



SSC 2010 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures

Short Track

Preamble:

It has been past practice within the Canadian short track program to have an Olympic selection process that was fully “open” in that the selection of Olympic team members was entirely the product of selection races held over a number of days within a specific period.

This process was accepted by the program and its athletes in that Canada for the longest time, was the dominant nation in the sport of short track speed skating and therefore, it was logical to have a selection process that was entirely “Canadian” system based and as open as possible due to the depth of our program.

The nature of our discipline is such that numerous factors (falls, disqualifications, equipment failure, injury, etc.) can lead to a selection outcome that does not necessarily select our best overall team and therefore jeopardizes our potential and probability of meeting the objective stated above. This is especially true in that the selection process that we utilize involves racing each distance a fairly extensive number of times (3) and therefore, the impact of these various factors can significantly affect the outcome of the process.

Now that the discipline is much more competitive across several nations, we have to look at a selection process that is more “protective” of our very best athletes, not only in terms of optimizing (or even securing) the probability of their selection to our Olympic team but also to allow the program and their coaches the optimal flexibility and individualization in the design of their training cycle in the Olympic year.

SSC has the “professional” accountability to construct a selection process that will optimize Speed Skating Canada’s probability of meeting the objective stated above therefore, the selection process proposed for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games has two new “elements” that we believe will help us deliver on the attainment of the objective stated above and allow us to fulfill our professional accountability to our best athletes who have invested numerous years of their lives to not only reach their goals but to help the organization reach its goals as a whole. This should not be simply left at the “mercy” of a single competition/series of races due to the nature of the discipline.

These elements are “pre-qualification” and discretionary selection.

Article 1 - Objective

- 1.1.** The objective of the selection policy and procedures is to select the maximum number of medal potential athletes for the Olympic team including the best possible relay team.

Article 2 – Eligibility Conditions

2.1 In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, the athlete must meet all of the following eligibility conditions:

- 2.1.1. Be a Canadian citizen;
- 2.1.2. Hold a valid Canadian passport that does not expire before September 28th, 2010
- 2.1.3. Meet the IOC citizenship and nationality criteria in order to be eligible;
- 2.1.4. Hold a duly valid membership according to the requirements of Article III-200 of Speed Skating Canada’s 2009-10 Procedures and Regulations and be a member in good standing;
- 2.1.5. Skaters must have signed the 2010 SSC Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures-short track in order to be considered;
- 2.1.6. Sign and submit the COC athlete agreement and the VANOC eligibility conditions form no later than January 18th, 2010

Article 3 – Qualification Period

The Qualification Periods for selection are the World Individual Short Track Championships to be held March 6-8, 2009 (Pre-selection phase) and the Olympic Selection Competition, Bell Short Track Team Selections, namely from August 9 to August 18, 2009.

Article 4 – Decision-making body

4.1 Constitution of body

The final decision making authority will be composed of the 3 elected members of Speed Skating Canada’s High Performance Short Track Committee, the Director of High Performance and Olympic Program, the Short Track Program Director and supplemented by the following individuals. If Conflict of Interest arises, the member in question will be removed from the process and replaced by the National Team Program Manager.

4.2 Authority

The individuals identified above have full and complete authority and accountability to apply the Internal Nomination Procedures contained herein to this policy in article 7 and 11 without any interference from any additional persons.

4.3 Conflict of Interest

In the exercise of the authority granted above, any and all members of the “Decision-making body” as described in article 4.1 above, have the obligation to apply Speed Skating Canada’s Conflict of Interest Policy (INT-400) in the exercise of their duties and as found at the following location: (http://www.speedskating.ca/client/cmsUploads/speed_skating/File/policies/en/INT400-ConflictofInterestPolicy.pdf).

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Article 5 – Appeals

- 5.1 Any appeals to the final nomination list must be filed according to Speed Skating Canada's Appeal Policy (RES-100) and as found at http://www.speedskating.ca/client/cmsUploads/speed_skating/File/policies/en/res100appeals_v4_000.pdf.

Article 6 – Amendments and Unforeseen circumstances

Amendments

Speed Skating Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best teams possible for the 2010 Olympic Games. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all high performance program athletes potentially eligible for the Olympic team nomination and any other potentially affected parties. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. In the event of a change to this document Speed Skating Canada shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of "NSF Speedskating Canada" that prevent the "Short Track High Performance Committee in charge of implementation" from fairly implementing these internal nomination procedures as written, the "Short Track High Performance Committee in charge of implementation" shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.

