



SSC 2014 OLYMPIC SELECTION POLICY & PROCEDURES SHORT TRACK

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Article I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures is to select athletes with the greatest medal potential for the Canadian Olympic team, in both individual and relay events.

Article II. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, the following terms have been identified and defined:

- **Distance** will refer to the 500m, the 1000m, or the 1500m.
- **Event** will refer to one series of racing in a given distance. The Olympic Short Track Team Selections will feature three events for each distance, as follows: 500m (1), 500m (2) and 500m (3), and similarly for the 1000m and the 1500m. For greater certainty, an event will mean the sequence of quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals for a 500m; the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals for a 1000m; and the semi-finals and finals for a 1500m at the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections.
- **Event result** will refer to the final points from one series of racing in a given event of a distance. For greater certainty, for the 500m an event result will mean the total points earned at the completion of the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals; for the 1000m the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals; for the 1500m the semi-finals and finals at the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections.
- **Distance ranking** will refer to the ranking achieved in a distance when adding the points of the best two of three events in that distance. For example, an athlete who has an event result of 295 points in 500m (1), 666 points in 500m (2) and 443 points in 500m (3) will have a distance ranking in the 500m that corresponds with the 1109 points earned by adding the best two event results in the 500m distance.
- **Distance result** will refer to the points earned by a skater in a given distance corresponding to his / her distance ranking.
- **Distance winner** will refer to the skater with a distance ranking of 1 in a given distance.
- **Final selection ranking** will refer to the ranking achieved at the 2014 Short Track Olympic Team Selection competition based upon the combination of the best two distance results.
- **Adjusted final selection ranking** will refer to the ranking achieved at the 2014 Short Track Olympic Team Selection competition based upon the combination of the best two distance results, including the insertion of athletes requesting a bye according to the process described in the Guidelines for the allocation of byes for selection to the 2014 Olympic Team (see Appendix B).
- **Adjusted final 2012-13 Canadian ranking** will refer to the ranking achieved at the end of the 2012-13 season according to Bulletin 156, including the insertion of athletes requesting a bye according to the process described in the Guidelines for the allocation of byes as contained in Appendix A of the same Bulletin.

Article III. OLYMPIC SELECTION COMMITTEE

Section 3.01 COMPOSITION OF THE OLYMPIC SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Olympic Selection Committee will be composed of **five** members: the 3 elected members of Speed Skating Canada's High Performance Short Track Committee; the Short Track Program Director; and the Executive Director, Sport. The Chair of the Short Track High Performance Committee shall be the chair of the Olympic Selection Committee, or shall designate his/her replacement if necessary. Each member has one vote, including the chair.

Section 3.02 AUTHORITY

The individuals identified in article 3.1 above have full and complete authority and accountability to apply the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures contained herein to this policy without any interference from any additional persons.

Section 3.03 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In the exercise of the authority granted above, any and all members of the Selection Committee as described in article 3.1 above, have the obligation to apply Speed Skating Canada's Conflict of Interest Policy (INT-400) in the exercise of their duties and as found at the following location:

<http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/default/files/int400-conflictofinterestpolicy.pdf>

Section 3.04 QUORUM

A quorum will consist of the majority of the Olympic Selection Committee members. Any members found to be in a conflict of interest according to 3.3 above cannot be counted for quorum for voting purposes on the topic(s) in which the member is in conflict of interest.

Should quorum not be present for voting on a particular topic, either due to a declared conflict of interest or to the absence of one or more committee members, then the following individuals will be invited one by one to serve on the Olympic Selection committee until quorum is achieved.

1. Long Track High Performance Committee Chair
2. Long Track Program Director

Article IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2014 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures will be communicated directly to all athletes potentially eligible to participate in the selection process by posting of the policy to the Speed Skating Canada website under <http://www.speedskating.ca/high-performance-short-track-committee>. As indicated herein, any amendments as per Article 5 of the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures will be communicated through the release of additional Bulletins specific to these changes.

Article V. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Section 5.01 AMENDMENT

The Olympic Selection Committee reserves the right, and has the sole discretion, to make changes to this document which it deems necessary to ensure selection of athletes with the greatest medal potential for the 2014 Olympic team, in both individual and relay events. Any changes to this document shall be communicated to all athletes potentially eligible to participate in the selection process by posting of the changes to the Speed Skating Canada website under: <http://www.speedskating.ca/high-performance-short-track-committee>

All athletes are reminded that it is their obligation to understand this document and to make themselves aware of any changes. Athletes requiring clarification on any of the points contained herein should consult the Short Track Program Director, Short Track High Performance Committee Chair, or Executive Director, Sport for further clarification and explanation.

This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or selections which formed part of the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different skaters than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. In the event of a change to this document, Speed Skating Canada shall inform the Canadian Olympic Committee of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

Section 5.02 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Speed Skating Canada that prevent the Olympic Selection Committee from fairly implementing the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures as written, the Chief Executive Officer of Speed Skating Canada shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as he or she sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances he or she deems relevant.

Article VI. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for selection to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, the athlete must meet **all** of the following eligibility conditions.

