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Competitions Bulletin

The Competitions Bulletin is the technical package for the Canada West Short Track Championships, Canada East Short Track Championships and the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships. The Competitions Development Committee (CDC) of Speed Skating Canada (SSC) is responsible for the rules and regulations governing these competitions.

The CDC reserves the right to modify or change the enclosed guidelines in the event that there is clear evidence that any such changes are clearly in the best interest of the long-term development of participants and the growth of the sport. In the case of a change, competition organizers, skaters, coaches, officials, Branches and training centres will be advised as soon as possible.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following Bulletin outlines all specific technical regulations, eligibility criteria and competition formats for the following events:

- Canada West Short Track Championships and Canada East Short Track Championships
- Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships

Sanction

- All events listed shall be sanctioned as SSC Championships and will run in accordance with all SSC Policies, Procedures and Regulations.
- Unless clearly stated otherwise within this Bulletin, the Racing Rules of SSC, and where applicable, the ISU, shall be used.
- Programs and entry forms for SSC sanctioned competitions must contain the following notice, "Sanctioned by Speed Skating Canada".
- Participants in all events listed within this Bulletin must be deemed to be in good standing with SSC according to the By-Laws of the Corporation and be registered as Elite Skaters.

Facility Requirements

- An International ice surface (30m x 60m) is preferred for the Canada West Short Track Championships and Canada East Short Track Championships. An NHL (26m x 60m) ice surface will be considered.
- All facilities must meet current SSC safety guidelines.

Announcements

Announcements and entry forms must be sent electronically to the SSC Head Office a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Championships for approval.

The announcement and entry form for each SSC Championship event will be available on the SSC website and distributed electronically to all Branches and training centers a minimum of forty-five (45) days prior to the event.

Entries

Preliminary Entries - 19 days prior

- The Preliminary Branch Entry Forms are received by SSC.
- Includes all eligible skaters' information (Name, Gender, SSC#, Birth Date, Age Class, Club/Branch).
- An eligible skater is defined as any skater who has met the entry requirements and intends to accept a position on the Branch's team if selected by their Branch. A Branch may impose additional eligibility criteria on its skaters.

- Preliminary Entries do not require seed times.
- SSC sends the Preliminary Entries to the Competitors Steward / Meet Coordinator for verification of eligibility and entry into Meet Manager.
- Branches who know prior to the Preliminary Entry deadline of available positions are asked to advise SSC of the release of those positions as soon as possible.
- Forms will be sent to the Branches and will be available on the SSC website.

Notification – 14 days prior

- Where the Preliminary Branch Entry Form indicates a Branch's guaranteed positions that will not be filled, unused positions shall be reallocated as per the order of the Branch ranking list until all positions are filled. Branches will be notified of additional positions available at least fourteen (14) days prior to the competition start date.

Final Entries - 10 days prior

- Final entries are to be confirmed and submitted to the SSC office on the Branch Entry Form.
- Includes all qualified and confirmed skaters' information including all personal information listed above and all required seed times.

Replacement Skaters

- No skaters, replacement or otherwise, will be accepted after the Final Entry deadline.

Final entries are sent to the Competitors Steward / Meet Coordinator for verification of seed times and meet setup.

Preliminary Entries are due in the SSC Head office by:

- Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships (February 10-11, 2018) - **January 22, 2018**
- Canada West Short Track Championships (March 17-18, 2018) - **February 26, 2018**
- Canada East Short Track Championships (March 31-April 1, 2018) - **March 12, 2018**

Final Entries are due in the SSC Head office by:

- Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships - **January 31, 2018**
- Canada West Short Track Championships - **March 7, 2018**
- Canada East Short Track Championships - **March 21, 2018**

Citizenship requirements are outlined in the ISU Constitution and General Regulations June 2016 Rule 109.

Skater's Equipment

Each skater is responsible for ensuring that they are wearing all required equipment as stated in section D3-100 of the SSC Red Book. It is the shared responsibility of the Branch and the skater to ensure that all equipment meets these minimum specifications. Failure to wear any piece of required equipment shall result in a penalty/disqualification.

Video Replay

Video replay may be available at these events but it is not required. If video replay is on site, it will be used for Officials Development only and not for race review or referee decisions during the competition.

Medical

Medical guidelines and minimum requirements defined in Section D5-100 and D5-200 of the SSC Red Book must be adhered to. It is the responsibility of the Chief Referee to ensure that this occurs.

Training Sessions

Training ice will be made available to all participants on the day prior to the competition and will be indicated in the official announcement. Competition medical requirements must be met during the official training sessions.

Coaching

Branches will be allowed to accredit a maximum of four (4) coaches and one (1) team manager. Coaches must hold one of the following NCCP levels of certification in speed skating (as per B5-1002 in the SSC Red Book):

- Introduction to Competition
- Competition-Development
- Level 4/5

Exceptions are defined in section B5-1004 of the SSC Red Book. In accordance with B5-1006 of the SSC Red Book, each Branch will be allowed 2 (two) coaches per participating skater per race in the designated coaching area.