Article 7 - Subjective Criteria

The "NSF Speedskating Canada", through the authority granted in Article 4, is responsible for the nomination of athletes to the 2010 Canadian Olympic based on the recommendations of the Olympic coaching staff, the short track Program Director and the High Performance and Olympic Program Director. The Coaches shall be free to assign different weightings to the importance of factors considered in their decision making process as they deem appropriate to the goal of fielding the best possible Team for the 2010 Olympic Games.

The factors that will be considered include but are not exclusive to:

- 1) Make-up of team after first 4 selections as per INP i.e. to create the strongest team possible either in an individual distance or in the relay;
- 2) Past international experience and performance profile of athletes eligible;
- 3) Athlete commitment to his preparation during the Olympic season;
- 4) Current performance level/indicators of the athlete;

Article 8 – Announcements

The 2010 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures will be communicated directly to all athletes potentially eligible to participate in the selection process. The Policy will be posted on the Speed Skating Canada website under “High Performance/discipline/bulletins. As indicated herein, any amendments as per Article 6 of the 2010 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures will be communicated through the release of additional High Performance Bulletins specific to these changes.

Article 9 – Alternates

It is the intention of the High Performance Short Track Program to identify three alternates per gender following the 2010 Olympic Selection Trials in order to create a more optimal training group and to adequately prepare substitutes in the eventuality of an injury prior to the Games. These three alternates will be identified by the Decision making body identified in Article 4.2 following the subjective criteria identified in Article 7. The 2010 Olympic Selection Trials and will train as the “Olympic squad” right until the nomination deadline for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games as identified in 2.1.6 of this policy.

Substitutions after February 1st, 2010 are subject to VANOC’s Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Article 10 –International Federation (ISU) Olympic Winter Games rule 284

The IF rule specific to the discipline of short track and applicable to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games can be found at: <http://www.isu.org/vsite/vfile/page/fileurl/0,11040,4844-191971-209194-141143-0-file,00.pdf> page 80. In the event of a discrepancy, the original IF version will prevail. In the event of changes by the IF to the selection and eligibility criteria, Speed Skating Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the memberships soon as possible.

Article 11 – Internal nomination procedures (selection process)

11.1 SELECTION PHASE 1: PRE-SELECTION

Any athlete ranked in the Top 3 cumulatively after the first three distances (500, 1000, 1500) at the 2009 World Individual Short Track Championships to be held in Vienna, AUT from Mar. 6-8, 2009 will earn pre-selection to the 2010 Olympic team (max 1 athlete)

11.2 SELECTION PHASE 2: BELL SHORT TRACK TEAM SELECTIONS – August 9-18, 2009

Pacific Coliseum, PNE
Vancouver, BC

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If no skater is pre-selected from the 2009 World Short Track Championships, then the following procedure will be applied

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B			Next 1 best 500m cumulative ranking (best 2 of 3 races)
C & D	and C & D		Next 2 best based on overall classification (500m + 1000m; best 2 of 3 races per distance for the 2 dist.)
			5 th selection to be Olympic Selection Cte discretion

500m	1000m	1500m	
A/B	A/B	A/B	2 are selected
C			Next 1 best 500m cumulative ranking (best 2 of 3 races)
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500m	1000m	1500m	
A/B/C	A/B/C	A/B/C	3 are selected
D			Next 1 best 500m cumulative ranking (best 2 of 3 races)
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11.3 Provisional “Entries per distance”

In order to optimize the Olympic team athletes’ preparation, the Selection Committee will confirm the “entries per distance” as soon as possible following the qualification competitions (SOQCs) whereby CAN will earn it’s quotas/distance

In the case CANADA has earned 3 quota position in the distance, provisional "entry per distance" will be allocated as follows:

IF Pre-selection is in effect:

- Pre-selected skater in the distance
- The winner of the distance at the Trials
- Selection Committee confirmation/decision based on coaches' input/submission

If no pre-selection is in effect:

- Winner of the distance at Trials
- Second ranked in the distance at the Trials
- Selection Committee decision based on coaches' input

In the case CANADA has earned 2 quota position in the distance, provisional "entry per distance" will be allocated as follows:

IF Pre-selection is in effect:

- Pre-selected skater in the distance
- Selection Committee confirmation/decision based on coaches' input/submission

If no pre-selection is in effect:

- Winner of the distance at Trials
- Selection Committee decision based on coaches' input

11.4 Final entries-performance readiness at Games

Final entries at Games, in all instances, will always be dependent on the determination of the state of "performance readiness" of each individual athlete, based on input from the support team present at Games and the coaches' assessment of each athlete's preparation and performance status.