- a) Be a Canadian citizen;
- b) Hold a valid Canadian passport that does not expire before October 17, 2014 as per Sochi2014 Accreditation Guidelines;
- c) Meet the International Olympic Committee (IOC) citizenship and nationality criteria;
- d) Hold a duly valid membership according to the requirements of Article B3 - 101 of Speed Skating Canada's 2013-14 Procedures and Regulations and be a member in good standing;
- e) Have signed the Speed Skating Canada Athlete Nomination Agreement (Appendix A) prior to the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections competition; and
- f) Sign and submit the COC athlete agreement and the SOCHI 2014 OC eligibility conditions form no later than January 19, 2014.

Article VII. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA

The International Federation regulations specific to the discipline of Short Track Speed Skating and applicable to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games can be found at:

<http://www.isu.org/vsite/vfile/page/fileurl/0.11040.4844-206176-223399-177249-0-file.00.pdf> Rule 284 page 82 of the International Skating Union's SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING and SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING as accepted by the 54th Ordinary Congress June 2012 which will determine the number of quota positions available for each distance. In the event of changes by the International Skating Union to the selection and eligibility criteria, Speed Skating Canada is bound by these changes and will inform all eligible skaters and coaches as soon as possible.

Article VIII. OLYMPIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Section 8.01 QUALIFICATION PERIOD

The 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections are scheduled from August 7 to August 18, 2013.

The qualifying period for the discretionary position and for the evaluation of bye requests, will be defined as international and national competitions completed within the 12 months prior to the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections. When performances from the past 12 months are not sufficient to enable a fair comparison and evaluation between athletes as determined by the Olympic Selection Committee, competitions from beyond this period may be considered at the discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee.

Section 8.02 2014 OLYMPIC SHORT TRACK TEAM SELECTION ENTRY CRITERIA

The 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections will be restricted to 16 athletes of each gender in accordance with the following:

1. 14 athletes: The 14 highest ranked athletes in the adjusted final 2012-13 Canadian ranking list will be selected to the field of entry (subject to the bye policy for team status and/or entry to a competition field)
2. 2 athletes: The Olympic Selection Committee has the absolute discretion to invite 2 additional athletes to complete the field of 16 at the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections. If the Olympic Selection Committee does not exercise any or all of this discretion then any vacant starting positions (to a final total of 16 competitors) will be allocated based on the adjusted final 2012-13 Canadian Ranking in rank order 15 and 16.

If an eligible athlete is forced to withdraw due to illness, injury etc, prior to the first distance of the competition, their position will automatically be offered to the next eligible athlete, from a list of alternates who will be named at the discretion of the Olympic Selection Committee. If the Olympic Selection Committee does not exercise any or all of this discretion when identifying the final 2 athletes for entry to the field, then the list of alternates will be allocated based on the adjusted final 2012-13 National Ranking.

Section 8.03 LOCATION AND DATE FOR THE 2014 OLYMPIC SHORT TRACK TEAM SELECTIONS

National Training Centre
Maurice Richard Arena
Montréal, Québec
August 7-18, 2013

Section 8.04 SCHEDULE FOR THE 2014 OLYMPIC SHORT TRACK TEAM SELECTIONS

Date	Races
August 7, 2013	1500m (1) semis / finals 500m (1) quarters / semis / finals
August 10, 2013	1000m (1) quarters / semis / finals 1500m (2) semis / finals
August 12, 2013	500m (2) quarters / semis / finals
August 15, 2013	1000m (2) quarters / semis / finals 1500m (3) semis / finals
August 18, 2013	500m (3) quarters / semis / finals 1000m (3) quarters / semis / finals

Section 8.05 FORMAT

The 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections will require athletes to compete in three events in each of the following distances: 500m, 1000m and 1500m. Athletes will be allocated ranking points according to the table below for each of the three events per distance.

Place	pts	Place	pts
1	1000	9	196
2	816	10	160
3	666	11	130
4	543	12	106
5	443	13	86
6	362	14	70
7	295	15	57
8	241	16	46

Seeding:

Seeding for the first round of the 500m (1), 1000m (1) and 1500m (1) events will be determined by the athletes' 2012-13 Canadian Ranking in each of these distances. If there is a tie, the athlete/s with the best overall 2012 / 13 Canadian Ranking will be seeded higher.

Seeding for the first round of the 500m (2), 1000m (2) and 1500m (2) events will be determined by calculating the average of: (i) the athlete's first event result in each respective distance, and (ii) the athlete's original seeding for the first round of the first event in each respective distance. In the event of a tie in this calculation, the athlete with the better first event result in each respective distance will be seeded higher for the first round of the second 500m, 1000m, and 1500m event.

For example: if an athlete had an original seeding of 4th for the 500m (1) and had a finish position of 8th in that event, their average for seeding the first round of the 500m (2) event would be calculated as 6. This score is then ranked against the other athletes to determine the seeding of the first round of the 500m (2) event.

Seeding for the first round of each of the 500m (3), 1000m (3) and 1500m (3) events will be determined by calculating the average of (i) the athlete's first event result in each respective distance, and (ii) the athlete's second event result in each respective distance. In the event of a tie in this calculation, the athlete with the best 2012 / 13 Canadian Ranking in that specific distance will be seeded higher.

For example: if an athlete finished 4th in the 500m (1) and 8th in the 500m (2), their average seeding for the 500m (3) would be calculated as 6. This score is then ranked against the other athletes to determine the seeding of the first round of the 500m (3) event.