CANADA WEST SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS (MARCH 17-18, 2018 - ABBOTSFORD, BC)

CANADA EAST SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS (MARCH 31-APRIL 1, 2018 - LÉVIS, QC)

The Canada West Short Track Championships and Canada East Short Track Championships are intended to be the focal point of athlete preparation for skaters in the LTPAD Training to Train stage of development. These Championships provide meaningful, high profile and developmentally appropriate end of season events which are a source of motivation and an opportunity for recognition of the best developing skaters in Canada. These events will serve as a primary introduction to national competitions where skaters represent their Branch.

The events raced at the Canada West Short Track Championships and Canada East Short Track Championships reinforce the training objectives for skaters in the Training to Train stage of development.

As these Championships are the first opportunity for young skaters to participate in national level competition, it is important that it be a positive experience. Many parents may be wondering what the standard of skating is. Using the past 4 years of skating times the CDC has compiled the average winning times and 12th placed times from Canada West and Canada East championships. This table can be used as a guide in managing participation decisions and performance expectations.

	400m (1st)	400m (12th)	1500m (1st)	1500m (12th)
11F	42.5	48.2	174.0	193.3
12F	40.8	46.7	171.6	187.3
13F	40.6	45.5	170.8	184.0
14F	40.7	46.0	168.9	179.3
12M	39.9	45.4	162.4	180.5
13M	38.5	42.8	157.8	175.9
14M	37.8	41.2	162.0	169.3
15M	37.8	41.8	159.2	174.0

All times in seconds.

Eligibility

1. Each Branch will be allowed to enter a minimum of two (2) skaters per division. Skaters participating in the Canadian Junior Selections #2 will not be eligible to participate. Additional entries into each division will be determined by Branch based on earned positions, up to the maximum number of entries. Maximum number of entries per division:

Divisions	Male	Female
Boys 12, Girls 11	16	16
Boys 13, Girls 12	16	16
Boys 14, Girls 13	16	16
Boys 15, Girls 14	16	16

Earned Positions for 2018 Canada West Short Track Championships and Canada East Short Track Championships

Earned positions will be awarded in sequential order by Branch ranking to a maximum of 16 skaters per division. If the division is not full, open positions will be made available to Branches in sequential order starting with the Branch ranked below that with the last earned position. i.e. for 2018, the first reallocated position in the West is offered to NWT and in the East, New Brunswick.

Branches that did not participate in the previous year's Championship are not eligible for earned positions unless all other Branches have exhausted their entries. If necessary, the CDC will conduct a random draw to decide which non-ranked Branch is offered a vacant position first.

Positions continue to be offered to Branches in sequence until the maximum number of 16 is reached or no Branch has additional skaters which they would like to send.

The priority for receiving additional Branch positions was determined based on participation and overall Branch performance at the 2017 Canada West Short Track Championships and Canada East Short Track Championships.

The total points earned by the top two male and female skaters in each division, plus the best relay performance in each division were used to rank the Branches. This ranking determines the priority order for Branches to earn additional positions.

Branch earned positions are as follows for the 2018:

West	Min Entry	Earned	East	Min Entry	Earned
1. British Columbia	2	1	1. Quebec	2	1
2. Alberta	2	1	2. Ontario	2	1
3. Saskatchewan	2	1	3. New Brunswick	2	
4. Manitoba	2	1	4. PEI	2	
5. Northwest Territories	2		5. Nova Scotia	2	N/A
6. Yukon	2		6. Nunavut	2	N/A
			7. Newfoundland & Labrador	2	N/A

Events

The following events shall be raced:

Divisions	Distance	Skaters on Line
Boys 12 & 13, Girls 11 & 12	200m Pursuit Qualifier	1/side
	200m Mass Start Final	4
	400m	4
	1500m	6
	2000m Points Race	8
Boys 14 & 15, Girls 13 & 14	3000m Relay	4
	200m Pursuit Qualifier	1/side
	200m Mass Start Final	3
	400m	4
	1500m	6
	3000m Points Race	8
	3000m Relay	4

Program

The Championships will take place over a two (2) day period.

	Boys 12 & 13 Girls 11 & 12	Boys 14 & 15 Girls 13 & 14
Day 1	1500m Heats 200m Pursuit 1500m Finals 200m (Mass Start) Finals Relay Heats (Time Permitting)	1500m Heats 200m Pursuit 1500m Finals 200m (Mass Start) Finals Relay Heats (Time Permitting)
Day 2	400m 2000m Points Race Relay Finals	400m 3000m Points Race Relay Finals

Details pertaining to the allocation of points can be found in Appendix D. Information on round progressions and the composition of heats, semi-finals and finals can be found in Appendix A.

Seeding

All 200m, 400m, and 1500m events are seeded individually based on season best times in each event. Seed times must be completed on a 100m track at a sanctioned competition in the current season. If a skater does not have a seed time from the current year in a distance, the CDC will accept a time converted from the 111m track using a conversion formula. Any Branch requiring the formula should

contact the CDC. The 500m time on a 111m track shall be used to convert times for the 200m and 400m events.

Racing Formats and Special Regulations - General

1. Skaters who earn a position in the 1500m, 200m or 400m final and subsequently do not start (DNS), do not finish (DNF) or are penalized (PEN) in the final will receive final ranking points for the Final but are not eligible to receive a medal. Medals may be awarded to skaters in the B Final where applicable.
2. Skaters who earn a position in the super finals (i.e. 2000m or 3000m Points Race) and subsequently DNS in the final are not eligible to receive final points nor a medal. Skaters who DNF or are PEN are eligible to receive final points but not a medal.

