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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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General Information

Bulletin 158 describes the selection criteria and entry requirements for competitions during the 2013-2014 season. Details regarding the format of these competitions and the bye request policy will be released in separate documents. These documents will be issued separately in order to ensure that participants receive information relevant to their preparation as early as possible.

According to the proposal made by the Short Track High Performance Committee at the 2013 Annual General Meeting, the Canadian Open National Qualifier has been reintegrated into the competition calendar for this Olympic year, in a new Open format, and will be hosted by the Calgary Olympic Oval. This new open competition format will be implemented for the Canadian Open National Qualifier and the Canadian National Open Team Selection #2 this season and will be used more extensively in 2014-15.

In order to manage entries for Open Format events, time standards have been established to help guide access to the appropriate competition circuit to ensure a meaningful racing experience for all participants. This format for national events includes the notion of "repechage" and is based upon the ISU World Cup format. Repechage is a system of racing that allows runners-up in qualifying heats to compete for a place in the main draw of an event.

The HPCST will test these changes in the 2013-14 season and will evaluate their impact on the National racing environment at its 2014 annual review.

Notification

All National and Development Team members must have completed and signed a National Team Agreement in order to be eligible for selection to any of the following competitions.

Team Selection Procedures

All skaters must qualify through the specific standards as set by the ISU to be eligible to compete in each specific event. Speed Skating Canada will then select athletes for each specific event in accordance with the following general procedures.

Skaters may request a Bye for selection as detailed in the procedure and policy for the allocation of Byes. The Policy can be found on the SSC website.

Naming of Teams

Selection to a Team is provisional until any and all bye requests have been considered. Once all bye requests have been considered, SSC will then formally announce a team by placing the respective team list on the SSC website. Every effort will be made to ensure that this occurs within 7 days of the selection event.

Replacement of Skaters

The HPCST reserves the right to replace a skater if medical advice is such that competing in the event may be potentially injurious to the selected skater or that the skater has not recovered sufficiently from an existing injury.

If a skater who is named to a team withdraws or declines his/her position on the team prior to departure for the competition he/she will be replaced on that team at the discretion of the HPCST.

If a skater who is named to a team withdraws from that team due to injury, illness etc following departure from Canada for the competition, or series of competitions he/she may be replaced on the team at the discretion of the HPCST.

Specific to National Competitions

In order to compete in these competitions skaters must be Canadian citizens and registered participants of Speed Skating Canada. The competitions will be held on the ISU 111.12m oval track. ISU racing rules will apply unless otherwise indicated by SSC.

National Team Uniforms

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

During an event sanctioned by Speed Skating Canada the 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 the Canadian National Team Selections #1, National Open Team Selections #2, Canadian Junior Short Track Championships or the National Open Qualifier unless authorized by Speed Skating Canada.

Confirmation of Entries

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

September 2 nd	Canadian Open National Qualifier (with applicable 2012-13 entry times)
November 1 st	Canadian National Team Selections #1
December 9 th	2014 Canadian Junior Short Track Championship (with 2013-14 entry times if applicable)
February 24 th	Canadian Open National Team Selections #2 (with applicable 2013-14 entry times)

The official entry list for each competition will be released one week following the dates listed above.

PLEASE NOTE: Entries **NOT confirmed by this time** will be allocated to the next ranked eligible skater.

If an athlete enters for the Canadian National Team Selection #1 or the 2014 Canadian Junior Short Track Championship and is then forced to withdraw due to illness, injury etc, his/her position will automatically be offered to the next eligible skater. If the withdrawal is made within seven (7) days of the event only the next eligible athlete in the ranking list will be offered the vacant position. However,

the HPCST reserves the right to evaluate any additional replacements after the first alternate athlete as necessary in the best interest of the competition.

2013 / 14 International Competition Selection Criteria

2013 Fall World Cups 1, 2, 3 and 4

Quota:

The Team will be composed of 6 women and 6 men.

Selection procedures:

The 2014 Winter Olympic Games team and the alternate (6 skaters per gender) will be selected to participate in Fall World Cups 1,2,3, and 4.