PLEASE NOTE: the Olympic Selection Committee reserves the right to adjust seeding for the competition to ensure the most fair and appropriate racing conditions for athletes who do not have a 2012 / 13 Canadian ranking or who were not able to participate in all National Selection competitions or distances from the 12-13 season.

Lane Positions

PLEASE NOTE lane positions will be determined as per ISU rule 296. For the first round of any event, the athlete's seeding will be used to determine lane positions from the inside of the track to the outside of the track commencing with the highest seed. For each subsequent round the lane position will be decided by the times skated in the preceding qualifying round. Athletes 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.

1500m

Composition of Semi-finals (1500m)

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

If starting numbers are reduced from 16, the Olympic Selection Committee members in attendance will determine the most suitable number of heats to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

Composition of Finals (1500m)

Final A: 1st and 2nd of Semi-finals A, B and C

Final B: 3rd and 4th of Semi-finals A, B and C

Final C: Remaining skaters from Semi-finals A, B and C

Any athlete that has been penalized in the semi-finals will be automatically seeded into Final C.

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

	500m and 1000m			
	A	B	C	D
Distance seeding	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
	16	15	14	13

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

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

Placing in previous round:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
ISU competition points:	34	21	13	8	5	3	2	1

	Semi - finals upper bracket (A&B) and lower bracket (C&D)			
	A	B	C	D
Rank from quarter finals	1	2	9	10
	4	3	12	11
	5	6	13	14
	8	7	16	15

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

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

Composition of the Finals (500m and 1000m)

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

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

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

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

Ranking Points:

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

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

Finals	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6 th
Final A	1000	816	666	543	443	362
Final B	295	241	196	160	130	106
Final C	86	70	57	46		

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

Finals	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Final A	1000	816	666	543
Final B	443	362	295	241
Final C	196	160	130	106
Final D	86	70	57	46

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

Special Racing Rules:

Penalizations, 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 due to infraction or penalization and receive the seeding points according to the final order in that event.
3. Skaters who withdraw before the event will receive no Ranking points for that event and the event will be re-seeded
4. Skaters who withdraw from an event due to illness or injury are permitted to continue in the competition for any subsequent distances or events.
5. A skater who has not finished the race because of an infraction by another skater will receive their position ahead of any penalized skaters.
6. A skater who does not finish a race will not be allowed to start the following round in the event of the distance unless advancement is warranted according to the ISU World Cup procedures or Special Rules Exception as noted in point 7 and/or point 8.
7. Where a skater is not able to finish a race as a result of a fall, the referee in consultation with the Olympic Selection Committee members in attendance may decide to advance the skater to the next round or to authorize the skater to restart to ensure the fairest allocation of final ranking points.
8. Where a skater is not able to finish a race as a result of equipment failure/breakage during a race, this must be reported to and verified by the race referee immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred. The skater will be advanced in the lower bracket of the next round and permitted to continue in the event.
9. 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.

Article IX. SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA (DISCRETIONARY DECISION)

The Olympic Selection Committee, through the authority granted in Article 3, is responsible for the nomination of athletes to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the 2014 Sochi Olympic Games. Depending upon the Team quota qualified at the Special Olympic Qualification Classifications, and according to the relevant athlete selection process described in the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, the Olympic Selection Committee reserves the right to select one athlete per gender to the Olympic Team who, based upon analysis of past performances and the profile of the team already selected, is best able to assist Speed Skating Canada in achieving the objective of greatest medal potential as stated in Article 1. The Olympic Selection Committee will solicit the input of the National Team coaches in order to assign different weightings for the factors to be considered as they deem appropriate, with the objective of selecting athletes with the greatest medal potential for the Olympic team, in both individual and relay events.

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

- 1) International performances & experience
- 2) National performances
- 3) Training performances
- 4) Readiness for competition
- 5) Team dynamics
- 6) Commitment to the training program
- 7) Medical and health status

Article X. OLYMPIC TEAM COMPOSITION

Section 10.01 WOMEN'S TEAM COMPOSITION:

Pending qualification of a women's relay team for Canada, the 2014 Olympic Team will be composed of 5 women to be selected as follows:

Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria:

Step 1 Select the three highest ranked athletes based on the final selection ranking.

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances that formed the basis for the athletes' place in the final selection ranking will be utilized to break the tie. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined distance rankings will utilize the 3rd highest event result for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the distance results for the 500m will be utilized to break the tie. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1000m. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1500m.

Step 2 If a request has been made for a bye and the request is accepted for review, the bye point system will be used for head-to-head comparison of athletes (refer to the bye point policy - Appendix B). The bye point system will determine the placement of the athlete requesting the bye in the adjusted final selection ranking.

If the athlete requesting the bye is placed in the 4th position of the adjusted final selection ranking, she will be selected to the team. Skip to step 4.

If no request for a bye has been made, or if a request or requests have been made but have not been placed in the 4th position within the adjusted final ranking, continue to step 3.

Step 3-A Select a distance winner not already selected to the team.