Racing Formats and Special Regulations – 200m Pursuit / 200m Mass Start

1. A 200m Pursuit will be skated as the qualifying round for the 200m Mass Start Final.
2. Skaters will be seeded into 8 pairs based on the seed times submitted. The pairs will skate from slowest to fastest. In the case of an odd number of skaters, the lowest ranked skater will skate alone in Pair 1. Details pertaining to the composition of pairs can be found in Appendix A.
3. Skaters will be seeded into the 200m Mass Start Final based on the results of the Pursuit. The 200m Mass Start will be limited to 4 skaters per race for the T2T 11 & 12 Girls and the T2T 12 & 13 Boys, except in the case of a tie for the final position in the final. The T2T 13 & 14 Girls and the T2T 14 & 15 Boys will be limited to 3 skaters per race. The composition of finals can be found in Appendix A and B. In the case of tied skaters, the position on the line shall be determined by random draw.
4. The higher seeded skater in a pair shall start on the side of the Start/Finish line used for all other events and wear the red/blue arm band. The other skater wears the white/yellow armband.
5. All skaters will be marshalled on and off the ice in their groups. Skaters remain on the ice until all pairs have raced.
6. Use only the 3 center tracks.

**Best Practices for running the 200m Pursuit can be found in Appendix F.

Racing Formats and Special Regulations – 3000m Points Race

1. The 3000m Points Race will be the last individual event on the program. Skaters are to be seeded into this event based on the cumulative points earned in the 200m, 400m and 1500m distances. A maximum of eight (8) skaters will be allowed to start in each race. Each skater will be identified by their own helmet cover number. In the event of a tie for the final position in a final, the tie shall be broken by the skater's result in the 1500m.
2. Skaters will score points when they cross the line with 21, 14 and 7 laps remaining, as well as the finishing lap. Points are assigned as follows: 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 point. Double points will be awarded for the final lap.
3. The gun shall be fired when the lead skater has 7 laps remaining. Skaters who are lapped prior to the lead skater having 7 laps remaining must go to the centre of the ice. They will earn 0 points for

the remainder of the race. A skater is deemed to be lapped once overtaken by the lead skater. These lapped skaters shall retain all points earned earlier in the race. Skaters who are lapped following 7 laps remaining will continue to race and score points on the finishing lap.

4. If a skater eliminates the entire field the race will be declared over and that skater will earn 1st place points for all remaining point laps.
5. Final placing in the event will be determined by the total number of points earned by each skater in the race. Skaters who do not complete the final lap and are tied in points shall remain tied. Should skaters who complete the final lap finish with an equal number of points, the result on the final lap will be used to break the tie. A skater who completes the final lap and is tied in points with a skater who did not complete the final lap shall be placed ahead of the skater who did not complete the final lap. Skaters in the A final will receive Final Points for positions 1 through 8, skaters in the B final will receive Final Points for positions 9 through 16.
6. Penalized skaters shall receive no points for the race. Points earned by other skaters during the race will not be re-distributed. They will receive last place Final Points.
7. During the 3000m Points Race there will be a bell rung with 22, 15, 8 and 1 lap to go to indicate that the next lap is a points lap.
8. Should the Referee be required to stop a race for any reason and a restart is required, the number of laps to be completed shall be at the discretion of the Referee, however the Referee must allow skaters to complete at least three (3) laps prior to points being awarded. In the case of a stoppage, skaters will retain all points earned up to that point, unless the laps remaining require the last points earned to be raced for again. For example, if a race were stopped after 7 laps remaining and restarted with 11 laps to skate, the skaters would lose the last points earned in the first start (7 laps to go) and race for them again. Skaters who were removed from the race or penalized will not take part in the restart.

Racing Formats and Special Regulations – 2000m Points Race

1. The 2000m Points Race will be the last individual event on the program. Skaters are to be seeded into this event based on the cumulative points earned in the 200m, 400m and 1500m distances. A maximum of eight (8) skaters will be allowed to start in each race. Each skater will be identified by their own helmet cover number. In the event of a tie for the final position in a final, the tie shall be broken by the skater's result in the 1500m.
2. Skaters will score points when they cross the line with 14 and 7 laps remaining, as well as the finishing lap. Points are assigned as follows: 34, 21, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 point. Double points will be awarded for the final lap.
3. The gun shall be fired when the lead skater has 7 laps remaining. Skaters who are lapped prior to the lead skater having 7 laps remaining must go to the centre of the ice. They will earn 0 points for the remainder of the race. A skater is deemed to be lapped once overtaken by the lead skater. These lapped skaters shall retain all points earned earlier in the race. Skaters who are lapped following 7 laps remaining will continue to race and score points on the finishing lap.
4. If a skater eliminates the entire field the race will be declared over and that skater will earn 1st place points for all remaining point laps.

