



Policy Title:	MPPSC Moving up or Skating Up/down Protocol
Effective Date:	October 2024
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Policy Owner:	Coaching Director & Coaches

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to delineate the process for skaters advancing, moving up or "skating down" on sessions.

Protocol Statement:

Our organization is dedicated to fostering the continuous development of our skaters. We are committed to providing the necessary resources, training, and support to enhance their skills and effectiveness, thereby ensuring a positive experience for our athletes.

Definitions:

Athlete/Skater: An individual who participates in sports or other physical activities organized by our organization.

Club: not-for-profit organization that offers Skate Canada skating programs, managed by a volunteer board of directors. ([see MPPSC Constitution](#)).

Coach: An individual responsible for training and instructing athletes within the club, who is registered in good standing with Skate Canada.

Director of Coaching: Acts as a representative on the Board for all coaches with the Club. Their role is to act with the best interest of all coaches in matters pertaining to policies, procedures and individuals. They ensure that the coaches with the Club are at the acceptable qualification level for the task they are performing for the Club and they perform any other duties deemed necessary by the Board.

Protocol and Procedures:

Protocol:

Our organization is dedicated to supporting the continuous development of our skaters. We are committed to providing the necessary resources, training, and support to enhance their skills and effectiveness, thereby ensuring a positive experience for our athletes and members.

Procedures:

1. A skater may move up a session during the season, provided there is availability and the skater has met the requisite assessment standards as outlined by the [Skate Canada assessment guide](#) and club structure.
2. A skater may skate up/down on a program session. A coach is required to complete a Skating Up/Down Form at the beginning of the season or when the appropriate assessments have been passed. The form is reviewed by an arbitration committee consisting of the skater's coach(es), the coaches on the session, Director of Coaching and two additional board members, if there is space available. *Skating Up/Down does not apply to guest skating.*

Please Note: During discussions, the needs of all skaters will be considered. The club's primary objective is to ensure a positive sports environment for all participants.

Scope of Protocol:

This policy applies to all skaters affiliated with our club at the junior, intermediate, and senior levels.

Responsibilities:

Coaching Association of Canada, Skate Canada, and Skate Newfoundland Labrador:

- Provide resources [coaching standards](#), [assessment standards](#), [code of ethics](#), [Skate Canada's vision, mission and values](#) and other educational opportunities.
- Establish [coaching standards](#) and expectations.

Coaches:

- Adhere to the organization's [coaching standards](#), [assessment standards](#), [code of ethics](#), [Skate Canada's vision, mission and values](#).
- Attend arbitration meetings if necessary.
- Facilitate and collaborate on the needs of the skaters.

Club Board/Executive:

- Adhere to [Skate Canada’s program delivery standards](#), [code of ethics](#), [Skate Canada’s vision, mission and values](#).
- Promote relevant and accessible skater development.
- Support skaters in their development.