

2023 OKANAGAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

January 27 – 29, 2023

**Hosted by the Vernon Skating Club
Kal Tire Place – 3445 43rd Ave, Vernon, BC**



**Skate Canada
BC | YT**

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[Online registration](#) must be completed by 11:45 PM Friday December 9, 2022

Entry in this competition is limited by the ice time available and priority will be given to Okanagan Region skaters. If there is insufficient ice time due to a large number of registrations, Individual and/or Group Showcase 1 & 2 events may be eliminated. In this case all registrants will be informed by Dec. 16, 2022 and their registration fee will be refunded.

NOTE: 48 hours following the closure of online registration, a list of all registrants will be posted on the Okanagan Region website and the Okanagan Interclub competition page of Skating in BC website. Everyone then has 48 hours to notify the Registrar of any changes. Beyond this time period, no changes will be permitted. This is to facilitate a faster turn-around time for the competition schedule to be published and for the Tech Rep to organize officials for the competition.

DATE: January 27 – 29, 2023

HOST: Vernon Skating Club

VENUE: Kal Tire Place
3445 43rd Ave
Vernon, BC V1T 8P5

ICE SURFACE: 85ft x 200ft with slightly rounded corners

REGISTRAR: Janet Gordon gordonjm10@gmail.com
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR: Dani Valgardson danivalgardson@gmail.com

TECH REP: TBD

TECHNICAL INQUIRIES: Janice Hunter janicedhunter@gmail.com
(Janice only answers technical questions and not logistics regarding the competition. Coaches may contact Janice with their technical questions. All other inquiries must be sent to the Registrar.)

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION:

[Best Western Premier Route 97 Vernon](#)
5350 Anderson Way Vernon, British Columbia V1T
9V2 Canada
Toll Free Central Reservations: [1\(800\) 780-7234](tel:18007807234)
Hotel Direct Number: [\(250\) 558-5000](tel:2505585000)

[Holiday Inn Express & Suites Vernon](#)
4716 34th Street, Vernon, BC V1T 5Y9 Canada
Front Desk: [1-250-5507777](tel:12505507777)
Reservation: [1-888-Holiday](tel:1888-Holiday)
*Once you [click on the link](#), kindly select the arrival and departure dates. This should lead you to the group rate. Please note that the **deadline for booking is Dec 26, 2022.***

EVENTS TO BE HELD & ENTRY INFORMATION

STAR 1*			\$50.00
STAR 2*			\$75.00
STAR 3*			\$80.00
STAR 4*	Girls U10	Boys	\$90.00
STAR 4*	Girls U13		\$90.00
STAR 4*	Girls 13&O		\$90.00
STAR 5	Girls U10	Boys	\$90.00
STAR 5	Girls U13		\$90.00
STAR 5	Girls 13 &O		\$90.00
STAR 6 Free Skate	Women	Men	\$95.00
STAR 7 Short Program	Women	Men	\$95.00
STAR 8 Free Skate	Women	Men	\$95.00
STAR 9 Short Program	Women	Men	\$95.00
STAR 10 Free Skate	Women	Men	\$95.00
GOLD Free Skate	Women	Men	\$95.00
Star 5 Artistic (Intro)			\$90.00
Star 7 Artistic (Bronze)			\$90.00
Star 9 Artistic (Silver)			\$90.00
Gold Artistic			\$90.00
Pre-Juvenile	Women U11	Men	\$95.00
Pre-Juvenile	Women U13		\$95.00
Juvenile	Women U12	Men	\$95.00
Juvenile	Women U14		\$95.00
Pre-Novice Short	Women	Men	\$95.00
Pre-Novice Free	Women	Men	\$95.00
Novice Short	Women	Men	\$95.00
Novice Free	Women	Men	\$95.00
Creative Improv 1			\$52.00
Creative Improv 2			\$52.00
Creative Improv 3			\$52.00
Creative Improv 4			\$52.00
Elements – Star 2			\$52.00
Elements – Star 3			\$52.00
Elements – Star 4			\$52.00
Elements – Star 5			\$52.00
Elements – Star 6			\$52.00
Elements – Star 7/8			\$52.00
Elements – Star 9/10			\$52.00
Elements – Gold			\$52.00
Elements – Open**			\$52.00
Showcase 1 – Individual			\$70.00
Showcase 1 – Group (2-6 skaters)			\$80.00
Showcase 2 – Individual			\$70.00
Showcase 2 – Group			\$80.00
Showcase 3 – Individual			\$85.00
Showcase 3 – Group			\$95.00