5. Final placing in the event will be determined by the total number of points earned by each skater in the race. Skaters who do not complete the final lap and are tied in points shall remain tied. Should skaters who complete the final lap finish with an equal number of points, the result on the final lap will be used to break the tie. A skater who completes the final lap and is tied in points with a skater who did not complete the final lap shall be placed ahead of the skater who did not complete the final lap. Skaters in the A final will receive Final Points for positions 1 through 8, skaters in the B final will receive Final Points for positions 9 through 16.
6. Penalized skaters shall receive no points for the race. Points earned by other skaters during the race will not be re-distributed. They will receive last place Final Points.
7. During the 2000m Points Race there will be a bell rung with 15, 8 and 1 lap to go to indicate that the next lap is a points lap.
8. Should the Referee be required to stop a race for any reason and a restart is required, the number of laps to be completed shall be at the discretion of the Referee, however the Referee must allow skaters to complete at least three (3) laps prior to points being awarded. In the case of a stoppage, skaters will retain all points earned up to that point, unless the laps remaining require the last points earned to be raced for again. For example, if a race were stopped after 7 laps remaining and restarted with 11 laps to skate, the skaters would lose the last points earned in the first start (7 to go) and race for them again. Skaters who were removed from the race or penalized will not take part in the restart.

Racing Formats and Special Regulations – Relay

1. All skaters are eligible to skate the Relay.
2. Relay teams will be formed from within age categories as follows:

Male	12 & 13	14 & 15
Female	11 & 12	13 & 14

3. Teams may be comprised of three (3) or four (4) skaters. Branches may elect to name five (5) skaters to a team and race four (4). Only those skaters who participate in a Heat or Final are eligible for a medal.
4. Branches with sufficient skaters must enter their respective Branch teams. Branches with insufficient skaters and those with extra skaters are encouraged to combine them with skaters of another Branch to form a team with the goal that all skaters be provided an opportunity to skate the relay. Inter-Branch teams are eligible for medals.
5. No skater may be a member of more than one (1) Relay team.
6. Teams must be submitted by the Branch Coach or Team Leader to the Host Organizing Committee the evening before the event with changes accepted up to the end of warm-up on the day of the Relay event.
7. Teams will be seeded into Heats based upon the cumulative 400m seed times of all skaters listed on the team. The cumulative time will then be divided by the number of skaters on the team and that

shall constitute the Team Seed time. Relays will be reseeded if a team changes before the first round.

8. Teams will advance directly from Heats to Finals. Only the top eight (8) teams plus advancements will skate in the Finals. Time permitting, Heats and Finals will not be held on the same day. If necessary, Heats and Finals will both run on Sunday.
9. Final ranking for teams not skating Finals will be determined by their placing in Heats.

Results and Awards

Overall, relay and individual distance results and awards shall be awarded in accordance with the guidelines for SSC Championships.

All individual and Relay awards shall be awarded at the venue immediately following each day of racing.

Individual distance medals will be provided by SSC.

Overall Champion awards are to be purchased by the Host Organizing Committee.

The top Ranked and the Most Improved Branch will be recognized at the conclusion of the competition.

Branch Rankings

Throughout the competition each Branch will earn points based on the results of their skaters or teams in each event. Points will be allocated based on the Final Points system (see Appendix D), and added together as follows to produce a final ranking:

Individual Events: Total overall points earned by the top two finishers from each Branch, in each category.

Relay: Branch ranking points will be awarded to teams comprised of a single Branch. At the conclusion of the race all teams are ranked. Only the points awarded to the best placed team from each Branch count towards the Branch rankings. (Example: Branch A finishes 1st, 2nd and 3rd, they receive 1000 points; Branch B finishes 4th, they receive 543 points.)

Social Activities

A banquet/reception shall be held on Friday (preferred) or Saturday evening.

CANADIAN AGE CLASS LONG TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS (FEBRUARY 10-11, 2018 – QUÉBEC CITY, QC)

The Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships is intended to be the focal point of athlete preparation for skaters in the Training to Train stage of development. The Age Class Championships provide a meaningful, high profile and developmentally appropriate event which is a source of motivation and opportunity for recognition of the best developing long track skaters in Canada. This event will serve as a primary introduction to national competitions where skaters represent their Branch in competition.

The events at the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships focus on providing a positive learning environment which reinforces the training objectives for skaters in the Training to Train stage of development.

Events will include a combination of mass start, Olympic style and team events.

Duration

The event shall take place over two (2) days, preceded by one (1) day available for practice.

Equipment

Required equipment for Mass Start races at this competition shall conform to Rule D3-300/D3-301 “Long Track Mass Start Competition”.

Required equipment for Olympic Style races at this competition shall conform to Rule D3-200 “Long Track Olympic Style Training and Competition”.

The Team Pursuit is considered an Olympic style event.

The Dave Thompson Memorial Race safety equipment requirements shall conform to Rule D3-300/D3-301. Please note that all skaters, will be required to wear a helmet as per D3-301.

Eligibility

Each Branch will be allowed to enter a minimum of one (1) skater per division. Additional entries into each division will be determined by Branch based on earned positions, up to the maximum number of entries. Maximum number of entries per division:

Division	Male	Female
Boys 12, Girls 11	18	18
Boys 13, Girls 12	18	18
Boys 14, Girls 13	18	18
Boys 15, Girls 14	18	18

Earned Position for 2018 Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships

Earned positions will be awarded in sequential order by Branch ranking to a maximum of 18 skaters per division. If the division is not full, open positions will be made available to Branches in sequential order starting with the Branch ranked below that with the last earned position i.e. for 2018, the first reallocated position will be offered to Manitoba.

Branches that did not participate in the previous year's Championship are not eligible for earned positions unless all other Branches have exhausted their entries. If necessary, the CDC will conduct a random draw to decide which non-ranked Branch is offered a vacant position first.

