

# **SPEED SKATING CANADA HIGH PERFORMANCE BULLETIN**

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The fundamental strategic purpose of the High Performance Bulletin (HPB) for team selection is to establish provisions that are designed, ultimately, to select athletes to teams who will perform at the highest level and achieve the best possible results for Canada at Olympic Games and World Single Distance Championships.

The High Performance Committee Long Track (HPC-LT) will issue Bulletins periodically throughout the season informing athletes, coaches, the Officials Development Committee, other SSC Committees and SSC Branches of updates and/or changes with respect, but not limited, to selection criteria and/or competitions.

The HPC-LT reserves the right to modify or change the policies and criteria contained herein in the event that exceptional circumstances arise and that any such changes are, in the opinion of the HPC-LT, in the best interests of the High Performance program. In these situations, athletes and coaches will be advised of any changes as soon as is feasible after they are confirmed by the HPC-LT.

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# 1. Mass Start Fall World Cup Trials (MSFWC) – (October 14, 2017)

## 1.1. Mass Start Fall World Cup – Trial 1 (MSFWC Trial 1)

### 1.1.1. Format

For more information on the competition format for the Mass Start, please refer to Section 8.3 of the 2018 Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures

	<b>Women/Men</b>
Saturday, October 14	Mass Start Semi-Final A Mass Start Semi-Final B Final

### 1.1.2. Seeding

Refer to Section 8.3.1.1 of the 2018 Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures

### 1.1.3. Drawing

ISU Rule 223 will apply. Safety equipment is mandatory and must be worn, which includes Helmet, Neck Protector, Gloves, Shin Guards, Ankle Protection, and Eyewear. Refer to Speed Skating Canada Red Book, section D3-300, Skater's Equipment - Long Track Mass Start Competition

# 2. Fall World Cup Trials – (October 19-22, 2017) - Calgary, AB

## 2.1.1. Format

For the Fall World Cup Trials the following format will be used:

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
Thursday, October 19	3000m	5000m
Friday, October 20	500m 5000m	500m 10000m
Saturday, October 21	500m 1000m	500m 1000m
Sunday, October 22	Mass Start (Semi) 1500m Mass Start (Final)	Mass Start(Semi) 1500m Mass Start (Final)

### 2.1.2. Seeding

For all Distances except for Mass Start:

- Group 1: Top 4 time ranked skaters 2016/2017 season
  - Group 2: The next 4 time-ranked skaters
  - Group 3: The next 4 time-ranked skaters
  - Group 4: The next 4 time-ranked skaters
- Groups of 4 will continue until all skaters are selected.

For Mass Start, refer to Section 8.3.1.2 of the 2018 Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures.

### 2.1.3. Drawing

The group with the 4 best time ranked competitors shall be drawn to form the two last pairs, and so on. If there would be an odd number of participants, the first pair shall consist of a single competitor.

For the second race of the 500 meters for Ladies and Men, the competitors shall be paired according to the time ranking from the first race in such a way that the participants change starting lanes in the second race (ISU rule 242). If some competitors with the same starting lane in the first race get the same finishing time, the ranking of those competitors shall be based on their initial ranking.

The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the competitors in the first race. Therefore, the two competitors with the best rank from each starting lane shall skate in the last pair, and the lowest ranked competitor(s) in the first pair.

**Mass Start:** ISU Rule 223 will apply with the following additions. Safety equipment is mandatory and must be worn, which includes Helmet, Neck Protector, Gloves, Shin Guards, Ankle Protection, and Eyewear. Refer to Speed Skating Canada Red Book, section D3-300, Skater's Equipment - Long Track Mass Start Competition

## 3. Canada Cup #1 (December 1-3, 2017) Ste. Foy, QC

### 3.1. Format

For Canada Cup #1, the following format is recommended:

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
Friday, December 1	500m 1500m	500m 1500m

Saturday, December 2	1000m	1000m
	3000m	5000m
Sunday, December 3	500m	500m
	1000m	1000m
	Mass Start*	Mass Start*

\*Mass Start for Junior and Senior will be run together.

### 3.2. Seeding

For all Distances:

Group 1: Top 4 time-ranked skaters 2017/2018 season

Group 2: The next 4 time-ranked skaters

Group 3: The next 4 time-ranked skaters

Group 4: The next 4 time-ranked skaters

Groups of 4 will continue until all skaters are seeded.

### 3.3. Draw

All races at will be conducted from the lowest seed to the highest seed as per ISU World Cup and World Championships formats.

The preferred order of drawing will begin with the lowest seeded group finishing with the highest seeded group.

## 4. Canadian Single Distance Championships/Olympic Trials (January 4-6 / 8-9, 2017) Calgary, AB

### 4.1. Format

As per the 2018 Olympic Selection Polices and Procedures, the following format will be used:

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Thursday, January 4	3000m	5000m
Friday, January 5	500m	500m
Saturday, January 6	1500m	1500m
Monday, January 8	1000m	1000m
Tuesday, January 9	5000m	10000m

## 4.2. Seeding

Seeding for each Individual Distance at the 2018 Olympic Trials will be done in groups of 4 and based on the athletes having achieved the ISU Qualifying Times during the period from January 1, 2017 to January 9, 2018

## 4.3. Draw

All races at the Canadian Single Distance Championships/Olympic Trials will be conducted from the lowest seed to the highest seed as per ISU World Cup and World Championships formats.