The final decision(s) will be made by the coaches, the Team Leader (and the Assistant Team Leader). In the eventuality that there is a "conflict of interest" in the final entries, the High Performance and Olympic Program Director will replace the member in conflict.

In the eventuality where unanimity can not be reached, the final decisions will be made by the Team Leader, the Assistant Team Leader and the High Performance and Olympic Program Director.

Entry Criteria

The Bell Short Track Team Selections will be restricted to 16 men and 16 women competitors in accordance with the following:

1. The top 14 skaters will be selected based on their best individual distance ranking during the 2008-09 season.
2. The HPCST has the absolute discretion to invite 2 additional men and women to complete the field of 16 at the Bell Short Track Team Selections. If the HPCST does not exercise any or all of this discretion then

any vacant starting positions (to a final total of 16 competitors) will be allocated based on best individual distance ranking during the 2008-09 season.

Note: Any ties between skaters will be broken by referring to the next best individual distance ranking during the 2008-09 season until the tie is broken.

If an eligible athlete is forced to withdraw due to illness, injury etc, prior to the first distance of the competition, their position will automatically be offered to the next eligible skater.

Schedule of races:

The schedule for the Bell Short Track Team Selections is:

Date	Races
August 9, 2009	1500m semis / finals 500m quarters / semis / finals
August 12, 2009	500m quarters / semis / finals 1000m quarters / semis / finals
August 15, 2009	1000m quarters / semis / finals 1500m semis / finals
August 17, 2009	500m quarters / semis / finals 1500m semis / finals
August 18, 2009	1000m quarters / semis / finals

Format:

The Trials will require skaters to compete in 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances. Each distance will be conducted 3 times during the 2010 Bell Short Track Team Selections and skaters will earn distance ranking points as follows:

Place	pts	Place	pts
1	1000	9	196
2	816	10	160

3	666	11	130
4	543	12	106
5	443	13	86
6	362	14	70
7	295	15	57
8	241	16	46

Each distance (500m, 1000m, 1500m) will be skated 3 times and the best 2 results per distance will be used to calculate the individual distance rankings. In the event of ties, the 3rd result per distance will be utilized to break the tie for an individual distance, as well as cumulative results. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined results will utilize the 3rd result for both the 500m and 1000m.

Seeding:

Seeding for the first round of the first 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances will be made on the basis of the skater's Canadian Ranking in each of these distances from the 2008 / 09 Canadian Rankings. If there is a tie, the skater/s with the best overall 2008 / 09 Canadian Ranking will be seeded higher.

Seeding for the first round of the second 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances will be made on the basis of the skater's finish position in each of the first 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances and their seeding for the respective distances from the 2008 / 09 Canadian Rankings. In the event of a tie in this average value, the skater with the highest finish position in the respective distance will be seeded higher.

For example: if a skater had a seeding of 4th for the first distance and had a finish position of 8th in the first distance, their average for seeding would be calculated as 6. This score is then ranked against the other skaters and a final seeding for the second 500m, 1000m and 1500m distance will be determined.

Seeding for the first round of the third 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances will be made on the basis of the skater's finish position in each of the first and second 500m, 1000m and 1500m distances. In the event of a tie in this average value, the skater with the best individual 2008 / 09 Canadian Ranking in that distance will be seeded higher.

For example: if a skater had a finish position of 4th for the first distance and had a finish position of 8th in the second distance, their average for seeding would be calculated as 6. This score is then ranked against the other skaters and a final seeding for the third 500m, 1000m and 1500m distance will be determined.

PLEASE NOTE: the HPC reserves the right to adjust seedings for all competitions to ensure the most fair and appropriate racing conditions for athletes who do not have a 2008 / 09 Canadian ranking or were not able to participate in all National Selection competitions from the 08-09 season.

Lane Positions

PLEASE NOTE lane positions will be determined as per ISU rule 296. For the first qualifying round, athlete seedings will be used to determine lane positions. For each subsequent round the lane position will be decided by the times skated in the preceding qualifying round in combination with the ISU competition points. Skaters will be assigned lane positions from the inside of the track to the outside in the order of their times commencing with the fastest time.