Positions continue to be offered to Branches in sequence until the maximum number of 18 is reached or no Branch has additional skaters which they would like to send.

The priority for receiving additional Branch positions was determined based on participation and overall Branch performance at the 2017 Canadian Age Class Long Track Championship.

The total overall points earned by the top two male and female skaters in each division, plus the best Relay performance in each division at the 2017 Canadian Age Class Long Track Championship were used to rank the Branches. This ranking determines the priority order for Branches to earn additional positions.

Branch earned entries are as follows for the 2018 Canadian Age Class Long Track Championships:

Branch	Min Entry	Earned	Branch	Min Entry	Earned
Alberta	1	1	New Brunswick	1	N/A
Québec	1	1	Newfoundland & Labrador	1	N/A
British-Columbia	1	1	Northwest Territories	1	N/A
Ontario	1	1	Nunavut	1	N/A
Saskatchewan	1	1	Prince Edward Island	1	N/A
Manitoba	1		Yukon	1	N/A
Nova Scotia	1				

Program/Events: (The program shall include the following events)

Division	Day 1	Day2
Girls 11, Boys 12	Mass Start 300m Mass Start 3000m Final 3 Lap Team Pursuit	Olympic Style 500m Mass Start 1500m Super Final
Girls 12, Boys 13	Mass Start 300m Mass Start 3000m Final 3 Lap Team Pursuit	Olympic Style 500m Mass Start 1500m Super Final
Girls 13, Boys 14	Mass Start 300m Mass Start 3000m Final 5 Lap Team Pursuit	Olympic Style 500m Olympic Style 1500m
Girls 14, Boys 15	Mass Start 300m Mass Start 3000m Final 5 Lap Team Pursuit	Olympic Style 500m Olympic Style 1500m

At the conclusion of Day 2, all skaters will have the option of participating in the Open Mass Start 5000m Dave Thompson Memorial Race(s).

All ISU racing rules apply. Seeding for each distance will be based upon submitted season best times*. In the instance where no times are submitted, skaters will be seeded last. Quartets may be conducted for all distances of 1500m or greater. *Seed times may be from indoor or outdoor competitions.

Racing Formats - Olympic Style Events

Seed times for the 500m and 1500m Olympic Style must be submitted on the official SSC entry form.

Racing Formats – 300m Mass Start Event

Seed Times for the 300m Mass Start must be submitted on the official SSC entry form.

The Heat composition and round progression shall be the same as used in Short Track. Skaters will be seeded into Heats based on their season best times.

If the racing lane is less than or equal to 6m wide, a maximum of 6 skaters will be placed on the line for any given race. If the track is greater than 6m wide, a maximum of 7 skaters will be allowed. (See Appendix C)

Racing Formats – 1500m Mass Start Super Final

Ranking for the 1500m Mass Start event will be based on points earned from the 300m, 500m and 3000m events. There will be a maximum of 9 skaters per final.

Racing Format - 3000m Mass Start Event (ISU Rule 253)

For the 3000m Mass Start event, a maximum of 18 skaters will start the race, with a maximum of 6 skaters in each row. The start positions will be based on the rankings from the 300m event.

Racing Format - Open Mass Start 5000m Dave Thompson Memorial Race(s). (ISU Rule 253)

1. For the Dave Thompson Memorial Races there will be no limit on the number of skaters allowed to start the race.
2. The competition organizers will collect the names of those skaters wishing to participate at the end of the first day of skating.

3. Skaters may be divided into 2 separate races depending on the number of skaters. (Girls 11-12 and Boys 12-13) and (Girls 13-14 and Boys 14-15).
4. An award will be presented to the first skater crossing the finish line in each race.

Racing Formats - Team Pursuits

1. Team Pursuits shall be skated on the inner racing lane.
2. Team Pursuit teams will be formed from within age categories as follows with all skaters being eligible to participate:

Male	12 & 13	14 & 15
Female	11 & 12	13 & 14

3. Branches with sufficient skaters must enter Branch teams of 3 or 4 members. Branches with insufficient skaters or with extra skaters have the option of combining with skaters of another Branch to form a team and are eligible for medals.
4. No skater may be a member of more than one Team Pursuit team.
5. All Team Pursuits will be conducted as a final.
6. Teams must be submitted by the Branch Coach or Team Leader to the Competitors Steward / Recorder or Host Organizing Committee the evening before the event with changes accepted up to the end of the warm-up the day of the event.
7. A minimum of three (3) skaters to a maximum of four (4) skaters may take part in the Team Pursuit.
8. In the case of the Team Pursuit, the third skater on the team to complete the distance will determine the finishing time for the team.
9. Two Team Pursuit teams will race at a time.

Results and Awards

Overall and individual distance results and awards shall be awarded in accordance with the guidelines for SSC Championships. Final points will be awarded for both Mass Start and Olympic Style events to determine the overall results of skaters.

All individual and Team Pursuits shall be awarded at the venue immediately following each day of racing.

Individual distance medals will be provided by SSC.

Overall Champion awards and first place award for each of the two Open Mass Start 5000m Dave Thompson Memorial Races are to be purchased by the Host Organizing Committee.

The top Ranked Branch and most improved Branch will be recognized at the conclusion of the competition.