Showcase 4 – Individual			\$85.00
Showcase 4 – Group			\$95.00
Special O Level 1			\$70.00
Special O Level 2			\$70.00
Special O Level 3			\$70.00
Special O Level 4			\$70.00
Special O Level 5			\$70.00
Special O Level 6			\$70.00
Star 3 Synchronized Skating			*** see below
Star 4 Synchronized Skating			*** see below
Adult Introductory Artistic Free Skate****			\$95.00
Adult Bronze Artistic Free Skate ****			\$95.00
Adult Silver Artistic Free Skate ****			\$95.00
Adult Gold Artistic Free Skate ****			\$95.00
Adult Free Skate Intro Open****	Women	Men	\$95.00
Adult Free Skate Bronze****	Women	Men	\$95.00
Adult Free Skate Silver****	Women	Men	\$95.00
Adult Free Skate Gold****	Women	Men	\$95.00

***For event requirements and specifications**, please refer to the 2022-2023 Skate Canada Podium Pathway and the 2022-2023 STAR Technical Requirements Guide, posted on the technical page of the [Skating in BC website](#).

*Note: 2022-2023 STAR Standards for Assessment Guide will be used for STAR 1-4 events.

****Elements – Open** will only be offered if there are not enough entries in Elements Star 6 and up. Do not enter this event online. Skaters will be informed if numbers warrant a change of category due to number of entries.

*****Synchronized Skating Events:** Registration fees are \$187.50 per team and \$20 per skaters. However, for this 2022-2023 season these registrations fees will be waived, in order to assist with development of this discipline in the Okanagan Region.

****** Adult category specifications and age** will follow the [2022-2023 Adult Program Requirements Guide](#)

Young Adult	18-24 years
Adult Class I	25-35 years
Adult Class II	36-45 years
Adult Class III	46-55 years
Adult Class IV	56 years and older

In all events, age categories may be combined if there are insufficient entries in individual categories.

An additional \$7.50 per entry has been included to offset the costs of live streaming.

Entry fees shall be refunded only if the competition is not held or if the request to withdraw is received before the closing date of entry. No refunds will be given after the close of entries (December 9, 2022) for any reason.

LATE ENTRIES MAY BE ACCEPTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LOC AND TECH REP AND WILL BE CHARGED DOUBLE THE ENTRY FEE.

[Online Registration](#) must be completed by 11:45 p.m. Friday December 9, 2022. Instructions for entering online can be found on page 7 of this announcement.

For all categories age shall be the age of the skater before July 1, 2022, and tests passed shall be as of December 9, 2022 (closing date of entries). **Age categories may be combined if there are insufficient entries in an individual category.**

For event requirements and specifications, please refer to the 2022-2023 Skate Canada Technical Program Requirements Guide for Podium Pathway and STAR, posted on the technical page on the Skating in BC website. This includes the requirements for Elements, Showcase and Creative Improv events.

INFO FOR PLANNED PROGRAM SHEETS: Please note that **STAR 5-Gold Free Skate, Artistic, Adult Free Skate, and Podium Pathway entries** must submit a completed Planned Program sheet as part of their registration.

Please be sure to complete the form as part of the registration. The registration cannot be submitted for any the events listed above if the PPS is not completed.

A tentative schedule of events and groups will be posted on [2023 Okanagan Regional Championships](#) page of the Skating in BC website and on the Okanagan Region website [Skateokregion](#). Any last-minute changes to schedules will be posted on the websites and at the arena. **Please note that events may start up to one half hour earlier than scheduled.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. **BC/YT Section Safe Sport Policy:** Phone, video and/or mobile devices must be turned off and put away in a bag while in the dressing room.
2. Skaters may enter only one event per discipline of singles and Artistic. If short and free programs are listed as separate events, skaters may enter one short program and one free program. **Depending on scheduling, skaters should be prepared to skate two programs on the same day. Skaters choosing to enter more than one event do so with the understanding that there may be scheduling conflicts that are unable to be resolved.**
3. All categories: Should entries in an event be exceedingly large, the event will be divided into smaller groups. Each group will be considered a final. Note that in BC/YT Section competitions, men and women will compete together in all STAR Events except free skating.
4. If an event has only one competitor or there is a last-minute withdrawal in an event that only had 2 entries, the skater will be informed and have the option of skating up an event, skating for an evaluation only, or withdrawing with a refund. Skating for evaluation is only applicable to Podium Pathway and STAR Free Skate categories. If a technical panel is not available, the evaluation will be for Program Components only. Competitors may skate up one category higher than they are qualified for. If there is not enough ice time due to a large number of registrations, the Individual and/or Group Showcase 1 & 2 will be cancelled and competitors will be refunded after close of entries. Cancellation will be at the discretion of the LOC.
5. **REGISTRATION:** Skaters must register/check-in at least one hour before they are scheduled to skate. Please note that events may start up to 30 minutes earlier than scheduled.

