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2026-2027 Program Requirements Technical Memo-2026-01

Please see below for the revised communication on the 2026-2027 Program Requirements. Updates are highlighted in yellow.

Please also read the [memo](#) from BC/YT Section regarding the revisions.

The 2026–2027 Skate Canada Program Requirements for both the [Podium Pathway](#) and [STARSkate](#) programs are now available on the Technical pages of the Skate Canada BC/YT Section [website](#).

Skate Canada has also provided a Summary of Changes document for both [Podium Pathway](#) and [STARSkate](#). We strongly encourage everyone to review both the full Program Requirements and the Summary of Changes to ensure a complete understanding of the updates.

Important – Victoria Day Competition (May 2026)

Please note the following important update:

- The 2026 BC/YT Section Super Series Victoria Day Competition will use the 2025–2026 Program Requirements for jumps and spins.
- For Ice Dance Categories the 2026-2027 Pattern Dances will be skated.
- While the announcement originally indicated the use of the 2026–2027 requirements, the judging system will not be updated in time.
- As a result, programs cannot be evaluated using the new requirements.
- Skaters will not be penalized for using 2026–2027 program times.

Key Changes Overview

Podium Pathway

- Novice Free Program reduced to 3:00 (+/- 10 seconds)
- Program Components increased from 2 → 3 at Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile. **For Victoria Day only 2 Program Components will be judged.**



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- Free Program jump elements reduced from 7 → 6 (Novice, Junior, Senior)
- Jump combinations reduced from 3 → 2 (Pre-Novice and higher)
- Same jump type may not be performed more than 3 times (Novice & higher)
- Juvenile: a maximum of Level 1 can be achieved in the CCoSp. This can only be achieved by 8 revolutions in a sit or camel. This can be in a basic sit or camel position or in a difficult variation. **For Victoria Day Juvenile CCoSp spins will only be called to a Level Base.**

Novice Free Program:

- Spins reduced from 3 → 2
- Step Sequence replaced with Choreographic Sequence

Junior/Senior Free Program:

- One spin replaced with a Choreographic Spin
- Flying Spin (min. 6 revs) is one position and no change of foot

STARSkate

- STAR 2–5 program times are now maximum time only (no +/-)
- **STAR 2:** Jump option added (1W+1T or 1W+1Lo). For **Victoria Day skaters must do the 1W+1T.**
- **STAR 3–4:**
 - 1Lo+1Lo no longer mandatory (For Victoria Day the 1Lo+1Lo is mandatory as per 2025-2026 program requirements).
 - STAR 2 turn sequence added to STAR 3
 - **STAR 3 turn sequence may be performed at Victoria Day but will not be scored. Skaters will not be penalized for performing the turn sequence.**



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- STAR 4 Spin options: SSp, CSp, BUSp. **Skaters must do a back upright spin for Victoria Day.**
- **STAR 4 Forward Spiral Sequence changed to Spiral Sequence. Either may be performed and skater will not be penalized for backward spiral.**
- **STAR 5 to Gold:**
 - Addition of an Artistic Spin (**For Victoria Day skaters should do the spin in one position as the Artistic Spin cannot be scored**)
 - Introduction of 3 Program Components (PCs) **For Victoria Day only 2 Program Components will be judged.**
- **STAR 5 and up:**
 - Various options for Spiral Sequence, Step Sequence or Choreographic Sequence. **These may all be performed with no penalty to the skater.**
 - ~~ChSq for Victoria Day will be entered as a SpSq and given GOE for Choro Sequence~~
 - **STAR 5 Forward Spiral Sequence changed to Spiral Sequence. Skaters may perform backward spirals without penalty**
- There is a new Gold Short Program. This event will be offered at Summerskate.
- Gold Freeskate Program will be changing from 3:30 +/- 10 to 3:00 +/- 10 to match the Novice Free Program. A communication from Skate Canada will be coming out soon regarding this.

If you have any questions, please contact the Section Office at bcytsection@skatinginbc.com



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