Branch Rankings

Throughout the competition each Branch will earn points based on the results of their skaters or teams in each event. Points will be allocated based on the Final Points (Appendix D) and added together as follows to produce a final ranking:

Individual Events: Total overall points earned by the top two finishers from each Branch, in each division.

Team Pursuit: Branch ranking points will be awarded to teams comprised of a single Branch. At the conclusion of the race all teams are ranked. Only the points awarded to the best placed team from each Branch count towards the Branch rankings. (Example: Branch A finishes 1st, 2nd and 3rd, they receive 1000 points; Branch B finishes 4th, they receive 543 points.)

Social Activities

A banquet/reception shall be held on Friday (preferred) or Saturday evening.

APPENDIX A - COMPOSITION OF RACES

Applicable to the following meets:

- Canada West Short Track Championships / Canada East Short Track Championships
- Canadian Age Class Long Track Championship Mass Start events

All skaters shall be seeded in order of their seed time for each individual distance unless otherwise specified. Entry times must have been skated during the current skating season at a sanctioned competition.

Lane positions will be determined as per ISU Rule 296. For the first qualifying round of the first distance lane positions will be drawn by the Competitors Steward through a random computer draw.

For each subsequent round the lane position will be decided by the times skated in the preceding qualifying round. 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.

PLEASE NOTE, if starting numbers are reduced from eighteen (18) CACLT or from sixteen (16) CWST-CEST, the Technical Representative, Chief Referee, Competitors Steward and Competition/Event Coordinator will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure fair racing conditions.

Composition of the Heats (6 or 7 skaters on the line) if 18 (CACLT)

A	B	C
1	2	3
6	5	4
7	8	9
12	11	10
13	14	15
18	17	16

Composition of Finals (6 skaters on the line) if 18

Final A	1 st and 2 nd from the Heats
Final B	3 rd and 4 th from the Heats
Final C	Remaining skaters from the Heats

Composition of Finals (7 skaters on the line) if 18

Final A	1 st , 2 nd + Fastest skater of the 3 rd from the Heats
Final B	Remaining 3 rd + 4 th and the 2 fastest 5 th from the Heats
Final C	Remaining skaters from the Heats

Composition of the Heats (6 skaters on the line) if 16 (CWST-CEST)

A	B	C
1	2	3
6	5	4
7	8	9
12	11	10
13	14	15
		16

Composition of Finals (6 skaters on the line) if 16

Final A	1 st and 2 nd from the Heats
Final B	3 rd and 4 th from the Heats
Final C	Remaining skaters from the Heats

Composition of Heats (4 skaters on the line) if 16

A	B	C	D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13

Top Bracket

The top two (2) skaters from each of the four (4) Heats will be placed into the top two (2) Semi-finals (A, B; final rank 1-8 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the 1st round).

Bottom Bracket

All other skaters (final rank 9–16) will be placed into the Semi-finals C and D.

In the case of 5 skaters moving to the C and D Semi-finals, the C and D Semi-finals will be eliminated and the 5 skaters will move directly to the C Final.

Composition of Semi-finals (4 skaters on the line) if 16

Seeding for the Semi-final of the 400m will be first by place and then by time skated in the previous round of racing. Ties will be broken by the highest original seeding for the distance. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

A Semi	1 st fastest winner, 4 th fastest winner, 1 st fastest 2 nd , 4 th fastest 2 nd .
B Semi	2 nd fastest winner, 3 rd fastest winner, 2 nd fastest 2 nd , 3 rd fastest 2 nd .
C Semi	1 st fastest 3 rd , 4 th fastest 3 rd , 1 st fastest 4 th , 4 th fastest 4 th .
D Semi	2 nd fastest 3 rd , 3 rd fastest 3 rd , 2 nd fastest 4 th , 3 rd fastest 4 th .

Composition of Finals (4 skaters on the line) if 16

Final A	1 st and 2 nd from Semis A and B
Final B	Remaining skaters from Semis A and B
Final C	1 st and 2 nd from Semis C and D
Final D	Remaining skaters from Semis C and D

Composition of 200m Pursuit Pairings

Pair	Skaters	
1	15	16
2	13	14
3	11	12
4	9	10
5	7	8
6	5	6
7	3	4
8	1	2

Composition of 200m Mass Start Finals (3 skaters on the line) if 16

Final A	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd fastest from the Pursuits
Final B	Next 3 from the Pursuits
Final C	Next 3 from the Pursuits
Final D	Next 3 from the Pursuits
Final E	Remaining skaters from the Pursuits

In the case of a tie in the Pursuit, the tied skaters will advance to the same final and all remaining skaters will be moved up one position. e.g. In the case of a tie for 6th place, both 6th place skaters will advance to Final B. Starting position for the tied skaters will be determined via a draw.

Composition of 200m Mass Start Finals (4 skaters on the line) if 16

Final A	1 st , 2 nd 3 rd and 4 th fastest from the Pursuits
Final B	Next 4 from the Pursuits
Final C	Next 4 from the Pursuits
Final D	Remaining skaters from the Pursuits

In the case of a tie in the Pursuit, the tied skaters will advance to the same final and all remaining skaters will be moved up one position. e.g. In the case of a tie for 8th place, both 8th place skaters will advance to Final B. Starting position for the tied skaters will be determined via a draw.