6. SIZE of WARM-UP GROUPS: The maximum number of skaters on warm-up for all STAR categories except STAR 1, will be 8.

7. WARM-UP TIMES:

STAR 2	3 minutes
STAR 3, STAR 4 & STAR 5	4 minutes
Star 6–Star 10, Gold Free, Pre-Juvenile	5 minutes
Juvenile, Pre-Novice, Novice	6 minutes
Artistic	3 minutes
Adult Free Skate	5 minutes
Individual Elements	3 minutes
Creative Improv 1 & 2	3 minutes
Creative Improv 3 & 4	4 minutes
Showcase Events	1 minute per skater or group

* At the discretion of the Referee, the warm-up periods may be reduced to a minimum of 3 minutes. All warm-up periods for one event must be equal.

8. MUSIC REQUIREMENTS:

- **ALL SKATERS except for STAR 1 Free Skate, STAR 3 Synchro, and Elements must submit music online when they register.**
 - Music will only be accepted electronically via MP3 format. Do not begin the registration process until you have your music file **correctly marked** and ready to load.
 - All MP3 files to be uploaded and must include the **Skater's first name, last name, and the event the music is for in the file name. e.g. Sally Smith – Star 5 U13.mp3. If the event is age specific that must also be included as in example above.** Without all of this information it is impossible for us to ensure the music links to the correct event.
- Music files are **NOT** kept for the next competition. Skaters must submit their music for each individual competition.
- **A backup USB flash drive (CDs will not be accepted) must be at the boards with the coach when the skater is competing. The backup USB flash drives will no longer need to be turned-in or picked-up at registration.**
- **No alternate electronic items such as CDs, iPhones, tablets, MP3 players etc. will be accepted.**

9. COACHES: To be at ice level during the events, it is mandatory for all participating coaches to be wearing their 2022/23 BC/YT Section Coach Card Accreditation and register in person at the competition. These Coach Card Accreditations can be purchased through the BC/YT Section Office and must be purchased at least 2 weeks prior to the competition. Temporary accreditation will be issued for \$25 per day by showing current Skate Canada membership and First Aid information. ***Please note that 2 Coaches per skater/team will be permitted at the boards for competition and warm up (subject to change due to ongoing COVID-19 protocols).***

10. ADMISSION will be free to all.

11. AWARDS will be presented as soon as possible following the posting of results for each category.

12. Persons wishing to take photographs of on ice performances are reminded that use of flash cameras is forbidden. The use of video cameras must be restricted to areas that do not hamper the skaters or officials. **PLEASE NOTE:** you may only take pictures or videos of your own skater.

13. **Protests:** [Skate Canada Protest Rule](#) will be followed. In addition, if there is an event using manual calculation where the results are not posted within one hour of the completion of the last event of the day, the protest must be made to the Event Referee within the first hour of the following day's competition. If the Event Referee is unavailable, the protest may be made to the Technical Representative.

14. **ASSESSMENTS: STAR Assessments will not be offered at this competition.**

Yvette Delcourt Memorial Award: This award will be presented to the Okanagan Region skater who receives the **highest Star Free Skate Score at the 2023 Okanagan Region Championships.**

REGIONAL POSTER CONTEST THEME:

The poster theme for the 2023 Regional Championships will be
WHAT SKATING MEANS TO ME

Bring your club's poster and have it displayed at the arena throughout the competition with a chance to win a prize for the best poster.

Online Registration Instructions

Okanagan Region has an online registration system with the company Karelo.com. All registrations must be completed using this online system. **To begin the process please visit the site listed below:**

<https://www.karelo.com/>

NEW: The registration system will generate an automatic email to the skater's coach. Coaches are encouraged to check the confirmation email to ensure their skater(s) is registered in the correct event.

Using Karelo for the first time

The first time you use Karelo.com to register for an event, you will be asked to choose a [log in name & a password](#), and to enter your contact information. **When entering contact information, please use the skater's name and not the parent's name.** Skate Canada Number must be entered as per your Skate Canada Card (ie. 10 digits including all zeros). This is a very short and simple step that will enable you to avoid the hassle of re-entering your information for each event registration! Your contact information is never shared with third parties. Please review Karelo's ['Privacy Policy'](#) for more details.

Entering your registration

If you have never used Karelo.com before, go to ['I am new to Karelo.com'](#) and select a login name and a password; enter your contact information. Then follow these steps:

1. Log in. Select the event that you want to register for from the Event list.
2. Enter your registration information.
3. Enter your credit card information (Visa or MasterCard). This is a secure transaction. Your credit card is charged immediately.
4. You are registered! Check your email for the confirmation email with your registration details.

IMPORTANT: If you and your coach DO NOT receive an email confirmation from Karelo.com or receive a confirmation number, then you are NOT REGISTERED for the competition. Please contact the registrar if this occurs. REGISTRAR: Janet Gordon at gordonjm10@gmail.com; ASSISTANT REGISTRAR: Dani Valgardson at danivalgardson@gmail.com

LINK TO ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=412&BT=10&Ev=20836>