

# **SPEED SKATING CANADA HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETIN**



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### **HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETINS**

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

The HPCST 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 HPCST.

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# 2012 World Junior Championship

## **Eligibility:**

A Junior skater is a skater who has reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2011. (ISU Rule #108)

## **Team Composition:**

The 2012 Junior World Short Track Championships Team will be composed of 4 women and 4 men

## **Selection Procedures:**

For the World Junior Championship, athletes will be selected on the basis of results from the 2011/12 Canadian Junior Championships, pre-selection and byes as described below

### **Tie break**

Ties in the final ranking will be broken by using the best ranked athlete in the Super 1500m race.

### **Pre-Selection:**

Skaters who have earned selection to a Fall World Cup team in the 2011 / 12 season may be pre-selected to the 2012 Junior World Championship Team. A maximum of 2 athletes per gender may be pre-selected to the 2012 World Junior Championships.

### **Individual distances:**

The top three athletes selected to the World Junior Championship team will compete in the individual distances. Those skaters who have been pre-selected to the team, will be considered as the top athletes and will automatically occupy these positions.

### **Bye**

An athlete may apply for a Bye to obtain a specific place on the World Junior Team. A Bye provides the opportunity to be selected to a team for an athlete who, due to exceptional circumstances and through no fault of their own, is unable to qualify for the team through the normal selection event(s). The basic philosophy for granting a Bye to the World Junior Team is that the skater being given the Bye has demonstrated superior performance in a senior national or junior international event than other athletes being considered for selection.

### **Naming of Team**

Once the HPCST has finalized the team, SSC will formally announce the selection by posting the team list on the SSC website. Every effort will be made to ensure that this occurs within 5 days of the selection event.

# **2011 – 2012 National Competitions**

## **General information**

In order to compete in these events skaters must be Canadian citizens, registered members of Speed Skating Canada and eligible to represent Canada in international competition

- a) The competitions will be held on the ISU 111.12m oval track. The racing rules of SSC, and where applicable, the ISU will be used. Exceptions to the rules for the purpose of selecting the World Championship, National and Development Teams are noted in the 2011 / 12 Competition Format section of this Bulletin.
- b) Skaters must have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2011 to compete in these events as they are selection races for senior international competitions (ISU Rule 108).
- c) **PLEASE NOTE** All skaters are required to wear cut-resistant clothing (undergarment or racing suit) that meets the ISU standards as described in ISU Communication 1265.
- d) Skaters qualify for these National Team Selection events as follows:

## **Canadian Junior Championship (Calgary, AB, December 3 & 4, 2011 )**

The Canadian Junior Championship will have a maximum of 32 entries.

Entry to the Canadian Junior Championship will be on the basis of combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded in a gender-specific SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing during the period from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 500m & 1500 times will be taken as absolute times. Times need to be submitted to SSC by November 14<sup>st</sup>, manual times may be accepted and will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds. The preliminary list of the top 32 entries will be issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

Times recorded in a gender-specific competition sanctioned by another country's national governing body will be accepted only if electronic timing was used. A special request must be made to the HPCST for evaluation.

## **National Qualifier (Calgary, AB, December 8 & 9, 2011 )**

The National Qualifier Competition will have a maximum of 32 entries.

All athletes with a 2010-11 Canadian ranking in the top 30 will be eligible for the competition. Remaining positions will qualify for entry to the National Qualifier on the basis of their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded in a gender-specific SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing during the period from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 500m & 1500 times will be taken as absolute times. Times need to be submitted to SSC by November 21<sup>st</sup>; manual times may be accepted and will be adjusted upwards by 0.2 seconds. The preliminary list of the top 32 entries will be issued on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November.

Times recorded in a gender-specific competition sanctioned by another country's national governing body will be accepted only if electronic timing was used. A special request must be made to the HPCST for evaluation.

Seeding for the competition will be on the basis of individual distance ranking in 2010-11 for those entrants with a Canadian Ranking. Skaters qualified on the basis of entry times will be seeded for all distances on their combined 500m time and 1500m times.

### **Confirmation of Entries**

Skaters are **required to confirm their intent to participate in writing** to Speed Skating Canada by:

| <b>Confirmation deadline</b> | <b>Competition</b>           | <b>Publication date of final entry list</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| November 18, 2011            | Canadian Junior Championship | November 21, 2011                           |
| November 25, 2011            | National Qualifier           | November 28, 2011                           |

**PLEASE NOTE:** Positions **NOT confirmed by the deadline** will be allocated to the next ranked eligible skater.

If an athlete enters and is then forced to withdraw due to illness, injury etc, the resulting available position at the end of the entry list will automatically be offered to the next eligible skater. If the withdrawal is made within seven (7) days of the event, typically only the next eligible athlete in the ranking list will be offered the vacant position. However, the HPC reserves the right to evaluate any additional replacements after the first reserve athlete as necessary in the best interest of the competition.