Composition of Relay Heats with 12 Teams

A	B	C
1	2	3
6	5	4
7	8	9
12	11	10

Composition of Relay Heats with 16 Teams

A	B	C	D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13

Composition of Relay Finals with 16 Teams or less

Final A	Rank 1 – 4 after Heats
Final B	Rank 5 – 8 after Heats

Teams penalized in the Heat will not be allowed to skate in the Finals.

Special Racing Rules:

Penalties, failure to finish, scratches:

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

1. Penalized 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.
2. Skaters who drop out before a race will receive the last place position, behind any skaters who might subsequently fail to finish or be penalized and receive the seeding points according to the final order in that distance.
3. Skaters who withdraw before the distance will receive no ranking points for that distance and the distance will be re-seeded.
4. Skaters who withdraw from a distance are permitted to continue in the competition for any subsequent distances.
5. A skater who does not finish the race will receive their position ahead of any penalized skaters.
6. 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.

APPENDIX B - MATRICES

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4 skaters on the line							# of Races	
** Eliminate the round and go straight to 1 Final if 5 skaters in the round								
# of Skaters	Heats		Semis		Finals			
		Advance		Advance				
9 - 12	3	2 + 2	2	2 + 0	3	A B	C	8
13 - 16	4	2 + 0	2	2 + 0	4	A B	C D**	12
			2	2 + 0**				

6 skaters on the line							# of Races
# of Skaters	Heats		Finals				
		Advance					
7 - 12	2	3 + 0	2	A B			4
13 - 16	3	2 + 0	3	A B C			6

200m Pursuits (2 skaters on the line) / 200m Mass Start (3 skaters on the line)							# of Races
* 4 skaters on the line							
# of Skaters	Pursuits		Finals				
		Advance					
16	8	3 + 0	5	A B C D E*			13

200m Pursuits (2 skaters on the line) / 200m Mass Start (4 skaters on the line)							# of Races
# of Skaters	Pursuits		Finals				
		Advance					
16	8	4 + 0	4	A B C D			12

Relays							# of Races
# of Teams	Heats		Finals				
		Advance					
5 - 8	2	2 + 0	2	A B			4

APPENDIX C - CANADIAN AGE CLASS LONG TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

6 skaters on the line							# of Races	
# of skaters	Heats			Finals				
		Advance						
7 - 12	2	3 + 0		2	A	B	4	
13 - 18	3	2 + 0		3	A	B	C	6

7 skaters on the line							# of Races	
# of skaters	Heats			Finals				
		Advance						
8 - 14	2	3 + 1		2	A	B	4	
15 - 18	3	2 + 1		3	A	B	C	6

APPENDIX D - FINAL POINTS – SHORT TRACK AND LONG TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships will be decided on the basis of points accumulated in the individual events.

The points shall be awarded based on final placing in each individual event as follows:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	1000	11	130	21	15	31	0.5
2	816	12	106	22	12	32	0
3	666	13	86	23	9		
4	543	14	70	24	7		
5	443	15	57	25	5		
6	362	16	46	26	4		
7	295	17	37	27	3		
8	241	18	30	28	2		
9	196	19	24	29	1.5		
10	160	20	19	30	1		

A tie for 1st 1000 points each, the next skater 666 points

A tie for 2nd 816 points each, the next skater 543 points

A tie for 3rd 666 points each, the next skater 443 points

A tie for 4th 543 points each, the next skater 362 points etc.

If there are skaters advanced into a Final the points the last place skater(s) will receive are the points of the 1st place, 2nd place, etc. of the following final. The rest of the points will be adjusted accordingly.

APPENDIX E - OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTAL OBJECTIVES ASSOCIATED WITH CANADA WEST SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS / CANADA EAST SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CANADIAN AGE CLASS LONG TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

100m Track

The purpose of the 100m track is to provide skaters with a track which is proportional to both the size of skaters (*Racing on Skates, Table V*) and their speed (*Racing on Skates, Table W*). In the straightaway skaters should be able to replicate stride frequency of elite speed skaters, while in corners the angle of lean resulting from the tighter radius is comparable to the lean required of elite international skaters. Both variables aim to increase the specificity of learning and emphasize technical proficiency when racing.

The smaller track also aims to increase room for passing and enhance safety by increasing the deceleration zone for skaters falling. The deceleration zone is most significantly increased between the 3rd & 5th blocks.

SSC has chosen to use the 100m track for the Canada West Short Track Championships / Canada East Short Track Championships as it is considered developmentally appropriate for the majority of skaters based on the size and speed of skaters. Under ideal conditions the transition from 100m to 111.12m track would be determined exclusively based on the size and speed of each individual skater.

Coaching Tips:

- Ensure that each skater's bend and rocker are adjusted for a 7m corner radius, taking into account the strength and maximal speed of skaters.
- Emphasize skating technique in training as tighter corners require and shorter straightaways require a much greater level of technical proficiency to execute successfully.
- Increased angles of lean in the corners will require skaters to have greater strength, ensure off-ice training provides for appropriate strength development to account for these demands.
- Make use of the additional space to practice different track patterns & passing techniques.
- Vary track sizes in training based on the training objective. Varying tracks will increase skater's special awareness and ability to adapt to varying conditions in race situations.

