



BC/YK Skater Development Committee
Teams, Camps and
International Development Events

2017-2018 Season

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline development initiatives offered by the BC/YK Skater Development Committee and assist coaches, skaters and parents in planning training programs and setting goals for current and future seasons. The four initiatives outlined include:

- Talent identification and monitoring
- Teams
- Camps
- International development opportunities

Identifying and Supporting Talent

One of the mandates of the BC/YK Skater Development committee is to identify and support skaters and coaches in their drive for competitive success from the Sectional to International levels. Having a strong competitive program provides several benefits: skaters do not need to relocate to receive high calibre training opportunities, “best practice” coaching techniques can be used to benefit skaters in all streams, and successful results positively affect funding. The importance of achieving successful national and international results cannot be understated as the majority of our sport’s funding is based on the competitive achievements of our athletes.

The reality of being an early specialization sport means that monitoring and support of talented athletes must commence during the primary phases of an athlete’s career as there is a significant correlation between age and skill development. Because skaters develop and mature at different rates and skill acquisition may be affected by such events as growth spurts and injuries, programming and support needs to be responsive to the current needs and stages of athletes. Notable changes can occur during a relatively short period of time so monitoring of skaters needs to occur frequently.

What does this mean for skaters and coaches?

- **Talent identification and monitoring occurs year round.**
- **Camps will have a specific focus and skaters will qualify for camps based on the skills that they most need to develop.** Camp invitations are based on skill sets and open to all qualifying skaters, team members* ~~or not~~. Additional skaters, who have not been monitored, may be invited to attend. **The Kelowna Camp is open to STAR Skaters and higher who have achieved a minimum score.*
- **Additional opportunities, such as team trips to competition, are skills and performance based and may not restricted to specific team members.**

Talent Identification

Talent identification may take place in several ways and is not restricted to a particular season. All skaters attending the BC/YK Sectional Championships are monitored by members of the Skater

Development Committee including but not limited to the Directors of Development and Executive Director. Additional monitoring may take place at site visits, Sectional and Regional Competitions, development camps or by video submission.

Identification Criteria

Inclusion on teams and invitations to camps are primarily based on skill acquisition relative to age criteria. Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile skaters are assessed on a combination of age and total competition score. Invitations to other events may be based on pathway charts produced by Skate Canada's National Performance Centre which categorize performance based on age and technical scores. There are four performance categories: Behind Target, Approaching Target, On Target and Ahead of Target. There are different charts for each discipline and for women and men to account for the different rate and time during which maturation typically occurs. While these charts serve as the primary guide for assessing skaters, other factors may be considered and may require skaters to demonstrate they have acquired certain skills.

Teams

There are three teams:

The BC/YK Team: This team represents those skaters who qualified to represent the BC/YK Section at the Skate Canada Challenge and/or National Championships. Team members who meet specific technical criteria for their discipline will be invited to attend either the June Program Component Camp or the June BC/YK Section Technical Camp.

Prospect Team: This team represents those skaters assessed at the Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile level who demonstrate the potential to become competitive figure skaters capable of achieving success at provincial, national and international levels.

First consideration is given to skaters who are age eligible to compete in the Juvenile U12 and Pre-Novice U14 categories for the 2017-2018 season and who meet the following target score (total competition score) guidelines. Other factors may be considered.

Pre-Juvenile U11: 22 points

Pre-Juvenile U13: 28 points

Juvenile U12: 27 points

Juvenile U14: 29 points

Activities on the Prospect Team, which is limited to the singles discipline, will include monitoring, coach support, and development camp(s). Skaters on the Prospect Team are required to:

- Attend the BC/YK Section Development Camp in Kelowna – April 14-16, 2017
- Attend the BC/YK Section Technical Training Camp in Burnaby – June 23-25, 2017
- Train on-ice during the summer months for a minimum of 4 weeks
- Compete at the 2017 BC Summerskate Competition in Burnaby – August 17-20, 2017
- Compete at the 2018 BC/YK Sectional Championships in Parksville – November 9-12, 2017

Development Team: The Development Team targets those skaters at the Pre-Novice to Junior levels who did not represent the Section at Challenge or higher events but who are still on track in terms of skill development and age to compete in higher level competition.

First consideration is given to skaters who are age eligible to compete in the Pre-Novice U14, Novice U16 categories for the 2017-2018 season and who meet the following target score (total program score) guidelines. Other factors may be considered.

Pre-Novice U14: 68 points Pre-Novice U16: 70 points Novice U16: 75 points

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Camps

Three camps are offered this year:

Kelowna Camp: A technical camp for qualifying STAR skaters, Prospect and Development Team skaters.