The preferred order of drawing will begin with the lowest seeded group finishing with the highest seeded group.

## 5. Canada Cup #2 (January 4-6, 2017) Calgary, AB

### 5.1. Format

For Canada Cup #2 the following format is recommended:

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
Thursday, January 4	500m 1500m	500m 1500m
Friday, January 5	1000m 3000m	1000m 5000m
Saturday, January 6	500m 1000m Mass Start	500m 1000m Mass Start

### 5.2. Seeding

Seeding at Canada Cup #2 will be conducted as follows.

For all Distances:

- Group 1: Top 4 ranked skaters for the distance in attendance from the current 2017/2018 Canadian Ranking list.
- Group 2: The next 4 ranked skaters for the distance in attendance.
- Group 3: The next 4 ranked skaters for the distance in attendance.
- Group 4: Remaining skaters with best times of the 2017/2018 season. Sub groups of 4 will then be used for drawing.

For the 2nd 500m and 2nd 1000m, the pairing will be done as per ISU Rule 262.

### **5.3. Draw**

All races at Canada Cup #2 will be conducted from the lowest seed to the highest seed as per ISU World Cup and World Championships formats.

The preferred order of drawing will begin with the lowest seeded group finishing with the highest seeded group.

## **6. Canadian Junior Long Track Championships (February 2-4, 2018) Fort St. John**

### **6.1. Format**

For the Canadian Junior Championships, the following format will be used:

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
Friday, February 2	500m 1500m	500m 1500m,
Saturday, February 3	1000m 3000m	1000m 5000m
Sunday, February 4	500m 1000m	500m 1000m,

#### Junior Canadian Allround:

Women: 1st 500m, 1st 1000m, 1500m, 3000m

Men: 1st 500m, 1st 1000m, 1500m, 5000m

#### Junior Canadian Sprint

Women: 2x500m, 2x1000m

Men: 2x500m, 2x1000m

### **6.2. Seeding**

For all Distances:

Group 1: Top 4 ranked skaters for the distance in attendance from the current 2016/2017 Canadian Ranking list.

Group 2: The next 4 ranked skaters for the distance in attendance.

Group 3: The next 4 ranked skaters for the distance in attendance.

Group 4: Remaining skaters with best times of the 2015/2016 season. Sub groups of 4 will then be used for drawing

For the Canadian Junior Long Track Championships seeding for the first day (500m and 1500m for women; 500m and 1500m for men) will be from the results of Canada Cup #2. The third and fourth Allround distances will be seeded as per ISU Rule 227, paragraph 2. A decision by the HPC-LT Jury and Organizers will determine how many skaters compete in the longest distance. The second 500m and 1000m will be seeded from the first 500m and 1000m respectively.

### **6.3. Drawing**

All races at the Canadian Junior Long Track Championships will be conducted from the lowest seed to the highest seed as per ISU World Cup and World Championships formats.

The preferred order of drawing will begin with the lowest seeded group finishing with the highest seeded group.

For the drawing of pairs, the competitors will be grouped according to their best approved qualifying times, in groups of 4.

Two quartet starts will be used over 3000m for women and 5000m for men.

## **7. Canada Cup #3 (February 2-4, 2018) Fort St. John**

### **7.1. Format**

For Canada Cup #3, the following format will be used:

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
Friday, February 2	500m 1500m	500m 1500m,
Saturday, February 3	1000m 3000m	1000m 5000m
Sunday, February 4	500m 1000m Mass Start*	500m 1000m, Mass Start*

\*Mass Start for Junior and Senior will be run together.



## **7.2. Seeding**

Canada Cup #3 competitors are paired for each distance from the current Canadian Ranking list. ISU Sprint competition rules will be used (excluding the draw) for the Sprint distances.

For all Distances:

Group 1: Top 4 ranked skaters for the distance in attendance from the current 2016/2017 Canadian Ranking list.

Group 2: The next 4 ranked skaters for the distance in attendance.

Group 3: The next 4 ranked skaters for the distance in attendance

Groups of 4 skaters from the ranking list until all are seeded.

Any remaining skaters with best times of the 2015/2016 season. Sub groups of 4 will then be used for drawing.

## **7.3. Drawing**

All races at Canada Cup #3 will be conducted from the lowest seed to the highest seed as per ISU World Cup and World Championships formats.

The preferred order of drawing will begin with the lowest seeded group finishing with the highest seeded group.

# **8. Canada Cup #4 (March 15-18, 2018) Calgary, AB**

## **8.1. Format**

This competition is held in conjunction with the Olympic Oval Finale. Time standards for Canada Cup #4 and race format (Long Distances only) will be published in the Oval Finale Announcement.

The competition format will be circulated once finalized.

## **8.2. Seeding**

For all distances, skaters will be seeded by their personal best times.

## **8.3. Drawing**

The Drawing is done prior to the event by the Referees and Organizers.