



**BC | YT**

**BC/YT Skater Development Committee**  
Teams, Camps and  
International Development Events

2023-2024 Season

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline development initiatives offered by the BC/YT 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/YT 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 team members. 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/YT Sectional Championships are monitored by members of the Skater

Development Committee including but not limited to the Directors of Development and Executive Director, Officials and/or Technical Staff. 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.

## Team

**The BC/YT Team:** This team represents those skaters who qualified to represent the BC/YT 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 BC/YT Section Technical Camp (August).

## Camps

Three camps are offered this year:

**Kelowna Camp:** A technical camp for qualifying STAR skaters, Juvenile & Pre Novice skaters.

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

**BC/YT Section Technical Camp:** A technical camp for eligible BC/YT 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 March 10, 2024 will be monitored and any skater achieving a minimum score will receive an invitation from the BC/YT Section to attend the camp.

Minimum scores required for 2024 Camp: (total free skate program score unless noted)

Category	Minimum Score
STAR 4	Skaters will be invited based on attaining an unpublished target score. (Due to Skate Canada Policy-STAR 4 Scores cannot be published).
STAR 5	17 points
STAR 6	21 points
STAR 8	23 points
STAR 10	25 points
Gold	27 points
Juvenile	24 points
Pre-Novice	64 points (combined Short and Long Program)
Novice	74 points (combined Short and Long Program)
Junior/Senior	84 points (combined Short and Long Program)

### June Program Component Camp 2024:

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/YT and Development Team. Other unmonitored BC/YT 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 1 and May 19, 2024. Monitoring may occur:

- at a Super Series Competition (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	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
11			Behind Target	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
12				Behind Target	Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Target Range					Ahead of Target
13					Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On 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
14						Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On 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	On Target	On 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	On Target	On 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	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target
18										Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target
19-20											Behind Target	Behind Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	Approaching Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target	Ahead of Target

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### 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+
Age																				
10	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
11	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
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Yellow	Behind Target
Red	Approaching Target
Green	On Target
Blue	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/YT Technical Camp 2024:**

The focus of this camp is technical. 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 BC/YT Team members, other unmonitored skaters who would benefit from additional technical expertise may be considered. Qualifying skaters not on the BC/YT Team will be invited by August 8, 2024 following the spring monitoring period.

## BC/YT 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/YT 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.

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

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.