Individual distances:

The National team head coaches will select athletes for individual distances according to the individual athlete needs for preparation and team requirements for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games.

2014 World Short Track Championships

Eligibility:

ISU Rule 281 determines the eligibility of Canada to submit entries for this Championship. An eligible skater is a skater who has reached the age of 15, by July 1st, 2013. (ISU Rule #108)

Quota:

The Team will be composed of 5 women and 5 men.

Selection procedures:

Athletes will be selected for this Team in the following priority order:

1. Athletes selected for the 2014 Olympic Games Team
2. Olympic Team alternate
3. Any remaining team positions will then be selected in ranking order of athletes' cumulative ranking points earned from the Canadian National Team Selections #1

Selection for the individual distances and relay teams will be made as follows:

Individual distances:

Athletes who win an individual distance medal at the 2014 Olympic Games will be given priority for selection to skate the individual competition at World Short Track Championships. If there are more than 3 skaters who have won an individual medal they will then be selected in order of the medal won and then in order of total individual medals.

Should no skaters win an individual distance medal at the 2014 Olympic Games, skaters will

be selected for the individual distances at the absolute discretion of the HPCST from amongst the team selected for the World Championships.

Relays:

All 5 team members will be eligible for selection for the relay competition, however the National Team Head Coach at the World Championships will determine the composition of the relay team for each round of competition.

Special notes:

The only exception to the allocation of individual distances described above will be in the case that the HPCST grants a skater a bye onto the team due to illness or injury as per the policy on granting byes.

If an athlete's training performances are clearly below their performances that earned them selection to the World Short Track Championships Team, the HPCST may make the decision to replace this skater either for entry to an individual distance and/or the relay team.

All skaters selected to the senior World Championship team must inform the Short Track Program Director or National Team Program Coordinator (in writing) by February 28th, 2014 as to whether they will compete in the Championship.

2014 World Junior Short Track Championship

Eligibility:

A Junior skater is a skater who has reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2013. (ISU Rule #108)

Quota:

The Team will be composed of 4 women and 4 men

Selection Procedures:

Athletes will be selected on the basis of the overall results of the 2014 Canadian Junior Short Track Championships, pre-selection and byes as described below.

Tie break

Ties in the final ranking of the 2014 Canadian Junior Short Track Championships will be broken by referring to the athletes' rank in the Super 1500m race.

Pre-Selection:

Skaters who have earned selection to a Fall World Cup team in the 2013 season, or any who have earned a selection to the FISU Winter Universiades may be pre-selected to the 2014 World Junior Short Track Championship Team. A maximum of 2 athletes per gender may be pre-selected to the 2014 World Junior Short Track Championships.

Individual distances:

The three highest ranked athletes selected to the World Junior Short Track Championship team will compete in the individual distances. Any skaters who have been pre-selected to the

team will be considered as the highest ranked athletes and will automatically occupy these positions.

FISU Winter Universiades

Eligibility:

The Universiade is open to any Canadian citizen who has reached the age of 17 but not the age of 28 on 1 January 2013 who is:

- a) currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute (e.g. college, CEGEP); or,
- b) has graduated from a post-secondary institution within the previous year of the event.

SSC eligibility requirements include the successful completion of any university or college courses enrolled in during the fall term.

Quota:

The team will be composed of 5 men and 5 women.

Selection procedures:

1. four highest ranked eligible athletes based on the best 2 distances excluding 3000m from Canadian National Team Selections #1
2. 1 discretionary selection by the HPC among athletes who competed at the Canadian National Team Selections #1 OR the alternate selected to the Olympic Team.

The HPC will consider recent performances, including quality and commitment to the training program and Olympic potential to confirm the discretionary selections.

2013 / 14 National Competition Selection Criteria

2013 Canadian Open National Qualifier

Location: Calgary, Alberta

Date: October 3-6, 2013 inclusive

Eligibility:

Competitors at the Canadian Open National Qualifier must have reached the age of 14 before July 1, 2013 (ISU Rule 108).