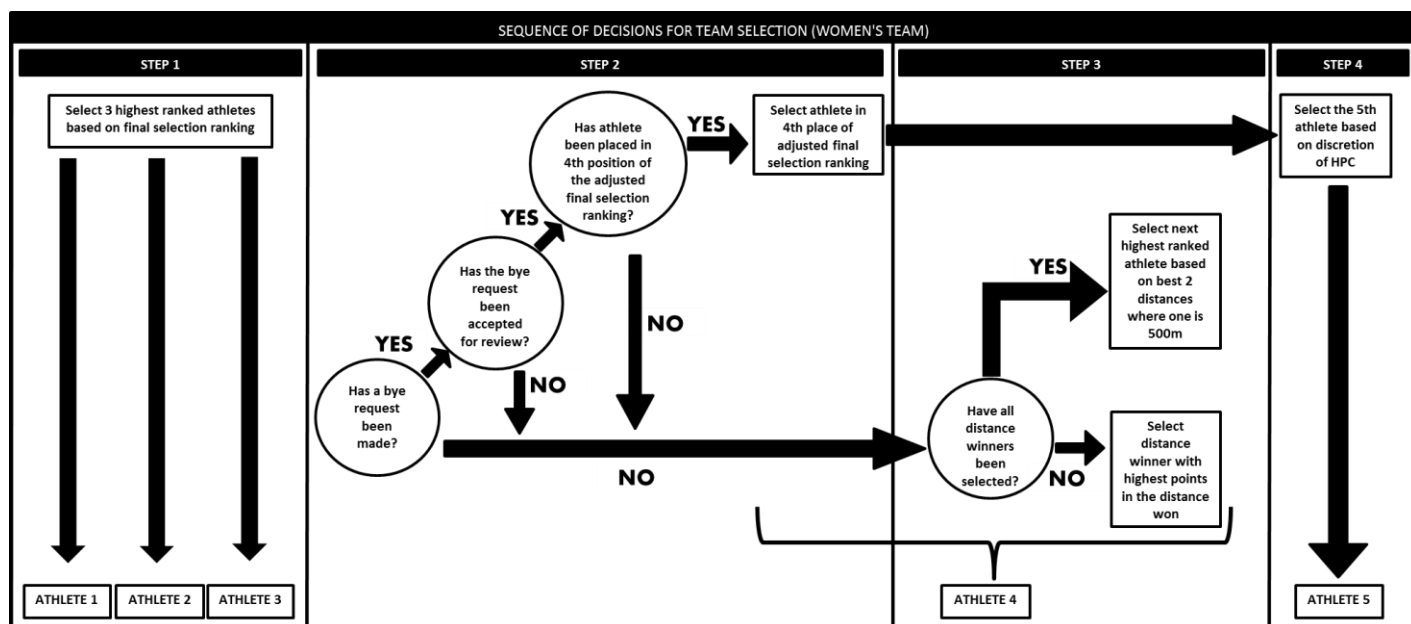
If there is a tie for first place within a distance, the 3rd highest event result in the respective distance will be utilized to break the tie. If there is still a tie for first place, the athlete with the most points in the final selection ranking will be considered the winner of that distance. If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances will be utilized to break the tie.

If more than one distance winner has not yet been selected to the team, the one who earned the highest points in the distance she won shall be selected. If a tie exists, the 3rd highest event result in each of their respective winning distances will be utilized to break the tie. If there is still a tie, the athlete with the most points in the final selection ranking will be selected. If a tie in points still exists, the 3rd event results for the two distances used to establish rank for the final selection ranking will be utilized to break the tie.

B If all 3 distance winners have been selected in step 1, the 4th position will go to the highest ranked athlete based on best two distance rankings wherein at least one of the two distances must be the 500m.

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event result for the same best two distances will be utilized to break the tie, wherein at least one of the two distances must be the 500m. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined results will utilize the 3rd event result for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the results for the 500m will be utilized to break the tie. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the results of the 1000m. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1500m.

Step 4 The Olympic Selection Committee will select the athlete for the 5th position according to the guidelines for discretionary selections. The discretionary selection will be limited to athletes up to and including ranking position 9 within the adjusted final selection ranking.



Section 10.02 MEN'S TEAM COMPOSITION:

Pending qualification of a men's relay team for Canada, the 2014 Olympic Team will be composed of 5 men to be selected as follows:

Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria:

Step 1 Select the highest ranked athlete based on the combined distance result of the 500m and the 1000m distances.

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event result for the 500m and the 1000m will be utilized to break the tie. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined results will utilize the 3rd event result for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the 3rd event results for the 500m alone will be utilized to break the tie. If a tie still exists, the distance ranking of the 1500m will be utilized to break the tie.

Step 2 Select the next highest ranked athlete from the final selection ranking.

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances that formed the basis for the athletes' place in the final selection ranking will be utilized to break the tie. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined distance rankings will utilize the 3rd highest event result for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the distance results for the 500m will be utilized to break the tie. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1000m. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1500m.

Step 3-A Select a distance winner not already selected to the team.

If there is a tie for first place within a distance, the 3rd highest event result in the respective distance will be utilized to break the tie. If there is still a tie for first place, the athlete with the most points in the final selection ranking will be considered the winner of that distance. If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances that formed the basis for the athletes' place in the final selection ranking will be utilized to break the tie.

If more than one distance winner has not yet been selected to the team, the one who earned the highest points in the distance he won shall be selected. If a tie exists, the 3rd highest event result in each of their respective winning distances will be utilized to break the tie. If there is still a tie, the athlete with the most points in the final selection ranking will be selected. If a tie in points still exists, the 3rd event results for the two distances used to establish rank for the final selection ranking will be utilized to break the tie.