200m Pursuit

The purpose of the 200m Pursuit is to reinforce the development of a skater's maximal speed and acceleration during the window of trainability for speed. This event was initially introduced as a 100m pursuit event; however, it was noted that many skaters were "running" on the ice and not achieving efficient technique. Rapid acceleration and maintenance of speed is the primary objective of this event. There are two key determinants to athlete performance which can be measured and tracked as part of this event – skater acceleration, measured by recording the split time for either the 1st 50m or 100m, and a skater's maximum speed which can be recorded by using the time over the final 100m of this event.

Coaching Tips:

- Train speed at the start of practice sessions when the body is rested so as to elicit an appropriate neurological response.
- Recent trends in training indicate that speed training should be incorporated in small doses into every training session as part of the warm-up.
- Practice starting from different positions on the starting line to develop an optimal trajectory for starting.
- A "board-to-board" track pattern which requires little or no pivot will allow skaters to carry the most speed around the corner in this event.

2000m and 3000m Points Race

The 2000m and 3000m Points Race is an event designed to focus on the development of skaters' aerobic power and tactical skills. The regular sprint intervals provide skaters with repeated opportunities to attempt specific tactics within a single event providing real time feedback on the effectiveness of strategies with an opportunity to adapt prior to the next sprint. In this event skaters develop spatial awareness relative to other skaters and must also work on acceleration skills when preparing for 'attacks'.

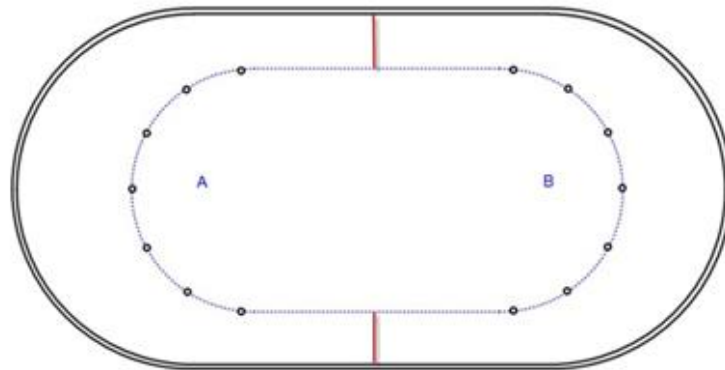
Coaching Tips:

- Develop signals for skaters to provide direction within this race.
- Experiment with different strategies to manage the pace of the race, use lap and split times as a means to measure an athlete's capacity and develop specific race strategies.
- Ensure that skaters are comfortable skating in large packs and changing positions in training for this event.
- Develop different track patterns based on what a skater's objective is in this race.
- Train skaters on how to initiate 'attacks' from both within the pack and from the front.

APPENDIX F – BEST PRACTICES FOR THE 200M PURSUIT

200m Pursuit Race

1. Use only the three (3) center tracks.
2. When skaters arrive on the ice they report to the Referee at the blue line behind the start(A). When they finish they report to the Referee standing at the other blue line (B). These locations keep the skaters clear of the start and finish and out of the way of the other Referees.



3. A speaker at the centre ice or on each side of the ice allows each skater to hear the start signal at the same time.
4. Three (3) Timers will be positioned on each side of the rink and will be assigned the skater on their side. One of the three (3) shall be designated the Chief Timer.
5. Two Line Judges and a Recorder will be recruited to assist with the communication of times and position to the Announcer. One shall be on the far side of the rink next to the Timers.
6. As soon as the official time is recorded on the side of the rink across from the Announcer, it shall be communicated to the Line Judge who shall communicate the time to the Recorder on the far side of the rink and next to the Announcer.
7. The second Line Judge will also receive the official time from the Timers and communicate it to the Recorder.
8. The Recorder shall record both times and relay them to the Announcer along with the position in which each skater has moved and the time that the remaining skaters must now beat to move into first place.
9. After the final skaters have raced, the Recorder shall provide the Announcer with the final placings to be announced before the skaters leave the ice.

APPENDIX G – BEST PRACTICES FOR THE 3000M AND 5000M MASS START

1. The competition track is laid out without separate racing lanes. The track may include the warm up lane.
2. The start takes place in the middle of the finishing straight (at the 1000 m finishing line on standard tracks). Competitors shall line up for the start in rows, with maximum 6 skaters in each row, and with at least 1m between the rows.
3. The positions at the start are determined by a seeding of the skaters on their 500m OS time for the 3000m Mass Start events and their 3000m times for the 5000m event.
4. When all Competitors have lined up behind the starting line, the Starter gives the command "Ready" and fires the starting gun. Skaters moving forward and out of their starting row before the shot is fired, will be disqualified.
5. During the first lap of skating it is not allowed to accelerate to gain a better position in the pack. A breach of this rule will lead to a disqualification. If a crash involving a large part of the skaters occurs during this first lap, the race shall be stopped by a whistle or a shot from the Starter, and a fresh start will follow immediately. When one lap has been completed, a distinctive sound signal (for example a shot from the starting gun) shall be given. From this moment on skaters are allowed to accelerate to get a better position.
6. Lap scoring will be conducted as prescribed in ISU Rule 219. The first lap (without accelerations) counts as part of the distance to be skated.
7. The finish of the race will be at the finishing line (for the 500m) at the end of the finishing straight.
8. At the discretion of the Referee, lapped skaters may be required to abandon the race.