

SPEED SKATING CANADA

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HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETINS

The High Performance Committee will issue bulletins periodically throughout the season informing skaters, coaches and associations of any update and/or changes to selection criteria, competitions, etc.

The HPC reserves the right to modify or change the enclosed policies in the event that exceptional circumstances arise and that any such changes are clearly in the best interest of the high performance program. In these situations all athletes and coaches will be advised of any changes as soon as they are confirmed by the HPC.

2010 Long Track Selection Criteria

2010 Continental Championships (Regional Qualifier) Calgary, Canada, January 23, 24, 2010

Eligibility:

To be eligible to compete at the Continental Championships, skaters must have achieved the ISU qualifying times in the 2009 - 10 season prior to the 2010 Continental Championships. These standards can be achieved at the 2009 - 10 Canadian Single Distance Championships, 2009-10 Fall World Cup competitions and 2009 - 10 International competitions listed in the current ISU Communications.

Ladies 3000m	4.28:00
Men 5000m	6.55:00

Quota:

Canada is allowed to enter up to a maximum of 6 skaters per gender as per ISU rule 220-5c (dependant on the entries from other countries).

Selection Procedures:

Skaters will be selected to the 2010 Continental Championships Team according to the following priority:

1. Pre-Selection

Skaters that finished in the top 6 at the 2009 World All Round Championships.

Skaters that are pre-selected for the Vancouver Olympic Games in the following distances:

- Ladies 1500m or 3000m
- Men 1500m or 5000m

2. Results at 2010 Canadian Single Distance Championships

Skaters will be selected in order of their rank from the 2 distance cumulative total in Sammelagt points for the 1500m and 3000m (ladies) and 1500m and 5000m (men) distances at these Championships.

3. Byes

The High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant a skater a bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.

Seeding:

Seeding for the Continental Championships will be from results in individual distances at the 2010 Canadian Single Distance Championships.

Reskates:

Reskates must be skated out of competition. The right to reskate will be confirmed with the USA prior to the Competition.

2010 World All Round Championships

Heerenveen, Netherlands, March 19 – 21, 2010

Eligibility:

To be able to participate at the World All Round Championship, skaters must have achieved the qualifying times as per ISU Rule 208.

Ladies 3000m	4.22:00
Men 5000m	6.45:00

Quota:

The quota for the World All Round Championships team for Canada will be decided after 4 distances at the 2009 Continental Championships. Our region (North-America/Oceania) is entitled to 7 Men and 6 Ladies for the World All Round Championships with a maximum of 4 per country.

Selection Procedures:

Skaters will be selected to 2010 World All Round Team according to the following priority:

1. Pre-Selection

Skaters that finished in the top 6 at the 2009 World All Round Championships.

Skaters that are pre-selected for the Vancouver Olympic Games in the following distances:

Ladies 1500m or 3000m

Men 1500m or 5000m

3. Ladies - Results at the Canadian Championships

Skaters will be selected in order of their cumulative 2 distance Sammelagt points ranking from the 1500m and 3000m at the 2009 Canadian Single Distance Championships. The skaters must compete in the Continental Championships to be eligible, unless they are qualified for and compete at the World Sprint Championships.

Men – Results at the Canadian Championships

Skaters will be selected in order of their cumulative 2 distance Sammelagt points ranking from the 1500m and 5000m at the 2009 Canadian Championships. The skaters must compete in the Continental Championships to be eligible, unless they are qualified for and compete at the World Sprint Championships.

3. Byes

The High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant a skater a bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.

Seeding:

Seeding for the World All Round Championship is according to ISU rule 240.

2010 World Sprint Championships

Obihiro, Japan, January 16, 17, 2010

Eligibility:

To be able to participate at the 2010 World Sprint Championship, the skater must have achieved the qualifying times for either the 500m or 1000m as per ISU Rule 208.

Ladies 500m - 40:20

Men 500m - 36.50

Ladies 1000m - 1.21:00

Men 1000m - 1.12.50

Quota:

Canada is entitled to enter 4 men and 2 women in the 2010 World Sprint Championships.

Selection Procedures:

Skaters will be selected to 2010 World Sprint Championships Team according to the following priority:

1. Pre – selection -

Skaters that finished in the top 6 at the 2009 World Sprint Championships.

2. Results at 2009 Canadian Single Distances Championships

Skaters will be selected in order of their final rank at the 2009 Canadian Single Distances Championships.

3. Byes

The High Performance Committee - Long Track may grant a skater a bye onto the team due to illness, injury or exceptional circumstances as per the Policy on granting byes.