B If all 3 distance winners have been selected in step 1 & 2, the next position will go to the highest ranked athlete based on the combined distance result of the 500m and the 1000m.

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances will be utilized to break the tie. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined results will utilize the 3rd event results for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the results for the 500m will be utilized to break the tie. If a tie still exists, the distance ranking of the 1500m will be utilized to break the tie.

Step 4 If a request has been made for a bye and the request is accepted for evaluation, the bye point system will be used for head-to-head comparison of athletes (refer to the bye point policy - Appendix B). The bye point system will determine the placement of the skater requesting the bye in the adjusted final selection ranking.

If the athlete requesting the bye is placed in the 4th position in the adjusted final selection ranking, he will be selected to the team. Skip to step 6.

If no request for a bye has been made, or if a request or requests have been made but have not been placed in the 4th position within the adjusted final ranking, continue to step 5.

Step 5-A Select a distance winner not already selected to the team.

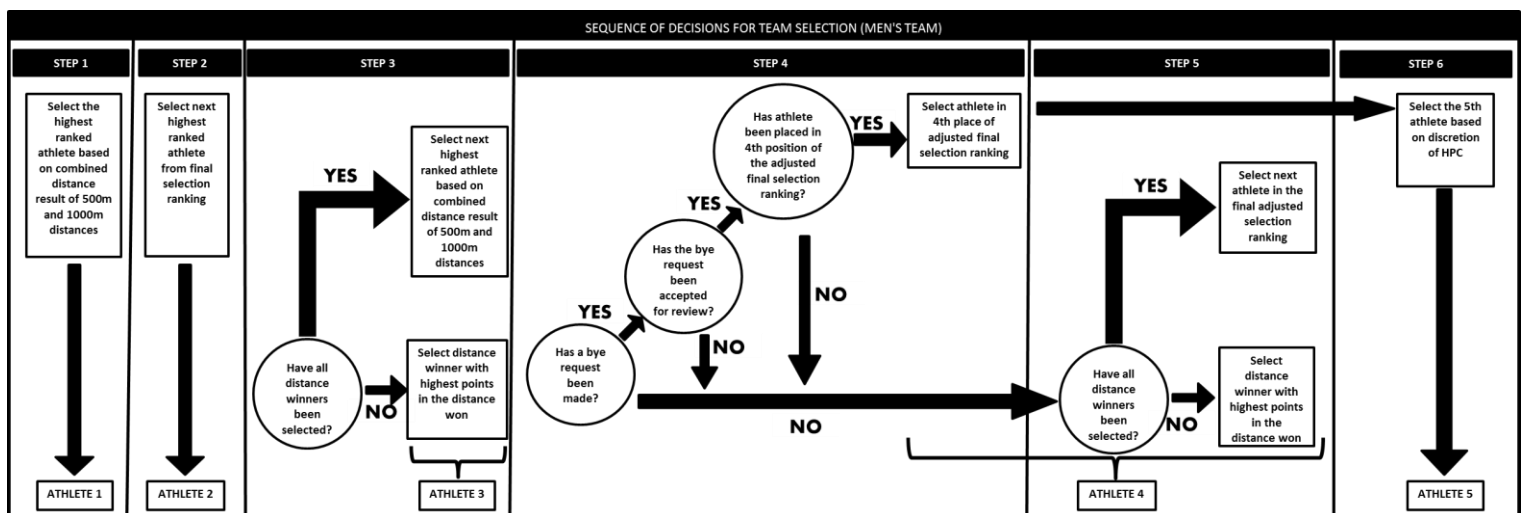
If there is a tie for 1st place within a distance, the 3rd highest event result in the respective distance will be utilized to break the tie. If there is still a tie for the distance winner, the athlete with the most points in the final selection ranking will be considered the distance winner. If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances that formed the basis for the athletes' place in the adjusted final selection ranking will be utilized to break the tie.

If more than one distance winner has not yet been selected to the team, the distance winner who earned the highest points in the distance he won shall be selected. If a tie exists, the 3rd highest event result in each of their respective winning distances will be utilized to break the tie. If there is still a tie, the athlete with the most points in the final selection ranking will be selected. If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances will be utilized to break the tie.

B If all 3 distance winners have been selected in step 1, 2 & 3 the next athlete in the adjusted final selection ranking will be selected to the team

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances that formed the basis for the athletes' place in the final selection ranking will be utilized to break the tie. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined results will utilize the 3rd event result for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the results for the 500m will be utilized to break the tie. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the results of the 1000m. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1500m.

Step 6 The Olympic Selection Committee will select the athlete for the 5th position according to the guidelines for discretionary selections. The discretionary selection will be limited to athletes up to and including ranking position 9 within the adjusted final selection ranking.



Article XI. PROVISIONAL ENTRIES FOR INDIVIDUAL DISTANCES

In order to optimize the preparation of the Olympic team athletes, the Olympic Selection Committee will confirm the individual distance entries for the 2014 Olympic Games as soon as possible following the Special Olympic Qualification Competitions (SOQCs) whereby Canada will earn individual distance entry positions.

