Canada Prince Edward Island (SCPEI) team and to clarify funding eligibility criteria.

### 1. Definitions

- Full-Time Member: An individual who holds a current membership with a SCPEI Club or Skating School and actively participates in club activities throughout the competitive skating season.
- Actively Participating: Engaging in SCPEI-sanctioned events, including, but not limited to, qualifying competitions (e.g., Sectionals, Provincial STAR).

## 2. Athlete Eligibility Requirements

#### To be eligible for consideration, an athlete must meet all the following criteria:

- Be a full-time member in good standing of a SCPEI Club or Skating School (cannot be an associate member).
- Actively participate in SCPEI events, including qualifying competitions.
- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
- Be a Prince Edward Island athlete, defined as:
  - o An individual whose Home Club/Skating School is within the SCPEI jurisdiction.
  - o An individual who has been training in PEI for at least eight (8) months of the year.

#### Other Considerations

- Athletes training outside PEI for academic or athletic reasons may be considered if they
  demonstrate strong ties to the province (e.g., born in PEI, primary residence in PEI,
  parents/guardians reside in PEI, lack of required training facilities in PEI).
  - These athletes must not have established permanent residency in another province or territory.
  - Eligibility decisions in such cases will be made by the SCPEI Board, which may consult
    with Skate Canada High Performance Department for suggestions. The final decision
    rests with the SCPEI Board.

# 3. Ineligible Athletes

#### Athletes are ineligible if they:

- Have been ruled ineligible due to an anti-doping rule violation as determined by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).
- Are receiving financial support from another provincial/territorial athlete assistance program.
- Are competing in professional leagues.
- Are competing exclusively in Adult categories.

### 4. Funding Eligibility

Funding eligibility is a separate process from athlete eligibility. To be considered for funding, an athlete must:

- Meet all SCPEI Athlete Eligibility Requirements.
- SCPEI high performance committee can make suggestions to SCPEI Board for funding.
- Have competed as an eligible Skate Canada PEI athlete for at least one full competitive skating season.

#### **Funding Decisions**

- Funding eligibility decisions may be made separately from athlete eligibility determinations.
- In cases where funding eligibility is unclear, the SCPEI Board may consult with Skate Canada High Performance Department for suggestions.
- The final decision on funding eligibility rests with the SCPEI Board.

## 5. Appeal Process

- Athletes deemed ineligible may submit a written appeal to the SCPEI Board within 14 days of the decision.
- The Board will review the appeal and may consult with Skate Canada High Performance Department for additional input.
- A final decision will be communicated in writing within 30 days.



## 6. Data Protection and Privacy

- SCPEI is committed to protecting the personal information of its members in compliance with applicable privacy laws.
- Personal data collected under this policy will be used solely for eligibility and administrative purposes.

## 7. Policy Review

• This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains current with evolving standards, regulations, and best practices.

# 8. Communication of Changes

 Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all members via official SCPEI communication channels, including email and the organization's website.

### 9. Conflict of Interest

- All eligibility decisions will be made impartially.
- Board members with a potential conflict of interest must disclose it and refrain from participating in the decision-making process.