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Announcement of field of entry for the 2014 Olympic Short Track Selections

As per the 2014 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures, the 2014 Olympic Short Track Team Selections entry field 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 (OSC) 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 Canadian Ranking.

The first 14 athletes on this list are therefore:

WOMEN

1. Marie-Ève Drolet
2. Marianne St-Gelais
3. Valérie Maltais
4. Jessica Hewitt
5. Gabrielle Waddell
6. Caroline Truchon
7. Jessica Gregg
8. Valérie Lambert
9. Keri Morrison
10. Courtney Shmyr
11. Vicky Labourdette
12. Kasandra Bradette
13. Sabrina Bourgela
14. Taylor Schmidt

MEN

1. Michael Gilday
2. Charles Hamelin
3. Charle Cournoyer
4. Olivier Jean
5. Guillaume Bastille
6. François Hamelin
7. Liam McFarlane
8. Vincent Cournoyer
9. Rémi Beaulieu-Tinker
10. Patrick Duffy
11. Alexandre St-Jean
12. François-Louis Tremblay
13. Yoan Gauthier
14. Maxime Gauthier

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In confirming decisions for the two discretionary positions 15 and 16 in the field of entry, as well as the listing of the two alternate positions, the OSC considered the following factors consistent with the subjective criteria in Article IX for discretionary decisions:

The factors that were considered included:

- 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

The following additional criteria were also considered:

- 8) Technique
- 9) Long Term Athlete Development model (2018 target)
- 10) Benefits to be gained by being selected

The final 2 athletes on this list are therefore:

WOMEN

15. Kim Boutin
16. Namasthée Harris-Gauthier

MEN

15. William Preudhomme
16. Samuel Bélanger-Marceau

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The list of alternate athletes is therefore:

WOMEN

- Alternate 1. Audrey Phaneuf
- Alternate 2. Michelle Mackay

MEN

- Alternate 1. Sébastien Landry
- Alternate 2. Dave Belval

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