

2015 / 16 Short Track Selection Criteria

Nomination:

The High Performance Committee - Short Track will confirm the athletes who qualify for the 2015 / 16 National Team and Development Team respectively within 1 week of the HPCST's Annual Review meeting scheduled for April 25-26, 2015.

The HPCST will select athletes as detailed below. Additional athletes may be added on the basis of the athlete being awarded an injury card from the AAP or in special circumstances evaluated by the HPCST.

PLEASE NOTE: Selection to the National Team or Development Team is **provisional** until any and all bye requests have been resolved. The intention for the 2015-16 season is to carry only 6 athletes on the respective women's and men's national teams. Additions to this number will only be considered only under exceptional situations.

National Team Selection – 2015 / 2016 season

The 2015 /16 National Team will be selected on the basis of the following:

1. The 5 male and 5 female athletes selected for the 2015 World Short Track Speed Skating Championships.
2. The following athlete per gender ranked within the top 6 from the adjusted 2014-2015 final Canadian Senior Rankings following bye requests

Development Team Selection – 2015 / 2016 Season

The 2015 /16 Development Team will be selected on the basis of the following:

1. Junior athletes in their final year of junior eligibility who finish top 3 in the overall final classification at the 2015 Junior World Championships.
2. Junior athletes, excluding those in their final year of eligibility, finishing in the top 6 in the overall final classification at the 2015 Junior World Championships.
3. Athletes ranked 7 – 12 from the adjusted 2014/15 final Canadian Rankings following bye requests if no athletes were selected from the priorities 1 and 2 above. If athletes qualified as per selection process 1 and 2 above, the number of skaters selected via the rankings will be reduced by the number of skaters selected via performances at the Jr. World Championships to maintain a maximum of 6 athletes per gender named to the Development team.

4. The final two selections per gender (to a total of 8 per gender) will be discretionary nominations/selections by the HPCST. The discretionary selections will be based on the similar nomination/selection criteria that is used for discretionary selections for the final individual distance entries at World Short Track Championships (as defined, for example, in Bulletin #162).

- Long term potential for podium performances
- Past International performances (if applicable)
- National performances
- Training performance
- Readiness for competition
- Commitment to their current training program
- Assessment report from current coach(es)
- Physiological readiness for increased training

NOTE: Athletes who have been on a previous World Championship Team member for more than 3 years (consecutively or in total) are not eligible for selection as a Development Team member.

Normally, an athlete can remain a Development Team member for a maximum of four (4) years (consecutively or in total). Please note that any years that a junior-aged athlete is a member of the Development Team are not considered as part of this 4 year maximum.

Additional years of SSC Development Team status will be decided at the discretion of the HPCST on the basis of performance history, current performance indicators and development pathway based on SSC's LTPAD model. To be considered for SSC support an athlete must demonstrate improved or at least equivalent performance to that of the previous year.

Notification:

Athletes will be advised of their selection to either the National Team or Development Team immediately following confirmation by the HPCST at their Annual Review meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Selection to the National Team and Development Team are **provisional** until any and all bye requests have been resolved and commitments made by athletes to the 2015-16 team programs.

Confirmation of Team Membership:

Athletes have 7 days following the official announcement of the 2015 / 2016 Teams to confirm acceptance of their position on the Team by returning a signed copy of the athlete intent document and the SSC National / Development Team Athlete Agreement.

Confirmation of Team membership indicates a commitment by the athlete to participate fully in the National / Development Team program 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 Athlete Agreement.

If SSC does not receive signed confirmation from the athlete that they accept their position on the Team 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 approved in exceptional circumstances.

Replacement of Skaters:

Following confirmation to the 2015 –16 National Team, if an athlete subsequently withdraws from the National Team prior to the Fall World Cups Selection Competition of the 2015 / 2016 season, the next ranked Development Team skater **may** be elevated to National Team status. Consequently, the resulting vacancy on the Development Team **may** be filled by the next ranked skater from the 2014 / 15 final adjusted Canadian Sr. Rankings.

Similarly, following confirmation of the 2015-16 Development Team, if an athlete withdraws from the Development Team prior to the Fall World Cups Selection Competition of the 2015 / 2016 season, the resulting vacancy **may** be filled by the next ranked athlete from the 2014 / 15 final adjusted Canadian Rankings.

If an athlete withdraws from the National Team or Development Team after the Canadian Championship, **the vacancy on either team will not be filled.**

All replacements will be evaluated and determined by the HPC with consideration to individual development progress on the basis of performance history, current performance indicators with respect to SSC's LTPAD model, as well as program objectives and budgetary implications.