Section 11.01 LOCATION AND DATE FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION COMPETITIONS (SOQCs)

World Cup #3 scheduled for Torino, Italy in November 7th to 10th, 2013

World Cup #4 scheduled for Moscow, Russia in November 14th to 17th, 2013

Section 11.02 TEAM QUOTA OF 5 SKATERS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISTANCE ENTRY

If Canada qualifies a women's and men's relay team for the Olympic Games the Team quota will be 5 athletes per gender and the individual distance entry will be as follow:

If Canada has earned 3 quota positions in an individual distance, the provisional entries per distance will be allocated as follows:

1. Winner of the distance at the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections
2. Second ranked in the distance at the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections
3. Olympic Selection Committee discretionary decision based on input from the Olympic Team Head Coach of the respective gender following the Special Olympic Qualification Competitions

If Canada earns 2 quota positions in an individual distance, the provisional entries per distance will be allocated as follows:

1. Winner of the distance at the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections
2. Olympic Selection Committee discretionary decision based on input from the Olympic Team Head Coach of the respective gender following the Special Olympic Qualification Competitions

If Canada earns 1 quota position in an individual distance, the provisional entry per distance will be allocated as follows:

1. Winner of the distance at the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections

Section 11.03 TEAM QUOTA OF 3 SKATERS FOR TEAM ENTRY

If Canada does not qualify a women's or men's relay team for the Games at the Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC), the Team quota for the gender that did not qualify will be 3 athletes and the Team will be selected as follows:

(a) WOMEN'S TEAM - SEQUENCE OF DECISIONS:

- Step 1 Select the highest ranked athlete based on best 2 distance results wherein at least one of the two distances must be the 500m.**

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances will be utilized to break the tie. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined distance rankings will utilize the 3rd highest event result for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the distance results for the 500m will be utilized to break the tie. Any persisting tie will be broken by

considering the distance results of the 1000m. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1500m.

Step 2 Select the next highest ranked athlete in the final selection ranking

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances that formed the basis for the athletes' place in the final selection ranking will be utilized to break the tie. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined distance rankings will utilize the 3rd highest event result for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the distance results for the 500m will be utilized to break the tie. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1000m. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1500m.

Step 3 Olympic Selection Committee discretionary decision based on input from the Olympic Team Head Coach of the respective gender, following the Special Olympic Qualification Competitions.

(b) MEN'S TEAM - SEQUENCE OF DECISIONS:

Step 1 Select the highest ranked athlete based on the combined distance result of the 500m and the 1000m.

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances will be utilized to break the tie. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined results will utilize the 3rd event result for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the 3rd event results for the 500m alone will be utilized to break the tie. If a tie still exists, the distance ranking of the 1500m will be utilized to break the tie.

Step 2 Select the highest ranked athlete in the final selection ranking not already selected to the Team.

If a tie in points exists, the 3rd event results for the 2 distances that formed the basis for the athletes' place in the final selection ranking will be utilized to break the tie. For example, the 500m - 1000m combined distance rankings will utilize the 3rd highest event result for both the 500m and 1000m. If a tie still exists the distance results for the 500m will be utilized to break the tie. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1000m. Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the distance results of the 1500m.

Step 3 Olympic Selection Committee discretionary decision based on input from the Olympic Team Head Coach of the respective gender, following the Special Olympic Qualification Competitions.

Section 11.04 INDIVIDUAL DISTANCE ENTRY FOR TEAM QUOTA OF 3 ATHLETES

If Canada does not qualify a women's or men's relay team for the Games at the Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC), the Team quota for the gender that did not qualify will be 3 athletes and the distance entry will selected as follows:

If Canada earns 3 quota positions in an individual distance, the provisional entry per distance will be allocated as follows:

1. All 3 athletes

If Canada earns 2 quota positions in an individual distance, the provisional entry per distance will be allocated as follows:

1. The highest ranked athlete in the distance at the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections
2. Olympic Selection Committee discretionary decision based on input from the Olympic Team Head Coach of the respective gender following the Special Olympic Qualification Competitions.

If Canada earns 1 quota position in an individual distance, the provisional entry will be allocated as follows:

1. The highest ranked athlete in the distance at the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections

Article XII. FINAL ENTRIES - PERFORMANCE READINESS AT 2014 OLYMPIC GAMES

Final entries at the 2014 Olympic Games, in all instances, are dependent upon the determination of the state of “performance readiness” of each individual athlete, based on input from the support team present at Games and the Olympic coaches’ assessment of each athlete’s preparation and performance status.

The final decision(s) will be made by the Head Olympic coach for each respective gender.

Article XIII. ALTERNATES AND REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

Section 13.01 ALTERNATES

The Olympic Selection Committee will identify an alternate athlete for each gender following the selection of the 2014 Olympic Team in order to adequately prepare these athletes in the eventuality of an injury, illness, removal or withdrawal of an Olympic Team member prior to the Games. The alternate for each gender will be selected by the Olympic Selection Committee according to the Subjective Criteria identified in Article 9 and based upon his/her performance profile.

Section 13.02 REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

At any time, the Olympic Selection Committee reserves the right to replace an athlete if medical advice dictates that competing in the event may be potentially injurious to the selected athlete and/or the athlete has not sufficiently recovered from a previous or existing injury to perform at the appropriate level according to assessment by the 2014 Olympic Games Team head coach of the gender involved. If an athlete who is named to the team withdraws or declines his/her position on the 2014 Olympic Games Team prior to departure for the competition, he/she will be replaced by one of the alternates identified in Article 13.1 and according to Article 14.