Ranking

Ranking will be determined as the cumulative total in Sammelagt points accumulated by skaters at these Championships. (including reskates).

The Sammelagt points will be determined on the basis of the two 500m times recorded by a skater and the 1000m time recorded by a skater.

In calculating the Sammelagt points for the purposes of team selection the sammelagt points for the 1000m will be doubled for each skater.

Tie Breaker

In the event of a tie the best 500m and the 1000m result for each of the tied skaters will be totalled and the skater with the lowest total will be selected. In the event that there is still a tie the skaters will be paired together for a 1000m race with the winner of this race selected for the 2010 World Sprint Championships.

Seeding:

Seeding for the 2010 World Sprint Championship is according to ISU rule 242.

2010 - 11 Selection Criteria

Nomination:

The High Performance Committee - Long Track will name the remaining athletes who qualify for the various 2010 / 11 teams at the 2010 Spring High Performance meeting.

The HPC will select skaters as detailed below.

Skaters may also be added to the National and National Development Teams on the basis of the following:

1. the skater being awarded an injury card from Sport Canada (AAP); or,
2. at the absolute discretion of the HPC.

National Team Selection – 2010/2011 season

The 2010 - 11 National Team will be composed of:

- 2010 Winter Olympic Games competitors
- 2010 World All Round Championships competitors finishing in the Top 16
- 2010 World Sprint Championships competitors finishing in the Top 16
- Skaters who are ranked in the top 20 of the ISU World Cup Final Rankings per distance

Development Team Selection – 2010/2011 Season

The 2010 - 11 Development Team will be composed of:

- Skaters with a ISU World Cup Final Ranking per distance between 21 – 28
- 2010 World All Round Championships competitors not already qualified above
- 2010 World Sprint Championship competitors not already qualified above
- The top 2 ranked skaters per distance and gender from the 2009 – 10 Canadian Ranking List not already selected to the National Team.
- The top skater per distance overall from the National Ranking competitions if not already selected above (provided they also meet the AAP Training Centre time criteria) (National Ranking Competitions include the Canadian Single Distance Championships, North American Championships and Canada Cups 1,2 and 3)
- Skaters who finish in a top 8 and top 1/3 of field position overall at the 2010 World Junior Championship.

- Skaters who finish in a top 8 and top 1/3 of field position for any individual distance at the 2010 World Junior Championship.

A skater may be ranked in a number of distances. If an athlete qualifies for a National Team or Development Team position in more than one distance, the position will be considered filled for that distance and gender.

Talent 2018 Squad - 2010/2011 season

Selection to the Talent 2018 Squad will be limited to skaters who are also eligible to receive Training Centre card support from Sport Canada.

Please note that the Talent 2018 Squad will not be separated into long track and short track disciplines.

The specific selection criteria for the Talent 2018 Squad will be as follows:

1. Skaters who are selected as members of the 2010 Canadian Junior World Championships Team, who are not already selected to the National or National Development Teams.
2. Skaters who represented Canada at the World Junior Championships in 2009 and 2008 who were not already selected to the National or National Development Teams not including alternates; and,
3. Additional skaters who may be selected at the absolute discretion the High Performance Committee.

Notification:

Athletes will be advised of their selection to these teams following the Annual Spring meeting of the HPC.

Confirmation of Team Membership:

Athletes have 2 weeks following the official announcement of the 2010 – 2011 Teams to confirm acceptance of their position on the Team.

Confirmation of Team membership comprises a commitment by the skater to participate fully in the national / development team programs and that they are available for selection to any representative team and will participate in the respective selection events for these teams.

Confirmation of Team membership also confirms acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of the SSC National / Development Team Agreement.

If SSC does not receive confirmation from the athlete that they accept their position on the Team and they agree to the Terms and Conditions of the SSC National / Development Team Agreement they will be regarded as having declined their position and any associated benefits.

Any extensions to this confirmation period must be requested in writing by the athlete and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Replacement of Skaters:

If a skater subsequently withdraws from the National Team prior to the 1st World Cup of the 2010 – 2011 season they will not be replaced on the National Team.

If a Development Team skater withdraws from the Development Team prior to the 1st World Cup of the 2010 – 2011 season, they may be replaced by the next ranked skater in the respective distance from the 2009 – 10 Canadian Rankings List.

If the skater earned their Development Team position from multiple distances then the next ranked skater from each specific distance may replace them.