All athletes with a 2012-13 Canadian senior ranking (excluding those who competed or were originally qualified for the Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections event) will be automatically entered for the competition.

Remaining positions will be awarded to skaters who meet the time standard from the 2012-2013 season stated below*.

Time Standard*

Women: 3min 30sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times. (ex: 0:50+2:40)

Men: 3min 09sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times. (ex: 0:46+2:23)

*Exception: In the event that the number of entries meeting the time standard exceed the total number of places available, each province will be guaranteed an entry of at least two (2) skaters per gender who meet the time standard stated above.

Maximum number of competitors:

The competition will have a maximum of 60 entries for women and 74 for men.

Of these skaters, the top 48 women and 60 men will compete in the qualifying rounds for the 500m and the 1500m on Thursday and the remaining skaters (up to 12 women and 14 men) will join the competition for repechage of these distances on Friday, and Saturday. The top 12 ranked skaters after the completion of these distances enter the Main Event for the 1000m on Sunday, while the remainder compete in the Repechage.

Competition schedule/Format:

This competition will be a 4 day event, from Thursday to Sunday. Thursday will be a qualifying day for the 1500m and the 500m and the 3 other days will include the Main Event as well as "repechage" rounds according to the open competition format. Minimum four (4) skaters will have access to the Main Event from repechage rounds. Friday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1500m, Saturday will have repechage and Main Event for the 500m and Sunday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1000m. In order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m repechage or Main Event, the cumulative ranking from the 500m and 1500m results will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance. The top 12 athletes go directly to the Main Event, while the remainder compete in the repechage.

Day 1
AM: Qualifying round 1500m
PM: Qualifying round 500m

Day 2
AM: Repechage 1500m
PM: Final 1500m

Day 3
AM: Repechage 500m
PM: Final 500m

Day 4
AM: Repechage 1000m
PM: Final 1000m

2013 Canadian National Team Selections #1

Location: Montreal, Quebec

Date: November 15-17 inclusive

Eligibility:

Competitors at the Canadian National Team Selections #1 must have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2013 (ISU Rule 108).

Skaters who competed at the Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections will be automatically entered for the 2013 Canadian National Team Selection #1. These include the originally qualified skaters as well as the replacement skaters who participated in the competition.

Additional skaters will be added to the eligibility list, for a maximum total of 24, based on overall ranking from the 2013 Canadian Open National Qualifier competition.

If any skater who competed at the Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections does not compete at Canadian National Team Selections #1, the resulting position(s) will be added to those available through the Canadian Open National Qualifier.

Maximum number of competitors:

24 men and 24 women

Competition schedule/Format:

The schedule for this competition will be 3 days as follows:

Day 1: 1500m
Day 2: 500m
Day 3: 1000m, 3000m, 3000m relay women, 5000m relay men

2014 Canadian Junior Short Track Championship

Location: Montreal, Quebec

Date: January 17-19 inclusive

Eligibility:

Competitors at the Canadian Junior Short Track Championship must have reached the age of 14, but not the age of 19 by July 1st, 2013. (ISU Rule 108)

Entry to the 2014 Canadian Junior Short Track Championships is done through the following priorities:

1. All Junior athletes who competed at the Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections. These include the originally qualified skaters as well as the replacement skaters who participated in the competition.
2. Junior athletes, up to a maximum total of 30, taken from the final ranking of the 2013 Canadian Open National Qualifier
3. Remaining junior athletes based on their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded from August 1st to December 15th, 2013 in a SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing. Please note in special circumstances manual times will be accepted (adjusted upwards by 0.2).

Maximum number of competitors:

32 men and 32 women

Competition schedule/Format:

The schedule for this competition will be 3 days as follows:

Day 1: 1500m

Day 2: 500m

Day 3: 1000m, super 1500m

Please note that the HPCST intends to continue hosting the Canadian Junior Short Track Championship as a 3 day event in the future.

Special notes:

Only skaters who ranked in the top 16 of the Canadian Junior Championships of 2012-13 may request a bye for access to the competition.

