

Synchronized Skating Team Skater Assistance Policy

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the eligibility criteria, amount of funding, and procedure for allocating financial support (“Skater Assistance”) for Skate Saskatoon (SFSC) Club Synchronized Skating Teams that represent Skate Saskatoon at Skate Canada National level skating competitions.

2.0 Policy Statement and Scope

This policy applies exclusively to synchronized skating teams that represent Skate Saskatoon at Skate Canada-sanctioned National level competitions. It provides financial assistance to eligible teams competing in events at the national level, such as the Skate Canada Cup or other sanctioned national synchro competitions.

2.1 Team Information

Skater Assistance will be split evenly amongst all members of the team if the team meets the criteria outlined in the eligibility section below. “Alternates” that travel with the team would qualify for assistance as long as they do not receive funding as part of another team.

Members of the team (skaters) will receive Skater Assistance as credit on their applicable member account. Credits may be used toward invoice payment for any invoice generated under that account. These credits will expire two years after credit establishment. Amounts cannot be paid out and are not transferrable to other member accounts.

3.0 Procedures

3.1 Skater/Team Eligibility

Skaters must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for Skater/Team Assistance:

- a) Skater must be a member of Skate Saskatoon in “good standing” including the current year of competition. “Good standing” is defined as those members who:
 - do not have an outstanding (unpaid) account with Skate Saskatoon
 - do not have an outstanding (unpaid) account with any Skate Saskatoon coach
 - do not have an outstanding (unpaid) account with any Skate Saskatoon team
 - demonstrate compliance with all Skate Canada, Skate Saskatoon and team policies (have not had a disciplinary action other than a single warning in the preceding two years).
- b) abide, along with his/her club coach with the Skate Canada Code of Ethics, Skate Saskatoon Code of Conduct, and all other club and team policies and rules.
- c) represent Skate Saskatoon at a competition which meets the eligibility requirements.

3.2 Competition Eligibility

Skate Saskatoon will endeavour to provide Synchro Skater Assistance to help assist with registrations as a result of the costs associated with attending the Skate Canada national level synchronized skating competition.

For Skate Saskatoon Synchronized Teams:

- **Skate Canada Cup** is the National event.



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Since National level competitions are only available for categories from the Synchronized Skating Novice Level and up only teams from these levels are eligible for the Synchro Skater Assistance.

Invitational Synchronized skating events/competitions do not qualify for Skater Assistance as they are not qualifying events.

Teams and skaters do not qualify for registration compensation for Interprovincial/Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Competitions.

3.2.1 Assistance

- a) Skate Saskatoon will endeavour to provide Skater Assistance for registration for skaters who attend an event for which they have qualified. (*This currently applies to Skate Canada Cup.*)
- b) If a skater is injured/ill at the event and is unable to compete, Skate Saskatoon will endeavour to provide funding as stated above.
 - i. If the skater is injured/ill prior to the event and withdraws before the event or does not attend the competition, no Skater Assistance will be provided.
 - ii. Skater Assistance will be split evenly amongst the members of the team that attend the competition as registered team members. Team managers and the Team coach must provide documentation detailing which skaters attended the national competition as registered members of the Skate Saskatoon team including any substitutions or alternates.
- c) Skate Saskatoon will offer Skater Assistance as per this policy even if the Skate Canada Saskatchewan Section provides financial assistance to the team.

3.2.2 Amounts

Team allowance is as follows:

- Team Registration cost including per skater registration (as per Skate Canada) for the national competition

3.3 Procedure for Distribution of Funds

- a) Prior to the summer board meeting, the Finance Committee will provide the following to the board: the internal year-end (June 30) financial statements; a list of teams eligible for Skater Assistance; the calculated amounts for the Skaters Assistance, based on Section 3.2.2; and a recommendation for amounts to be allocated to the eligible skaters.
- b) The Finance Committee's recommendation may range from no member account credits being provided, to a percentage of the calculated amount being provided, or to 100% of the calculated amount being provided.
- c) At the summer board meeting, the Finance Committee's recommendation will be discussed. A board motion will be required at that meeting to approve the amounts that will be credited, or to approve that no credits will be provided.
- d) Member account credits will be set up within 90 days of the June 30th year-end.