Athlete Assistance Program

2010 / 2011 Carding Criteria

Introduction

The aim of this document is to describe the criteria that will be used by Speed Skating Canada for nominating athletes for Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) for the 2010/11 carding year.

The Sport Canada policy and procedures which govern the AAP and the establishment and application of criteria can be found on the Sport Canada website at <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/index-eng.cfm>

For any matters related to the Athlete Assistance Program Nomination or de-carding, all appeals must follow the Policies and Procedures of Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program (AAP) Section 13.1 <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/sc/pol/athl/114-eng.cfm>

For the 2010/11 carding year, SSC is allocated a maximum of 66 Senior Cards or equivalents for both long track and short track programs. International Cards are no longer considered above the quota and will be drawn from SSC's allocation of Senior Cards. Senior Cards may be converted to Development Cards, with two Senior Cards converting to three Development Cards. In addition SSC is able to award development cards for a 6 month-period. These cards are restricted to those skaters who meet the Talent 2018 Criteria.

The High Performance Committee of the LT and ST programs are responsible for nominating athletes for carding in their respective program.

Eligibility

Only skaters named to either of the Speed Skating National or Development Teams or Talent 2018 Squads are eligible to be nominated to Sport Canada for AAP Carding.

AAP support is subject to athletes' availability to represent Canada in major international competitions, including the World Championships and Olympic Games. The athlete must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada on the date of the beginning of the carding cycle, and the athlete must have been a legal resident in Canada (student status, refugee status, work visa or permanent resident) for a minimum period of one year before being considered for AAP support.

Short Track Vs. Long Track

Athletes that decide to change programs (from Short Track to Long Track or vice versa) will be evaluated on the criteria of the program they are joining unless otherwise agreed by both HP Committees. In either event, the athlete must meet carding criteria. For an athlete changing programs and qualifying with the appropriate carding criteria, there will be a maximum number of

additional years at the respective carding level. For example, 3 additional years at Senior national level, 2 additional years at Development level.

Injury Cards

The High Performance Committees - Short Track or Long Track can add a skater to the National Team or Development Team according to past performances. A carded athlete who is the victim of an injury or illness which compromises his/her participation in a ranking meet may be nominated for carding based on the AAP policy on "Curtailed of Training and Competition for Health-related Reasons". For nomination purposes, the Athlete will be ranked at the same position as he/she was in the program in the previous year (e.g., Racing Team members, Top 16 at the Worlds, etc.) with the performance of the previous year.

An athlete will receive an injury card at the same level as the previous year except in the case of C1 card which will be awarded at the SR level.

Priorization Of The Cards

Cards are allocated in the following priority order:

1. Senior International cards;
2. Senior cards (including C1); and
3. Development cards - Junior
4. Development cards – Training Centre – Development Team
5. Development cards – Training Centre – Talent 2018

The number of cards for each program will be dependent on the number of cards at the Senior level that each program will qualify for. If, for Short Track and Long Track, more athletes qualifies than the total number of cards available (e.g. 66 for 2009-10), then the prioritization between programs at the Development Card Level (Development criteria and Training Centre criteria) will be based on the ratio of Senior level cards for each program. Please note that injury cards and Maintenance cards will count in the determination of ratio. Carding allocations will be reviewed by Sport Canada following the 2010 Olympic Games, therefore the number of cards allocated to Speed Skating Canada is subject to change.

Please note that if less athletes in a program qualify for carding than the number of cards in this program, then the unused cards will be transferred to the other program.

The balance of the 66 cards not allocated to National or Development Team athletes will then be allocated to the Talent 2018 Squad program.

SSC Support

Athletes who are selected to the SSC National Team but do not receive AAP carding support from Sport Canada will receive replacement funding from SSC at the 2010 / 11 Training Centre Card level of funding.

Athletes who are selected to the SSC Development Team but do not receive AAP carding support from Sport Canada will receive replacement funding from SSC at half the 2010 / 11 Training Centre Card level of funding.

SSC will only provide funding for living allowance. SSC will not provide any of the other AAP allowances such as tuition support. SSC may provide a maximum total of 4 years of support for a skater who does not receive AAP carding support.

