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Calalta publishes a monthly update sharing information such as important dates, volunteer opportunities, safety issues and other items of interest. This document can also be found on our website at [www.calalta.net](http://www.calalta.net)

## Canadian National Championships



Kaiya Ruiters  
Senior Women



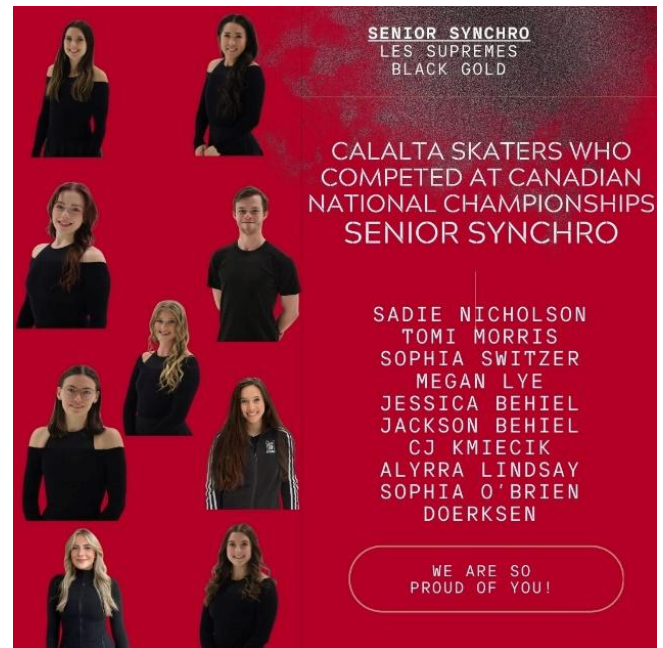
Grace Johnson  
Senior Women



Alyssa Robinson and Jacob Portz – Senior Dance

Calalta was also honored to have several members compete at Nationals at the Senior Synchronized level

- Alyrra Lindsay
- CJ Kmiecik
- Jackson Behiel
- Jessica Behiel
- Megan Lye
- Sophia Switzer
- Tomi Morris
- Sadie Nicholson (Qualifies for World Champions)
- Sophia O'Brien Doerksen



## **Congratulations to Calalta Skaters competing at Skate Canada Trophy**

The Skate Canada Trophy celebrates the best Novice and Pre-Novice figure skaters in Canada. This year, the event will be held at the Terwillegar Booster Juice Recreation Centre in Edmonton from Feb 6-9, 2025.

Best of luck to all Calalta Skaters competing! We'll be cheering for you!

Novice Dance – Stella Mitchell and Kurtis Che

Pre-Novice Dance – McKenzie Elgie and Ryan Aruin

Pre-Novice Dance – Ellie Begley and Aaron Zhao

## **Solstice Synchronized Skating Update**

Congratulations to Solstice Open and Gold teams on qualifying for the 2025 Skate Canada Cup being held in Waterloo, Ontario from February 28 to March 2.

Six Solstice teams travelled to Richmond, BC for the Mountain Regional Championships. The Open team brought home a silver medal, and bronze medals were earned by Gold and Adult 1. Star 6, Adult 2 and 3 earned season's best scores.

Watch for tryout dates coming soon at Jimmie Condon for all synchro team levels! If you have any questions, please contact [solsticesynchro@gmail.com](mailto:solsticesynchro@gmail.com)

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Lots happening for our volunteers!

- 1) **Calgary Winter Invitational Figure Skating Competition** held at Jimmie Condon/Rose Kohn from Friday February 21-23, 2025, and hosted by Calalta.

**As the schedule has not been published yet, we cannot share the link to sign up. As soon as it's available we will resend this with links to sign up.**

### **Announcers and Music Players – Training Provided!**

**Music Players:** Will be directed by the referee, responsible for playing the skater's music once skater is in their starting position – either on the computer or CD player; Turns down the music when the announcer is speaking and turns it up when announcer is finished; plays background music between events and during warm ups; Please dress warmly – bring a blanket to keep you warm – but please wear a warm jacket plus gloves (fingerless ones are best) and warm footwear; This position requires good dexterity, must be attentive and keep an eye on the skater for when they are in their starting position.