Composition of Semi-finals (1500m)

1500m	Semi-finals		
	A	B	C
Distance Seeding	1	2	3
	6	5	4
	7	8	9
	12	11	10
	13	14	15
			16

If starting numbers are reduced from 16, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

Composition of Finals (1500m)

Final A: 1st and 2nd of Semis A, B and C

Final B: 3rd and 4th of Semis A, B and C

Final C: Remaining skaters from Semis A, B and C

Composition of the Heats (500m and 1000m)

	500m and 1000m			
	A	B	C	D
	1	2	3	4

Distance seeding	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
	16	15	14	13

Composition of the Semi-finals (500m and 1000m)

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final rank 1-8 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU competition points from the heats as follows:

Placing in previous round: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

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	Semi - finals top bracket				
	A	B	C	D	
Rank from quarter finals	1	2	9	10	
	4	3	12	11	
	5	6	13	14	
	8	7	16	15	

Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 heats will be placed into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final rank 9-16) on the basis of a ranking derived from ISU competition points from the heats. Ties will be broken by referring to the times skated in the heats; the fastest time among those tied in points will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

Composition of the Finals (500m and 1000m)

Final A: Top 2 skaters from semi-final A and semi-final B

Final B: Remaining skaters from semi-final A and B

Final C: Top 2 skaters from semi-final C and semi-final D

Final D: Remaining skaters from semi-final C and D

Special Racing Rules:

Disqualifications, failure to finish, scratches:

In case of disqualification, failure to finish due to infraction, or scratches, the following rules will apply:

- i) disqualified skaters will receive the last place rank and seeding points in that race and be placed directly into the lowest bracket/race in the next round.
- ii) skaters who drop out before a race will receive the last place position, behind any skaters who might subsequently fail to finish due to infraction or be disqualified and receive the seeding points according to the final order in that distance
- iii) skaters who withdraw before the distance will receive no Rankings points for that distance and the distance will be Re-seeded
- iv) skaters who withdraw from a distance are permitted to continue in the competition for any subsequent distances.
- v) a skater who has not finished the race because of an infraction by another skater will receive their position ahead of any disqualified skaters.
- vi) An athlete who does not finish a race will not be allowed to start the following round of the distance unless an advancement is warranted according to the ISU World Cup procedures

Officials Decisions:

- a) If the referee feels there was an intentional or flagrant foul in any race during the competition, the disqualified skater will receive no points for that race and the last place points for the race will not be awarded in that final. Please note these points do not roll down to the first place finisher in the next final.

Example: If the intentional or flagrant foul was in final A of the 500m, the 4th place points (543 points) would be removed and the disqualified skater would receive 0 points. The 1st place finisher in final B still receives 443 points.

If it is felt by the referee that there is team skating going on, that official has the right to remove the points from those skaters involved in that race to encourage the fairest possible competition.

- b) If a skater retires from a race or the competition due to illness or injury, he/she will retain his/her finals points gained to that stage of the competition. For all other races where he/she does not participate, the skater will be seeded in the last position and receive no further Canadian Ranking Points for the distance/s.
- c) If a skater drops out before the heats (first round of racing) of any distance, the heats will be re-seeded as per the relevant procedures outlined above.
- d) In special circumstances where an athlete is not able to finish a race as a result of injury, the referee in consultation with the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and National Short Track Program Director) may decide to advance the athlete to the next round to ensure the most fair allocation of final ranking points.

Advancement

Advancement will be in accordance with the ISU World Cup procedures. In brief, advanced skaters will receive

seeding points as per their finish in the race from which they were advanced, and will be seeded into the next round of racing on the basis of these seeding points. Advanced skaters will not be seeded in any specified order; instead, their ranking after the previous round will determine which race they are seeded into for the subsequent round.

Classification / Ranking:

Skaters will be ranked in each individual distance (500m, 1000m, and 1500m).

If 1 skater is pre-selected from the 2009 World Short Track Championships, the remaining 4 selections for the Olympic Team will be based on Selection Phase 2: Bell Short Track Team Selections, August 9 – 18, 2009.

Women:

The winner of each individual distance (500m, 1000m, 1500m) will be selected for the Olympic Team. This process may result in the selection of 1, 2 or 3 athletes.

If only 1 athlete is selected as the winner of the 500m, 1000m and 1500m:

- the 3rd position will be selected as the 2nd highest ranked athlete in the 500m distance
- the 4th position will be selected as the highest ranked athlete based on the combined classification of the 500m and 1000m
- the 5th position will be selected at the complete discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee

If 2 athletes are selected as winner(s) of the 500m, 1000m and 1500m:

- the 4th position will be selected as the 2nd highest ranked athlete in the 500m distance
- the 5th position will be selected at the complete discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee

If 3 athletes are selected as winner(s) of the 500m, 1000m and 1500m:

- the 5th position will be selected at the complete discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee

Men:

The winner of each individual distance (500m, 1000m, 1500m) will be selected for the Olympic Team. This process may result in the selection of 1, 2 or 3 athletes.