If an athlete who is named to the 2014 Olympic Games Team is injured or becomes ill following departure for the competition the Olympic Selection Committee will determine whether he/she will be replaced by one of the alternates identified in Article 13.1 and according to Article 14.

Note that any substitutions after January 27th 2014 are subject to SOCHI 2014's Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Section 13.03 INJURY/ILLNESS REPLACEMENTS

If an athlete is injured or becomes ill following his/her selection to the 2014 Olympic Games Team, s/he will be required to prove adequate recovery, both from a medical perspective and a performance perspective, at a date specified by the Olympic Selection Committee. The determination of what constitutes adequate recovery will be made by the Olympic Selection committee with the input of the medical staff and the head coach of the respective Olympic Team and will be based upon an assessment of the athlete's ability to perform at the same level that earned his/her selection to the 2014 Olympic Games Team. The final date for finalizing such decisions is January 19th 2014.

If an athlete is subsequently deemed medically unfit to compete in the 2014 Olympic Games s/he may be replaced in accordance with the COC athlete replacement procedure, or by the Competition Rule and Regulations that are applicable to the 2014 Olympic Games depending on the timeframe prior to the Games.

Article XIV. REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE ONCE SELECTED

The Olympic Selection Committee may, at any time, and at its discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Team or remove an athlete after selection. Removal from the Team may be based on any of the following:

1. Current or past behavior of the skater which is inconsistent with SSC Ethics and Code of Conduct Policy as found at the following location:
<http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/default/files/int100-ethicsandcodeofconductpolicy.pdf>
2. Violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES)
3. Conduct which is in any way detrimental to the team and/or the image of Speed Skating Canada or the National Team Program.

Speed Skating Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of the decision.

Article XV. APPEALS

Any appeals to the final nomination list or entry field for the competition must be filed according to Speed Skating Canada's Appeal Policy (RES-100) and as found at:

http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/default/files/res_100_appeal_policy_2011_final.pdf

Article XVI. LANGUAGE

In the event of a discrepancy, the English version of the Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures will prevail.

APPENDIX A

2014 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES SPEED SKATING CANADA SKATER NOMINATION AGREEMENT

(Name of skater)

I, the above athlete, consent to being considered for nomination by Speed Skating Canada (SSC) to the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team. In making this consent I declare that:

1. I have been provided with a copy of the 2014 Olympic Selection Criteria – Short Track
2. I understand that the 2014 Olympic Selection Criteria – Short Track may be amended from time to time to account for unforeseen circumstances and/or in the best interests of enhancing Canada's performance in the 2014 Olympic Games. I will be bound by the 2014 Olympic Selection Criteria – Short Track as amended and acknowledge that any such amendments will be posted to the SSC website .
3. I meet the "Eligibility Criteria" as listed in the 2014 Olympic Selection Criteria – Short Track
4. I will abide by all Policies and Procedures of SSC, including those additional policies and procedures as detailed in the SSC National Team Agreement.
5. I understand that the COC Team Selection Committee may in its discretion refuse to accept the nomination of an athlete who, in the opinion of the COC Team Selection Committee, is not able to serve as an appropriate example to the sport youth of Canada as provided in the Olympic Charter.
6. If selected by the COC to the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team I will abide by all Policies and Procedures and any Team Rules that relate to participation in the 2014 Winter Olympic Games as a member of the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team and as provided to me by the COC.

Signature of skater

Date

Witness

Witness signature

APPENDIX B

GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF BYES FOR SELECTION TO THE 2014 OLYMPIC TEAM

1) Purpose

- a) The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines to the Olympic Selection Committee in the granting of Byes.

2) Philosophy for allocation of byes

- a) Due to exceptional circumstances (e.g. illness, injury, equipment break, etc) and through no fault of his or her own, an athlete sometimes does not have the opportunity to compete in the nominated selection event/s. In this situation the athlete is eligible to apply for a Bye for selection to the relevant team.
- b) The basic philosophy for selecting an athlete by granting a Bye is that the athlete given the Bye has demonstrated superior performances in previous competitions to one or more athletes being considered for selection.

3) Rules for requesting a bye

The Bye Policy Clause will only apply to selection for specific competitions / events or Teams.

- a) Bye requests must be made in writing to the Olympic Selection Committee (see deadlines below)
- b) Unless physically incapable, only the athlete requesting the Bye can submit the request.
- c) If the Bye request is made on the basis of an illness or injury, the athlete must provide documented evidence from a sports medicine practitioner of the illness or injury. The Olympic Selection Committee has the right to request, in which case the athlete must agree to allow for, further independent medical review after the Bye request has been submitted.
- d) If the Bye request is made on the basis of equipment breakage, this must be reported to and verified by the race referee or Olympic Selection Committee representative immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred.

4) Conditions for applying for a Bye

Bye requests will be considered in two categories:

- a) Pre-competition illness or injury that prevents an athlete from competing in the 2014 Short Track Olympic Team Selections

If the athlete is ill or injured before the beginning of the competition, he/she must request a Bye before the Coaches' meeting at the competition. The Olympic Selection Committee Representative must formally announce all Bye requests at this meeting so that all other competitors are made aware of the possibility of a Bye being granted.