An internal competition for the preparation of the Olympic Team will be held within the dates for the Canadian Junior Short Track Championship.

2014 Canadian Open National Team Selections #2

Location: Vancouver, British Columbia

Date: March 20-23 inclusive

Eligibility:

Competitors at the Canadian Open National Team Selections #2 must have reached the age of 15 before July 1, 2013 (ISU Rule 108).

Entry to the 2014 Canadian Open National Team Selections #2 is done through the following priorities up to a maximum number of entries (see below):

1. All skaters (SENIOR and JUNIOR) who qualified for the National Team Selections #1 competition
2. All SENIOR aged skaters who qualified for the Canadian Open National Qualifier
3. SENIOR athletes are eligible for remaining positions on the basis of meeting the time standard stated below based on their combined 500m + 1500m times as recorded from August 1st to December 15th, 2013 in a SSC sanctioned competition with electronic timing. Please note in special circumstances manual times will be accepted (adjusted upwards by 0.2).

Time Standard*

Women: 3min 27sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times (ex: 0:49+2:38).

Men: 3min 07sec based on combined 500m and 1500m times (ex: 0:45+2:22).

Maximum number of competitors:

The competition will have a maximum of 60 entries for women and 60 for men.

Competition schedule/Format:

This competition will be a 4 day event, from Thursday to Sunday. Thursday will be a qualifying day for the 1500m and the 500m and the 3 other days will include the Main Event as well as "repechage" rounds according to the open competition format. Friday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1500m, Saturday will have repechage and Main Event for the 500m and Sunday will have repechage and Main Event for the 1000m. In order to determine which skaters enter the 1000m repechage or Main Event, the cumulative ranking from the 500m and 1500m results will be used to generate a ranking for the 1000m distance.

Day 1

AM: Qualifying round 1500m

PM: Qualifying round 500m

Day 2

AM: Repechage 1500m

PM: Final 1500m

Day 3

AM: Repechage 500m

PM: Final 500m

Day 4

AM: Repechage 1000m

PM: Final 1000m, 3000m Final A& B, Exhibition relays 3000m women, 5000m men (time permitting).

2013 / 14 Canadian Rankings

For the purposes of determining a final overall Canadian Ranking, the athletes selected to the 2014 Olympic Team will be ranked 1 to 5 in order of their selection to that Team. If the alternate is selected to the Team, they will be ranked 6th. If the alternates are not involved in the Olympic Games they will compete in National Open Team Selections #2 in order to get a Canadian Ranking. This would be the same for any athlete who would be selected as an alternate for World Cup 4. National Open Team Selections #2 will then be weighted at 100% towards their Canadian Ranking as these skaters would not have had the opportunity to race the Canadian National Team Selections #1, having competed in the Fall World Cups.

For the remainder of athletes, their rankings will be determined from the cumulative ranking points from Canadian National Team Selections #1 and the National Open Team Selections #2 (adjusted for any Bye Requests). The two competitions will be weighted as follows:

Canadian National Team Selections #1	= 50%
Canadian Open National Team Selections #2	= 50%

In the event that 2 or more skaters achieve the same ranking they will be separated on the basis of their head-to-head results in each distance skated at Canadian National Team Selections #1 and / Canadian Open National Team Selections #2. If skaters are still tied, the best result in an individual distance at the Canadian Open National Team Selections #2 will be used to separate the athletes.

Athletes selected to the 2014 Olympic Games team will be ranked on the basis of their ranking in the event at the Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections. In the event of a tie in ranking points, the athlete selected for the World Championships individual distances will automatically be ranked higher.

Individual distance rankings will also be determined using the same weighting of distances:

Canadian National Team Selections #1	= 50%
Canadian Open National Team Selections #2	= 50%

Athletes selected to the 2014 Olympic Games team will have the same Canadian Ranking for individual distances as earned at the Intact Insurance 2014 Short Track Team Selections. The ranking for these athletes will not be affected by that of other athletes who participated at the Canadian Open National Team Selection #1 or #2.

Appeals

Following the announcement of the "Team" the athlete/s affected by the 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)

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