



Provincial & National Category Upgrade Policy

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ESSA will reimburse all provincial (Speed Skating Alberta) and national (Speed Skating Canada) category upgrade fees (for categories above those included in club registration) required by an athlete to attend a provincial or national competition.

Any athlete claiming a reimbursement for these fees must prove they have registered for an event requiring the upgrade, and present proof of payment.

Examples:

The following examples of the implementation of this policy use the fee structure in the table below.

| Category | SSC fee | SSA Fee |
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| National Athlete | \$68.00 | \$115.00 |
| Provincial / Territorial Athlete | \$47.00 | \$85.00 |
| Club Athlete | \$10.00 | \$30.00 |

An ESSA athlete's club registration includes "Club Athlete" designation for both SSC and SSA. The athlete pays \$10.00 to SSC and \$30.00 to SSA when they register with ESSA.

- If the "Club Athlete" athlete qualifies for (and attends) an event requiring a "Provincial / Territorial Athlete" designation, then ESSA will reimburse both the provincial upgrade fee (\$55.00) and national upgrade fee (\$37.00).
 - If this athlete subsequently qualifies for (and attends) an event requiring a National Athlete" designation, then ESSA will reimburse an additional SSA upgrade fee (\$30.00) and SSC upgrade fee (\$21.00).
- If the "Club Athlete" athlete qualifies for (and attends) an event requiring a "National / Territorial Athlete" designation, then ESSA will reimburse both the provincial upgrade fee (\$85.00) and national upgrade fee (\$58.00).