### **National Team Uniforms**

During an event sanctioned by Speed Skating Canada, athletes must not wear a competition uniform (skin suit) identified as belonging to a national team or to another country, unless he or she belongs to that team or country at the time of the competition. (SSC Rule N1-106).

In addition, no Speed Skating Canada National or Development Team skin suits from a previous season are permitted to be worn by any skater during Fall World Cup Selections, Canadian Open Championships, National Team Selections #2, Canadian Junior Championships or National Qualifier unless specifically authorized by Speed Skating Canada.

### **Special Racing Rules:**

#### **Penalizations, failure to finish, scratches:**

In case of penalization, 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 due to infraction or penalization. This skater will receive the seeding points of the last position in the heat he does not skate and all subsequent heats for which he would have been seeded. For example, a skater finishing second in his heat in the qualifying round who drops out before the quarterfinals will earn the last place points of the top bracket in which he would have skated. Similarly, if the athlete were to make it to semifinals and then drop out he/she will receive points of last position in final B.
3. Skaters who withdraw before the first round of a distance will receive no Canadian 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 because of an infraction by another skater will receive their position ahead of any penalized skaters.
6. 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 or Special Rules Exception.
7. 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 Committee Representative member in attendance may decide to advance the athlete to the next round to ensure the most fair allocation of final ranking points.
8. 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.

## ***2011 / 12 Competition Format Canadian Junior Championships***

### **Eligibility:**

A Junior skater is a skater who has reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2011. (ISU Rule #108)

In order to compete in these competitions skaters must be Canadian citizens, registered members of Speed Skating Canada and eligible to represent Canada in international competitions.

### **Entry:**

Skaters qualify for entry to these Championships on the basis of their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded in a gender-specific SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing during the period from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to November 13th, 2011. Please note in special circumstances manual times will be accepted (adjusted upwards by 0.2). 500m & 1500m times will be taken as absolute times.

The highest 32 ranked skaters from these combined times will then receive automatic entry to the 2011-12 Canadian Junior Championships, December 3 - 4 in Calgary, Alberta.

Please note no additional groups will be permitted for competition during the Canadian Junior Championships.

**PLEASE NOTE** All skaters are required to wear cut-resistant clothing (undergarment or racing suit) that meets the ISU standards as described in ISU Communication 1265.

### **Competition schedule:**

The schedule for this competition is as follows:

Day 1: 1500m, 500m  
Day 2: 1000m, super 1500m

### **Ranking Points:**

Skaters earn ranking points during the finals races for each distance as follows:

a) The ranking points for the first 1500m are as follows:

| <b>Finals</b> | <b>1st</b> | <b>2nd</b> | <b>3rd</b> | <b>4th</b> | <b>5th</b> | <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>7th</b> |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Final A       | 1000       | 816        | 666        | 543        | 443        | 362                   |            |
| Final B       | 295        | 241        | 196        | 160        | 130        | 106                   |            |
| Final C       | 86         | 70         | 57         | 46         | 37         | 30                    |            |
| Final D       | 24         | 19         | 15         | 12         | 9          | 7                     | 5          |
| Final E       | 4          | 3          | 2          | 1.5        | 1          | .5                    | 0          |

b) The ranking points for the 500m and 1000m are as follows:

| <b>Finals</b> | <b>1st</b> | <b>2nd</b> | <b>3rd</b> | <b>4th</b> |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Final A       | 1000       | 816        | 666        | 543        |
| Final B       | 443        | 362        | 295        | 241        |
| Final C       | 196        | 160        | 130        | 106        |
| Final D       | 86         | 70         | 57         | 46         |
| Final E       | 37         | 30         | 24         | 19         |
| Final F       | 15         | 12         | 9          | 7          |
| Final G       | 5          | 4          | 3          | 2          |
| Final H       | 1.5        | 1          | .5         | 0          |

c) The ranking points for the 1500m Super Final are as follows:

| <b>Finals</b> | <b>1st</b> | <b>2nd</b> | <b>3rd</b> | <b>4th</b> | <b>5th</b> | <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>7th</b> |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Final A       | 1000       | 816        | 666        | 543        | 443        | 362                   |            |
| Final B       | 295        | 241        | 196        | 160        | 130        | 106                   |            |
| Final C       | 86         | 70         | 57         | 46         | 37         | 30                    |            |
| Final D       | 24         | 19         | 15         | 12         | 9          | 7                     | 5          |
| Final E       | 4          | 3          | 2          | 1.5        | 1          | .5                    | 0          |

If there are more than 4 skaters in a 500m or 1000m final or 6 in a 1500m final, the points of the 5<sup>th</sup> place, 6<sup>th</sup> place etc, will be the points of the 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, etc. of the following final. The rest of the points will then be adjusted accordingly.