June Program Component Camp: A program component focussed camp for skaters who possess a specific technical skill set relative to age at the Pre-Novice level and higher.

BC/YK Section Technical Camp: A technical camp for Prospect, Development and eligible BC/TK Team skaters.

Kelowna Camp: This camp will continue to focus on skill and component development with an off-ice performance routine.

Qualification: Competing STAR 4 and higher. Skaters must meet a minimum score to attend. The purpose of minimum scores is to encourage skaters to strive for excellence and show continuous improvement over a season. All regional and sectional competitions up until February 20, 2017 will be monitored and any skater achieving a minimum score will receive an invitation from the BC/YK Section to attend the camp by February, 24, 2017.

Minimum scores required for 2017 Camp: (total free skate program score unless noted)

Category	Minimum Score
STAR 4	Skaters will be invited based on attaining an unpublished target score before February 20, 2017. (Due to Skate Canada Policy-STAR 4 Scores cannot be published).
STAR 5	14 points
Senior Bronze	18 points
Junior Silver	20 points
Senior Silver	22 points
Gold	24 points
Pre-Juvenile	17 points
Juvenile	20 points
Pre-Novice	60 points (combined Short and Long Program)
Novice	70 points (combined Short and Long Program)
Junior/Senior	80 points (combined Short and Long Program)

Minimum qualifying scores and deadlines for the 2018 Camp will be published in the fall of 2017.

June Program Component Camp 2017:

The focus of this camp will be on program components. Skaters will receive feedback from international level officials on their programs as well as participate in fitness testing. Other activities may be included.

Qualification: Skaters attending this camp must be competing at the Pre-Novice level and higher, demonstrate that they are capable of achieving scores at the upper end of “On Target” and possess a specific skill set. This camp is restricted to members of the BC/YK and Development Team. Other unmonitored BC/YK skaters who can verify they meet the entry requirements may be invited. The primary coach, or a member of their coaching team, must be present with their skater.

In order for a skater to qualify for this camp, they must be monitored between April 7 (Super Series Vancouver Island) and May 31, 2017. Monitoring may occur:

- during the Kelowna Camp
- at a Super Series Competition (Vancouver Island or Victoria Day)
- during a club visitation
- via video submission (please contact the Executive Director for more information)

Qualification Standards: Women

The target score range is indicated below.

Combined Short and Free TES																				
	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	60+
Age																				
10			Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
11			Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
12			Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Target Range					Ahead of Target
13					Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
14						Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
15							Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
16								Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target	Ahead of Target
17												Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target
18													Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target
19-20															Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target

Behind Target
Approaching Target
On Target
Ahead of Target

High Performance Skill Criteria Women

Age	Min Total TES	Jump Criteria
10	46	2A, rotating one triple
11	48	2A, landing 1 triple
12	50	2A, landing 1 triple, rotating 1 other
13	52	2A, landing 1 triple, rotating 2 others
14	54	2A, landing 1-2 triples, rotating 3 others
15	56	2A, landing 1-2 triples, rotating 3 others
16	58	2A, landing 2-3 triples, rotating 2 or more
17+	60	2A, landing 3-5 triples, rotating all

Qualification Standards: Men

The target score range for men is indicated below.

Combined Short and Free TES																				
	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85+
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	Behind Target
	Approaching Target
	On Target
	Ahead of Target

High Performance Skill Criteria (competing Pre-Novice and higher upcoming season)

Age	Min Total TES	Jump Criteria
10	38	2A, rotating one triple
11	45	2A, rotating one triple
12	47	2A, landing 1 triple, rotating 1 other
13	50	2A, landing 1 triple, rotating 1 other
14	52	2A, landing 1-2 triples, rotating 2-3 others
15	57	2A, landing 2-3 triples, rotating 2-3 others
16	62	2A, landing 3-5 triples, rotating 2 or more
17	67	2A, landing 4-5 triples
18	72	2A or 3A, landing other triples, 1 triple/triple
19+	82	2A or 3A, landing other triples

Qualification Standard: Pairs

To be considered for the High Performance Team in the pairs discipline, teams must demonstrate the ability to attain the following technical scores, possess strong individual skating skills, and be on track to meet Junior International age criteria.

Pre-Novice: 38+ points (each skater must have at least four years of Junior age eligibility)
Novice: 45+ points (each skater must have at least four years of Junior age eligibility)
Junior: 55+ points (each skater must have at least two years of Junior age eligibility)

Qualification Standard: Dance

To be determined in consultation with the Executive Director and Aaron Lowe.

BC/YK Technical Camp 2017:

The focus of this camp is technical and for skaters on the Prospect Team, Development Team and other unmonitored qualifying skaters. Elite level coaches will lead skaters through a variety of exercises and programs to assist them in taking their skills to the next level.