If only 1 athlete is selected as the winner of the 500m, 1000m and 1500m:

- the 3rd position will be selected as the highest ranked athlete based on the combined classification of the 500m and 1000m
- the 4th position will be selected as the highest ranked athlete based on the combined classification of the 500m, 1000m and 1500m
- the 5th position will be selected at the complete discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee

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- the 5th position will be selected at the complete discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee

If 3 athletes are selected as winner(s) of the 500m, 1000m and 1500m:

- the 5th position will be selected at the complete discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee

If no skater is pre-selected from the 2009 World Short Track Championships, all athlete selections for the Olympic Team will be based on Selection Phase 2: Bell Short Track Team Selections, August 9 – 18, 2009.

Women:

The winner of each individual distance (500m, 1000m, 1500m) will be selected for the Olympic Team. This process may result in the selection of 1, 2 or 3 athletes.

If only 1 athlete is selected as the winner of the 500m, 1000m and 1500m:

- the 2nd position will be selected as the 2nd highest ranked athlete in the 500m distance
- the 3rd position will be selected as the highest ranked athlete based on the combined classification of the 500m and 1000m
- the 4th position will be selected as the highest ranked athlete based on the combined classification of the 500m and 1000m
- the 5th position will be selected at the complete discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee

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Bye Request

Due to exceptional circumstances (e.g. illness, injury) and through no fault of their own, a skater may not have the opportunity to compete for qualification or selection.

In this situation, the skater may be eligible to apply for a bye in accordance with the Bye Policy and procedures.

The basic philosophy for nominating an athlete by granting a Bye is that, all things being equal, the skater given the Bye has clearly demonstrated superior performances in previous competition compared to other skaters being considered for nomination.

A Bye request is considered as the last means by which a skater can earn nomination and is intended to provide for exceptional circumstances outside the normal selection criteria rather than being part of the normal means by which an athlete can earn selection.

If a skater is selected to the 2010 Olympic Games Team on the basis of a successful Bye request, they will be required to prove adequate levels of recovery, both from a medical perspective and a performance perspective. The determination of what constitutes adequate recovery will be made by the medical staff, coaching staff and team management and will be based upon an assessment of the skater's ability to perform at the same performance level that earned them selection to the 2010 Olympic Games Team. The final date for finalising such decisions is January 18th 2010.

Injury Replacements

If a skater is injured following their selection to the 2010 Olympic Games Team they will be required to prove adequate levels of recovery, both from a medical perspective and a performance perspective. The determination of what constitutes adequate recovery will be made by the medical staff, coaching staff and team management and will be based upon an assessment of the skater's ability to perform at the same performance level that earned them selection to the 2010 Olympic Games Team. The final date for finalising such decisions is January 18th 2010.

If a skater is subsequently deemed medically unfit to compete in the 2010 Olympic Games they may be replaced in accordance with the COC athlete replacement procedure, followed by the Competition Rule and Regulations that are applicable to the 2010 Olympic Games depending on the timeframe prior to the Games.

Appendix A

2010 Olympic Winter Games

Speed Skating Canada Athlete Nomination Agreement

(name of athlete)

I, the above athlete, consent to being considered for nomination by Speed Skating Canada (SSC) to the 2010 Canadian Olympic Team. In making this consent I acknowledge that:

1. I have been provided with a copy of the 2010 Olympic Selection Criteria – Short Track
2. The 2010 Olympic Selection Criteria – Short Track may be amended from time to time to account for unforeseen circumstances and/or in the best interests of enhancing Canada’s performance in the 2010 Olympic Games. I will be bound by the 2010 Olympic Selection Criteria – Short Track as amended and acknowledge that any such amendments will be posted to the SSC website and sent directly to all athletes who have qualified to compete in the 2010 Olympic Selection Trials or are otherwise eligible to be considered for selection to the 2010 Canadian Olympic Team.
3. I meet the “Eligibility Criteria” as listed in the 2010 Olympic Selection Criteria – Short Track
4. I agree to abide by all Policies and Procedures of SSC, including those additional policies and procedures as detailed in the SSC National Team Agreement (Appendix D).
5. In the event that SSC nominates me to the Canadian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2010 Canadian Olympic Team the COC Team Selection Committee may in its discretion refuse to accept the nomination of an athlete who, in the opinion of the COC Team Selection Committee, is not able to serve as an appropriate example to the sport youth of Canada as provided in the Olympic Charter.
6. If selected by the COC to the 2010 Canadian Olympic Team I will abide by all Policies and Procedures and any Team Rules that relate to participation in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games as a member of the 2010 Canadian Olympic Team and as provided to me by the COC.

Signature of athlete

Date

Witness

Witness signature