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Senior International Card Criteria (SR1, SR2)

Criteria : Top 16 and top ½ of the qualification field in individual distance or top 8 and top ½ of the qualification field for Team Pursuit

Competitions: 2010 Winter Olympic Games (2010 WOG)

500m: From the cumulative time of the two 500m at the 2010 WOG

1000m: From the rank at the 2010 WOG

1500m: From the rank at the 2010 WOG

3000m: Only for Women, from the rank at 2010 WOG

5000m: From the rank at the 2010 WOG

10000m: Only for Men, from the rank at the 2010 WOG

Team pursuit: From the rank at the 2010 WOG (to be eligible under this criteria the athlete must have participated in at least the race that qualifies the team for the top 8 finish)

Athletes that qualify for carding under the Senior International criteria are eligible for two years of AAP support, with the card for the first year referred to as an SR1 Card and the card for the second year referred to as an SR2 Card. The second year is subject to the athlete being re-nominated by Speed Skating Canada, a training and competitive program approved by Speed Skating Canada and Sport Canada and signing the AAP application and SSC/Athlete agreement.

Senior National Card Criteria (SR, C1)

Senior National cards are intended to support athletes with the potential to reach Senior International card status. Athletes are expected to improve each year to maintain Senior National card level.

The nomination and acceptance of athletes will be determined as follows:

- 2010 Winter Olympic Games competitors, and athletes qualified on the official ISU listing (top 14 points ranking, top 10 time ranking) not including the reserve list
- 2010 World All Round Championships competitors plus the 1st alternate from the original selection competition (replacement skaters other than the 1st alternate will not be considered)
- 2010 World Sprint Championships competitors plus the 1st alternate from the original selection competition (replacement skaters other than the 1st alternate will not be considered)
- Skaters who are ranked in the top 28 of the ISU World Rankings
- Skaters selected to the National team at the discretion of the High Performance Committee on the basis of performance history, current performance indicators and future potential

An athlete is generally expected to be Senior National level carded (including C1 Card) for no more than five (5) years, at which time it would be expected that Senior International criteria have been met. Further carding at that time could be discussed based on the athlete's improvement, actual results over the carding period, future potential, etc.

Development Card

There are 2 types of criteria used to determine Development Cards.

These are:

1. Development criteria for junior skaters only
2. Training Centre criteria for junior and post junior skaters
3. Training Centre criteria for talent 2018 Squad

Speed Skating Canada will prioritize the nomination for Development Cards in the following priority order:

1. Development Criteria – Junior

Cards awarded, based on Development criteria – Junior, may be available for a period of 12 months for young athletes showing exceptional potential as demonstrated by their performances at the World Junior Championships

The nomination and acceptance of athletes will be based on consideration of the following:

- a) Athletes who placed in the top 8 and top 1/3 of the field in an individual distance, or overall, at the Junior World Championships. Note the 500m will be based on the combined 2 x 500m.

2. Training Centre criteria – Development Team

Training center cards may be available to junior and post junior skaters who demonstrate high performance potential.

Training Centre eligibility criteria:

1. Skaters who have previously been carded at Senior Level (including C1) for more than 2 years are not eligible to receive a TC Card.
2. Training Centre carding will be offered for a maximum total of three years at the post junior level. 6 month Training Centre cards will be valued at .5 years.

Development Team

Development Team skaters not already carded will be prioritized according to the following:

- a) Canadian Ranking per distance and gender for which they have been selected to the Development Team

For skaters with the same ranking they will then be compared on the basis of the percentage of their best time skated during the 2009 – 2010 season compared to the average time recorded by the 1st place finisher for the last 2 years in World Cup, World Championships, and Olympic Games or the last 4 years for 5000m women, 10000m men). Please note that the distances used are the Olympic distances. The competitions where these time standards can be achieved are: Canadian Championships, ISU World

Cups, International Competitions (including Canada Cup races, Can-Am races and the Oval Finale), or World Championships (only times recorded with an electronic timing system will be considered).

2. Training Centre criteria – Talent 2018 Squad

The Talent 2018 Squad will be prioritized as follows:

1. Skaters who have previously (during the last 3 seasons) represented Canada at the World Junior Championships and are not already selected to the National or Development teams. Skaters will be prioritized based on their 2009-10 Canadian Ranking.
2. Skaters who have competed at the Canadian Junior Championships during the last 5 seasons will be prioritized based on their 2009-10 Canadian Rankings.

For skaters with the same ranking they will then be compared on the basis of the percentage of their best time skated during the 2009 – 2010 season compared to the average time recorded by the 1st place finisher for the last 2 years in World Cup, World Championships, and Olympic Games or the last 4 years for 5000m women, 10000m men). Please note that the distances used are the Olympic distances. The competitions where these time standards can be achieved are: Canadian Championships, ISU World Cups, International Competitions (including Canada Cup races, Can-Am races and the Oval Finale), or World Championships (only times recorded with an electronic timing system will be considered).