- b) Injury, illness or equipment breakage during the 2014 Short Track Olympic Team Selections

A Bye request must be made within 24 hours following the final day of the competition unless the athlete is physically incapable of making this request (in such a case, the athlete's coach may make the request).

(See Item 3(d) above of Rules for Requesting a bye for the reporting requirements for equipment breakage)

In all categories:

The Bye request must state clearly what the athlete is asking for, and provide supporting documentation (medical, race report, referee report etc).

5) Process for reviewing a Bye application

The following outlines the process for considering Bye requests.

- a) Following the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections, the Olympic Selection Committee will review the facts and make a decision.
- b) The Bye Point system will be used for head-to-head comparison of athletes. The point system will not be applicable for an entry field of the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections.
- c) In cases where multiple Bye applications are submitted they will be assessed individually and on their own merit.
- d) The Olympic Selection Committee will name the 2014 Olympic Games Team or entry field for a competition which will be communicated, along with the supporting rationale, to the athlete/s requesting the Bye, athlete/s directly affected by the Bye request, the coaches, and athlete representatives.

6) Conditions for Granting a Bye

- a) When considering whether or not to grant a bye, the Olympic Selection Committee must first:
 - i. Evaluate the medical condition of the athlete.
 - ii. The degree to which the athlete has followed the prescribed rehabilitation process and medical team directives in recovering from their injury, including prior to the 2014 Short Track Olympic Team Selections, during the 2014 Short Track Olympic Team Selections and following the 2014 Short Track Olympic Team Selections.
 - iii. His/her readiness to compete for the 2014 Olympic Games according to feedback received from the medical team and his/her coaches.
- b) If any of the above is not at a level satisfactory to the Olympic Selection Committee, the Bye may be refused on this basis alone.
- c) Following the preliminary analysis, the Olympic Selection Committee will consider all aspects of the respective athletes' performance at the 2014 Short Track Olympic Team Selections, if they participated in part or in whole. This evaluation will take into account the informed feedback and discussions from the coaching staff and medical team.
- d) If the above is not at a level satisfactory to the Olympic Selection Committee, the Bye may be refused on this basis alone.

- e) Following this secondary analysis, the Olympic Selection Committee will assign Bye Points on the basis of competition results from the last 12 months using the Bye Point System noted below. These points will be assigned to all athletes in the final selection ranking and those requesting the Bye.
- f) The points of the athlete requesting the bye will be compared against the points of the first athlete in the final selection ranking not already selected to the team.
- g) If the athlete requesting the bye has at least 5 more points than the first athlete in the final selection ranking not already selected to the team, that athlete will be inserted above the other athlete in the ranking. If the athlete requesting the bye does not have at least 5 more points than the first athlete in the final selection ranking not already selected to the team, the athlete requesting the bye will be compared to the next athlete in the list in the same fashion until they are appropriately placed within the adjusted final selection ranking.
- h) When more than one Bye has been requested for a given Team/competition, the Bye from the athlete with the highest Bye Points will be considered first. When two or more athletes have the same bye points, the one with the most Bye points earned from individual distances at the 2013 World Championships will be considered first. If there is still a tie, the one with most bye points earned from their best 3 World Cups during the last 12 months will be considered first. If a tie persists, the athlete with the highest overall ranking at the 2013 Canadian Open Championships will be considered first.

7) POINT GRID

Ranking	FULL POINT GRID*									
	Fall WC Selection	WC 1	WC 2	WC 3	WC 4	Canadian Open	WC 5	WC 6	World Champ	Selection # 2
1	16	10	10	10	10	16	10	10	20	6
2	14	7	7	7	7	14	7	7	16	5
3	12	5	5	5	5	12	5	5	14	4
4	10	3	3	3	3	10	3	3	12	3
5	8	2	2	2	2	8	2	2	10	2
6	6	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	8	1
	Best 2	Per distance				Overall	Per distance			Overall

Notes

- I. National events: Points allocated based on the ranking defined for each specific competition. For example, overall as per Canadian Open or best 2 distances as per Fall WC Selection.
- II. International events: Points will be allocated for each distance but only the best 3 world cups during the period will be considered (3000m will not be considered)
- III. An additional 6 points will be allocated to each world championship team member in order to give them the same number of points as the winner at selection #2.

8) *Bye Requests to the entry field for the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections competition*

- a) Bye Requests to the entry field for the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections competition will not utilize the Bye Point system; rather in making the decision the Olympic Selection Committee will evaluate a number of elements including the following:
 - i. Head-to-head competition results of the athletes being considered for selection.
 - ii. Past performances of the athlete requesting the Bye,
 - iii. Results of the selection competition (s) (by athletes in contention for the team),
 - iv. Recent training and testing performances
 - v. Current world rankings of the athletes
 - vi. Long Term Athlete Development

9) *Conditional Bye*

1. In some cases, the Olympic Selection Committee may award a “Conditional Bye” to athletes recovering from injury or illness. In this situation the athlete may have certain conditions imposed. The Olympic Selection Committee should be provided confirmation (medical or other, if not a medical problem) that there is no significant physical/psychological limitation to competition. The Olympic Selection Committee must also receive assertion from the coach that the athlete is ready to compete at the appropriate level for the competition in question.
2. The Olympic Selection Committee will specify the date on which the performance and medical assessment will be evaluated.