



Skate Canada PEI Selection Criteria for the 2027 Canada Winter Games

Training Team Criteria

1. Birth Year/Age Eligibility

- Must be born on or after July 1, 2009 as per the Figure Skating Technical Package.
- Must meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Canada Games Council (CGC) Eligibility Policy. Please refer to the most current Figure Skating Technical Package for full details. It is each skater's responsibility to ensure they meet these requirements.

2. Training Commitment

- Must be a full-time skater, training a minimum of four (4) freeskate sessions per week (45 minutes each) or a total of three (3) hours per week.
- Must have passed the complete Gold Freeskate test by December 31, 2025.
- Must attend any fitness or other testing required by the PEI Canada Games Committee.
- Must attend, if accepted, all applicable Skater Development seminars as identified by Skate Canada PEI.

3. Seasonal Training Requirements

- Must attend full-time Spring and Fall School as well as at least four (4) weeks of summer school, beginning in Spring 2026.
- Must show a commitment to an off-ice strength/flexibility program.

4. Competition Requirements

- Must attend 2027 Skate Canada PEI Sectionals (held in Fall 2026) in the Novice category.
- Must attend Skate Canada Trophy, if eligible and approved by the Section.
- Must attend, if qualified, Atlantic Canada Skating Championships in March/April 2026 in Pre-Novice or Novice category.



- Must attend a January/February 2026 competition as identified by Skate Canada PEI (travel and lodging at the skater's expense; a subsidy will be provided).
- Must attend a Fall 2026 competition as part of the Training Team (the skaters will travel and lodge together as a team, utilizing the Canada Games coaches; costs will be covered by Skate Canada PEI).

5. Attendance and Participation

- Must attend at least 75% of the Canada Games Training Team sessions unless at another skating event (e.g., assessment days, competitions) or granted prior permission for training out of province.

6. Additional Notes

- The above criteria are minimum requirements. The Training Team will be selected from applicants who meet or exceed these standards and can demonstrate ongoing commitment to competitive skating through attendance at off-season schools, competitions, and seminars.
- Age will not be a factor so long as the maximum age limit (per the Technical Package) is not exceeded.
- The Training Team is anticipated to train together periodically throughout the 2025 – 2026 season and attend seminars and simulations (if available).
- Final Team Selection (including alternates) will take place in Fall 2026.

7. Acknowledgement and Safe Sport Compliance

- All Training Team members will receive two (2) copies of the final team selection criteria, one of which must be signed and returned to Skate Canada PEI.
- All participants (skaters, coaches, and managers) must comply with Skate Canada PEI's Code of Conduct and Safe Sport policies, including any required screening and background checks.



Final Team Selection

The Prince Edward Island 2027 Canada Winter Games Figure Skating Team will be selected based on the following:

1. Competitive Results

- 40% based on total points at the Fall 2026 competition identified by Skate Canada PEI.
- 60% based on total points at the 2027 Skate Canada PEI Sectionals (held in Fall 2026).

2. Selection and Ranking

- In November/December 2026, three (3) team members (including one alternate) will be chosen based on the above point system.
- All team members (including the alternate) must meet all eligibility and performance criteria.
- The position (ranking) of the selected athletes is based on total points.
- If there is a tie for second place and all criteria have been met, the skater with the best total points at 2027 Skate Canada PEI Sectionals will be awarded the second team member position. The other skater will be named as the alternate.
- All positions must be approved by the PEI Canada Games Committee.
- Skate Canada PEI reserves the right not to fill all team positions if the minimum criteria have not been met.

3. Extenuating Circumstances

- In the event a skater is unable to compete in a qualifying competition due to injury or other extenuating circumstances, the Selection Committee reserves the right to award a place on the team based on demonstrated competitive results in the other qualifying competitions or from the previous season.



4. Selection Committee Composition

- The Selection Committee will consist of the 2027 Canada Winter Games Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, Skater Development Chair, and a Skate Canada judge (selected by the Skater Development Chair). Additional members may be added at the discretion of Skate Canada PEI.

5. Appeal Process

- Written Appeal:
 - Athletes deemed ineligible may submit a written appeal to the SCPEI Board within 14 days of the decision.
 - The written appeal must include the grounds for the appeal (e.g., facts or policies the athlete believes were overlooked or misapplied).
- Appointment of an Independent Appeal Panel
 - Upon receiving an appeal, the SCPEI Board will appoint an Appeal Panel.
 - The Panel will include individual(s) who were not involved in the original selection process. This may include independent third parties or experienced individuals from within the skating community who had no direct role in the selection decision.
 - The Panel members must be free of any conflict of interest related to the appellant or the selection decision.
- Review and Consultation:
 - The appointed Appeal Panel will review all submitted materials and any relevant background information (e.g., selection criteria, competition results)
 - The Panel may consult with the Skate Canada High Performance Department other recognized experts for additional input or clarification, provided these parties also had no direct role in the original selection.
- Final Decision:
 - The Appeal Panel will issue a written decision within 30 days of receiving the appeal (unless otherwise agreed to by all parties).
 - The decision will be communicated to the athlete(s), SCPEI Board, and any other relevant parties.



- The SCPEI Board will adopt the Appeal Panel’s recommendation final, unless extraordinary circumstances require further review. Any additional steps will follow Skate Canada PEI’s overarching Dispute Resolution Policy.
- Further Recourse:
 - Once the SCPEI Board’s final decision is communicated, it may be considered final and binding within Skate Canada PEI’s jurisdiction.
 - If permitted under Skate Canada or Canada Games Council policies, an athlete may have the right to escalate the matter to an external body (e.g., the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada) should they feel the process was not conducted fairly.

6. Acknowledgement

I have read and acknowledge the selection criteria for the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

Skater (Print Name & Signature) Date

Parent/Guardian (If Applicable) Date