Qualification: In addition to Prospect and Development Team members, other unmonitored skaters who would benefit from additional technical expertise may be considered. Qualifying skaters not on the Prospect and Development Teams will be invited by June 2, 2017 following the spring monitoring period.

BC/YK Skater Development Committee International Development Selection Criteria

Our Section has proven we have the ability to produce several top Novice and Junior skaters on the national stage. The next step is see more of this talent achieve success at the international level. Learning to travel and successfully compete in foreign countries is a skill that must be developed and initiated at the Novice and Junior levels if our skaters are to confidently compete on the Junior Grand Prix circuit and beyond. While Skate Canada takes responsibility for selecting and supporting athletes on the Junior Grand Prix circuit, it the responsibility of the Sections, with Skate Canada’s approval, to deliver International Development programs for identified Novice/Junior athletes from February to May although consideration may be given to fall competitions.

The BC/YK Section will endeavour to support eligible athletes requiring international experience. The decision to send athletes and coaches to international events will be based on:

- the amount of funding available
- the number of athletes who meet the selection criteria
- consultation with the coach to determine suitability and timing
- final approval by Skate Canada

International Development Selection Criteria

Singles

Priority will be given to Novice and Junior level competitors. Senior level competitors will be considered pending current progress, ranking and need. Additional criteria may be considered. All athletes must be approved by the Executive Director prior to submission to Skate Canada.

All skaters must have competed at Skate Canada Challenge and preferably the National Championships.

Novice		
Women: Age: U14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landing at least 2 different triple jumps • Rotating a 3rd triple jump • Good attempt at a triple/triple jump combination or 2A+triple jump combination 	Target Score: 120 including bonuses
Men: Age: U15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landing at least 4 different triple jumps • Rotating a 5th triple jump • Good attempt at a triple/triple jump combination or 2A+triple jump combination 	Target Score: 125 including bonuses
Junior		
Women: Age: U17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landing at least 4 different triple jumps • Rotating a 5th triple jump • Able to execute a triple/triple jump combination 	Target Score: 145
Men: Age: U18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landing at least 5 different triple jumps • Good attempt at 3A or Quadruple jump • Landing triple/triple jump combination 	Target Score: 155

Dance

Dance teams will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director and team Coach.

All selections for Singles and Dance are final and applicable for the competition(s) chosen. Eligible skaters will be identified by BC/YK Section Staff and the Executive Director. Participation may not be deferred to the following season.

Selection Process and Conflict of Interest

As noted above, specific criteria are provided to guide monitors in the selection of skaters to various teams, camps and other development opportunities. Skaters are identified by a team of individuals including the Executive Director and Directors of Development at Super Series and Sectional events.

In no cases will an individual be involved in the selection if a conflict of interest is present. Individuals who find themselves in a position of conflict of interest concerning the selection decisions of one or more skaters will recuse themselves from the decisions concerning that skater or those skaters. The Executive Director, in consultation with the Directors of Development, has the right to add Wild Card Selections based on skill assessment to either Prospect or Development Teams at anytime.

The complete policy regarding the selection of skaters to teams and camps is included below. Please direct any questions concerning selections and policies concerning selections to the Executive Director.

BC/YK Section Skater Development Committee Policy for Selection of Skaters to Camps

Development camps for competitive skaters are intended to provide an opportunity for skaters and their coaches to enrich their repertoire of skills to compete to the best of their abilities.

Camps will have a particular focus and/or theme as determined by the Skater Development Committee (e.g. Program Components, Technical Elements)

Prospect Team selection criteria and process:

The Prospect Team is an initiative developed to track, monitor and support skaters who demonstrate the potential to become competitive figure skaters capable of achieving success at provincial, national and international levels.

The team focuses on Pre Juvenile, Juvenile and Pre-Novice skaters. Skaters are identified by a team of individuals including the Executive Director and Directors of Development at Super Series and Sectional events.

In addition to target scores (which will be published annually) other factors such as age, creative ability, and participation level are also assessed.

Membership on the team is for one year but may be extended.

June Program Component Camp selection criteria and process:

This Camp focuses on skaters with technical abilities as defined by pathway development charts and specific skill criteria, which are published annually by Skate Canada.

Skaters will be assessed over the spring up until the end of May for consideration for the June Program Component Camp. Skill assessment may occur at competitions (Vancouver Island, Victoria Day), in person during practice or by video submission.

All skaters, BC Team members or not, who meet the criteria will be eligible to attend.

The principal coach, or a member of the coaching team, of each skater chosen is required to attend the Camp.

Conflict of interest in selection decisions

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