**Announcers:** Works under the direction of the Referee and in conjunction with the Music Player. Using a microphone, reads from a script and announces the skater's name only for warm ups and for the event/category announce the skater's name and club prior to their skate according to the list provided; Script will be provided for you to follow – no improvising allowed! Volunteer must be able to enunciate words clearly and correctly and must be comfortable speaking into a microphone; Must be able to speak clearly and concisely, must have a strong command of the English language.

**Ice Captains, Dressing Room Captains and Ice Patchers:**

**Ice Captain:** Manage the skater's entrance (opening and closing the gate or door) for warm ups and events; Ice Captain will receive a clipboard with the starting orders for the day as well as a competition schedule; Checks skaters off when they arrive to go on the ice; Ensure the skaters going on for their warm up are the correct skaters; Works with the Dressing Room Captains; Makes sure the 'on deck' or the next skater is ready.

**Dressing Room Captains:** Responsible to check skaters in upon arrival to dressing room area; will receive a clipboard with the starting orders for the day as well as a competition schedule; You will be required to ask the skaters their name and which event they are in, direct them to their assigned dressing room. You can then check off their names; will work with the Ice Captain as to how the event is running.

**Ice Patchers:** Patching holes in ice during the resurfacing. Will be required to be on the ice with the Zamboni. **Must wear skates!** Please dress warmly. Suitable for mature children over 11 years but must be able to skate and do the required job/follow directions. A great way to occupy your skater while you are volunteering!

**Registration Desk, Medal Presenter, Hospitality, Set Up and Tear Down:**

**Registration:** This role is one of the most critical as it is the first person the skater/parents/volunteers and coaches will encounter. You are the face of the club so it is important that you are professional, kind, calm and respectful with all participants. You must be comfortable communicating in English. Must be 18+ yrs. as these volunteers will also be overseeing the Raffle Table (if we have one)

**Medal Presenters:** Work in pairs to present medals/ribbons to skaters. They will prepare the medals and ribbons prior to each event. Results will be brought to the podium area; the Medal Presenters will read from the script (no improvising) and present medals to the skaters on the podium. Must be comfortable speaking in front of a small group and be able to enunciate clearly, correctly and loudly.

**Hospitality:** Heat meals, restock snacks, assist caterer, keep food areas clean, pack up uneaten food after meals. Maintain coffee and other beverages. Tidy tables and areas, empty garages, sweep floors and assist anywhere needed including the Officials' room if required.

2) **The Ice Show is fast approaching!** We always need plenty of volunteers for those that have not gotten all of their hours yet! Plus, for those that have accumulated all of their hours, we

always need the help. Mark your calendar for Sunday April 6 from 12 to 3 pm at Max Bell Arena.

## **Your Safety Matters!**

As a result of the recent incidents at Jimmie Condon and the media coverage that followed, the City provided security guards at the arena during the Calalta sessions. As this was only a temporary measure, Diana Peters (President) has met with and continues to meet with City staff to discuss other options to keep our members and their belongings secure. She has enlisted the assistance of a few parents to help with this. In the meantime, please remain diligent, be observant, and ensure the dressing rooms remain locked during the session. The key will be available in the music area. Also, if necessary, take your valuables to the boards so you can keep an eye on them.

Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

## **A Few Reminders**

**Need to do a same day session switch?** – Please contact the office at [info@calalta.net](mailto:info@calalta.net) if you need to make a **same day session** change (Calalta members only). Make sure you talk to your coach to ensure lesson availability. Make sure the session you are switching to is the appropriate level. Don't forget to check in with the "Check in" person.