### **Lane Positions**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Lane positions will be determined as per ISU rule 296. For the first qualifying round of a distance lane positions will be drawn by the Competitor Steward. 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.

### **Composition of the Heats (1500m)**

Seeding for the 1500m on Day 1 will be in priority order as follows:

- Skaters with a 2010 / 11 Canadian Ranking in attendance, in order of this ranking
- All other skaters seeded in order of their combined entry time standards
- Any ties will be broken by referring to a coin toss

**PLEASE NOTE:** the HPC reserves the right to adjust seedings for all competitors to ensure the most fair and appropriate racing conditions for athletes who do not have a 2010 / 11 Canadian ranking or were not able to participate in applicable national selection competitions from the 10-11 and 11-12 seasons.

### **Seedings for Quarter-finals and Semi-finals.**

Seeding for the semi-finals in the 1500m, and for the quarter-finals and semi-finals in the 500m and 1000m distances will be done on the basis of a ranking derived from seeding points awarded in the heats (for the 1500m) and heats and quarter-finals (for the 500m and 1000m) as described below.

Ties in seeding points will be broken by referring to the placing and then times skated in the previous round of racing; the highest placing and then fastest time among those tied in seeding points will be seeded highest and so on.

If there is still a tie then the skater with the highest original seeding for the distance will be seeded highest and so on. Any further ties will be broken by a coin toss.

Placing in previous round:             $\frac{1^{\text{st}}}{34}$      $\frac{2^{\text{nd}}}{21}$      $\frac{3^{\text{rd}}}{13}$      $\frac{4^{\text{th}}}{8}$      $\frac{5^{\text{th}}}{5}$      $\frac{6^{\text{th}}}{3}$      $\frac{7^{\text{th}}}{2}$      $\frac{8^{\text{th}}}{1}$   
 Seeding points

### **Composition of the Heats (1500m)**

|                         | <b>1500m Heats</b> |          |          |          |          |          |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                         | <b>A</b>           | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> |
| <b>Distance seeding</b> | 1                  | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        |
|                         | 12                 | 11       | 10       | 9        | 8        | 7        |
|                         | 13                 | 14       | 15       | 16       | 17       | 18       |
|                         | 24                 | 23       | 22       | 21       | 20       | 19       |
|                         | 25                 | 26       | 27       | 28       | 29       | 30       |
|                         |                    |          |          |          | 32       | 31       |



If starting numbers are reduced from 32, the High Performance Jury (High Performance Committee Chair and/or High Performance elected members in attendance and National Short Track Program Director) will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

### **Composition of Semi-finals (1500m)**

#### **Top Bracket**

The top 3 skaters from each of the 6 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-18) and seeded into 3 semi-finals (A, B, C) as described above.

#### **Bottom Bracket**

The remaining skaters from each of the 6 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 19-32) and seeded into 2 semi-finals (D, E) as described above.

#### **Semi-Finals 1500m**

|                                 | Semi-finals top bracket |    |    |  | Semi-finals bottom bracket |    |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----|----|--|----------------------------|----|
|                                 | A                       | B  | C  |  | D                          | E  |
| Rank from 1 <sup>st</sup> round | 1                       | 2  | 3  |  | 19                         | 20 |
|                                 | 6                       | 5  | 4  |  | 22                         | 21 |
|                                 | 7                       | 8  | 9  |  | 23                         | 24 |
|                                 | 12                      | 11 | 10 |  | 26                         | 25 |
|                                 | 13                      | 14 | 15 |  | 27                         | 28 |
|                                 | 18                      | 17 | 16 |  | 30                         | 29 |
|                                 |                         |    |    |  | 31                         | 32 |

### **Composition of Finals (1500m)**

Final A: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of Semis A, B and C

Final B: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of Semis A, B and C

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

Final D: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from Semis D and E, + fastest 4<sup>th</sup> from semis D and E (7 skaters)

Final E: Remaining skaters from Semis D and E

### **Composition of Heats (500m and 1000m)**

|  | 500m and 1000m Heats |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|  | A                    | B  | C  | D  | E  | F  | G  | H  |
| Ranking from 1500m (for 500m) and 1500m and 500m (for 1000m) | 1                    | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
|  | 16                   | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9  |
|  | 17                   | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
|  | 32                   | 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 |

If starting numbers are reduced from 32, 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 Quarter- finals (500m and 1000m)**

#### **Top Bracket**

The top 2 skaters from each of the 8 heats will be placed into the top bracket (final ranks 1-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats) and seeded into 4 quarter-finals (A, B, C, D) as described above.