**Session changes from one day to another are not allowed! Same day switches only.**

**Refunds** – We allow for medical refunds (with a medical note). Refunds will be calculated starting on day 8 until you return to skating.

### **Keep your belongings safe**

As JC is located near the Heritage LRT station and is a public facility, we tend to get people wandering in. Please do not leave anything valuable in the dressing rooms, including your car keys! Bring your valuables rink side.

Dressing rooms need to be locked during the ice sessions and the key will be kept in the music area. Please ensure you ask the arena attendants for a dressing room key if it is not already in the dressing room when you arrive.

## Save the Date – Calalta Banquet Saturday May 24, 2025 (Calgary Zoo)

### Saturday May 24, 2025

Calgary Zoo – Safari Lodge  
210 St George’s Drive NE  
Calgary AB

### Business Casual Attire

5:00 pm Cocktails  
5:30 pm Dinner  
6:00 pm Awards Presentation  
7:30 pm Dancing and Photo Booth till 10 pm

Tickets can be ordered or purchased through our registration website soon. Don’t forget, skaters who paid the \$70 membership fee are eligible for one free ticket to the banquet. Stay tuned for more details on the scavenger hunt we are planning that will happen before the banquet!

## Important dates for February and March



Lots of unscheduled or unknown ice cancellations for April, May and June. Unknown cancellations are sessions which we have booked, you have paid for and for which you will receive a credit back onto your account. Since the booking, the City of Calgary or WinSport have come back to us and cancelled our sessions due to a booking a major event like Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Alberta Treaty Hockey Tournament etc. Credits will be issued one by one over the next few months.

February 2025		
Jimmie Condon		WinSport/COP
	Thu Feb 6	Skate Canada Trophy (Pre-Nov Challenge/Nov Nationals) held in Edmonton
	Fri Feb 7	1pm, 2pm, 3 pm, 4pm sessions cancelled (known cancellation and not part of registration)
	Wed Feb 12	6:15 am & 8:30 am sessions cancelled (known cancellation and not part of registration)
	Thu Feb 13	2, 3, 4, 4:45 & 6 pm sessions cancelled. NO PTC (known cancellation and not part of registration)
	Fri Feb 14	1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm sessions cancelled ((known cancellation and not part of registration) Star Series #4 begins in Lethbridge
Family Day – all City rinks closed (known cancellation and not part of registration)	Mon Feb 17	All sessions running at COP
6:30-8 am ice only – all other sessions cancelled due to CWI being held at JC (known cancellation and not part of registration)	Fri Feb 21	

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All sessions cancelled at JC (known cancellation and not part of registration)	Sat Feb 22	
All sessions cancelled at JC (not part of registration)	Sun Feb 23	
	Mon Feb 24	6:30 am stroking session ends at 7:30 am
	Fri Feb 28	All sessions cancelled except the 6:15 and 8:30 am Dance sessions (known cancellation and not part of registration) Skate Canada Cup begins in Waterloo, ON
<b>March 2025</b>		
<b>Jimmie Condon</b>		<b>WinSport/COP</b>
	Mon Mar 3	No sessions at COP (known cancellation and not part of registration)
	Tues Mar 4	6:15 am, 8:30 am & 2:00 pm sessions cancelled (known cancellation and not part of registration)
	Wed Mar 5	6:15 & 8:30 am sessions cancelled (known cancellation and not part of registration)
	Thu Mar 6	6:15 & 8:30 am sessions cancelled (known cancellation and not part of registration)
	Sat Mar 8	Synchro Skating Invitational in Carstairs
	Wed Mar 12	6:15 & 8:30 am sessions cancelled (known cancellation and not part of registration)
	Fri Mar 21	8:30 am, 1, 2, 3 & 4 pm sessions cancelled (known cancellation and not part of registration) Skate AB NT NU StarSkate & Adult Championships held in Calgary
Last day of Power Skating	Sat Mar 22	
Last Day of Monday CanSkate	Mon Mar 31	

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