#### **Bottom Bracket**

The remaining skaters from each of the 8 heats will be placed into the bottom bracket (final ranks 17-32) and seeded into 4 quarter-finals (E, F G, H) as described above.

**Quarter-finals 500m and 1000m**

|                                       | Quarter-finals top bracket |    |    |    | Quarter-finals bottom bracket |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----|----|----|-------------------------------|----|----|----|
|                                       | A                          | B  | C  | D  | E                             | F  | G  | H  |
| <b>Rank from 1<sup>st</sup> round</b> | 1                          | 2  | 3  | 4  | 17                            | 18 | 19 | 20 |
|                                       | 8                          | 7  | 6  | 5  | 24                            | 23 | 22 | 21 |
|                                       | 9                          | 10 | 11 | 12 | 25                            | 26 | 27 | 28 |
|                                       | 16                         | 15 | 14 | 13 | 32                            | 31 | 30 | 29 |

### **Composition of Semi-Finals (500m and 1000m)**

#### **Top Bracket**

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 semi-finals (A, B; final ranks 1-8 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the quarter-finals) as described above.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 top bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the next 2 semi-finals (C, D; final ranks 9-16 or lower depending on the number of advancements in the heats and quarter-finals) as described above.

#### **Bottom Bracket**

The top 2 skaters from each of the 4 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the top 2 bottom bracket semi-finals (E, F; final ranks 17-24) as described above.

The remaining skaters from each of the 4 bottom bracket quarter-finals will be seeded into the last 2 semi-finals (G, H; final ranks 25-32) as described above.

### **Semi finals 500m and 1000m**

|                          | Semi - finals top bracket |   |    |    | Semi - finals bottom bracket |    |    |    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|----|----|------------------------------|----|----|----|
|                          | A                         | B | C  | D  | E                            | F  | G  | H  |
| Rank from quarter finals | 1                         | 2 | 9  | 10 | 17                           | 18 | 25 | 26 |
|                          | 4                         | 3 | 12 | 11 | 20                           | 19 | 28 | 27 |
|                          | 5                         | 6 | 13 | 14 | 21                           | 22 | 29 | 30 |
|                          | 8                         | 7 | 16 | 15 | 24                           | 23 | 32 | 31 |

### **Composition of Finals (500m and 1000m)**

Final A: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> skaters from Semis A and B  
 Final B: Remaining skaters from Semis A and B  
 Final C: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> skaters from Semis C and D  
 Final D: Remaining skaters from Semis C and D  
 Final E: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> skaters from Semis E and F  
 Final F: Remaining skaters from Semis E and F  
 Final G: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> skaters from Semis G and H  
 Final H: Remaining skaters from Semis G and H

If there are more than 6 skaters in Final D, a Final D-2 will be held containing the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place finishers from Semi-finals C and D. This is to prevent too many skaters in Final D, a situation that could arise if there are numerous advancements into the top bracket in the heats and quarterfinals. In the case where a Final D-2 is held, the points for Finals E-H will be adjusted downwards to account for the extra skaters in Final D-2.

### **Super 1500m**

The Super 1500m will consist of 5 finals. Skaters ranked 1-6 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final A. Skaters ranked 7-12 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final B. Skaters ranked 13-18 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final C. Skaters ranked 19-25 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final D. Skaters ranked 26-32 in cumulative ranking points after the 1000m will skate in final E. Please note the Super 1500m Final A and B for both genders is the priority for selection purposes and Finals C through E will only take place if time permits.

In case of a tie for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup> place, the tied skaters will skate in final A, final B, final C or final D respectively.

During the Super 1500m, if a skater in contention for a place on the World Junior Championship Team is taken out of the race (resulting in a fall or major interference) resulting in a disqualification, the referee must stop the race and begin again without the disqualified skater, regardless of how many laps remain in the race. The number of laps for the restart, depending where the referee stops the race, is as follows:

| <u>Laps remaining</u> | <u>Laps for restart</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 13.5 – 9.5            | 13.5                    |
| 9.5 – 0               | 9.5                     |

If the Super 1500m race is stopped by the referee, and if a skater(s) has/have established a one-lap lead with contact to the main group, skaters that have been lapped will skate one (or more) additional lap(s) than the lead skater(s).

# **2011 / 12 Competition Format National Qualifier**

The competition format for the National Qualifier will be the same as the Junior Championship without the Super 1500m race.

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF BYES**

See Bulletin 150 for details on the Bye Policy

### **Appeals**

Following the announcement of the "Team", any athlete/s affected by a Bye request decision has/have the opportunity to appeal this decision in accordance with the Speed Skating Canada Appeal Policy. (refer to SSC Appeals Policy RES 100).