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# 1. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

## 1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures for Long Track (the “**2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures**”) is to set out the criteria that will be used by Speed Skating Canada to nominate athletes and coaches to the Canadian Olympic Committee (“**COC**”) for inclusion on Canada’s 2022 Olympic Team.

## 1.2. Objective

The objective of the 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures is to nominate the maximum number of athletes who have demonstrated medal potential to the 2022 Long Track Speed Skating Canadian Olympic Team (the “**2022 Olympic Team**”) for Individual Distances and for Team Pursuit.

For greater certainty, in this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, “**Individual Distances**” shall mean 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m (women), 5000m, 10000 (men) and Mass Start.

## 1.3. Definitions

Terms not otherwise defined within this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures shall have the meanings set forth below:

HPAC-LT:	The HPAC-LT consists of the volunteer members of the High Performance Advisory Council – Long Track and the Committee Chair, as constituted pursuant to the <a href="#">HPAC-LT Terms of Reference</a>
INP:	The 2022 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures is Speed Skating Canada’s Internal Nomination Procedure for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games
IST Lead:	A Long Track appointed staff member who is the lead of the multi-disciplinary team of sport science, sport medicine and sport performance professionals who provide supports to the Long Track program.
Olympic Team Leader:	A Long Track appointed SSC staff member who is responsible for all pre-Games, Games and post-Games activities, acting as the on-site Chief of Staff for the Long Track 2022 Olympic Team.
Selection Event:	The Event at which athletes may be nominated to one or more Teams
Team:	Consists of athletes who have been nominated and who have accepted their nomination to a World Cup, World Championship, or Olympic Games Event.

## 1.4. International Federation Criteria

This 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures has been drafted in accordance with the [ISU's 2022 Olympic Qualification System](#) as presently known and understood and on the latest information available to Speed Skating Canada.

In the event of a discrepancy between the content of this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures and the ISU Olympic Qualification System, the [ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING](#)<sup>1</sup> and the relevant ISU Communication(s) will prevail.

In the event of changes by the ISU to the [2022 Olympic Qualification System](#), Speed Skating Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.

Any athlete nominated by Speed Skating Canada to the COC for selection to the 2022 Olympic Team must also qualify for entry in the Olympic Games according to the ISU Qualification System.

## 1.5. Team Size

Subject to any changes made by the ISU to the Olympic Qualification System, the team size for the 2022 Olympic Team will be as indicated in the ISU Olympic Qualification System and as outlined below:

- For each gender, a maximum event specific quota per National Olympic Committee (“NOC”):
  - Maximum of 3 athletes in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, and 3000m (women) / 5000m (men)
  - Maximum of 2 athletes in the 5000m (women), 10000m (men) and Mass Start
  - Maximum of 1 team in the Team Pursuit
- For each gender, the overall quota per NOC will be restricted depending on the allocated NOC event quota places, as follows:
  - Maximum 9 athletes for NOCs that have qualified for the Team Pursuit event and that have also been allocated the maximum quota for all individual events for the respective gender
  - Maximum 8 athletes for NOCs that have qualified for the Team Pursuit event and that have also been allocated 1 or more quota places for all individual events for the respective gender
  - Maximum 7 athletes for other NOCs for the respective gender

# 2. AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

## 2.1. Olympic Selection Committee

Nominations to the 2022 Olympic Team shall be the responsibility of the Chief Sport Officer (“CSO”) who is the Chair of the Olympic Selection Committee. The Olympic Selection Committee is an advisory committee that provides recommendations and advice to the CSO with respect to the

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<sup>1</sup> The 58<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will be re-scheduled, at which time the 58<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress will adopt the ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING that will provide the details pertinent to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games applicable to each Member Federation. As soon as the updated ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING are adopted by the ISU Congress, they will become valid and applicable to this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures and Speed Skating Canada will update the applicable hyperlink.

nomination of the 2022 Olympic Team but has no authority to nominate any athlete to the 2022 Olympic Team. The Olympic Selection Committee is composed of the members of the HPAC-LT (made up of the CSO and up to three advisory elected volunteer members) and the Long Track High Performance Manager (“**Long Track HPM**”), if this individual is not already a member of the HPAC-LT.

As indicated in the HPAC-LT Terms of Reference, the HPAC-LT is an advisory committee that may provide recommendations and advice to Speed Skating Canada staff and the CSO. The CSO retains ultimate decision-making authority and is responsible for applying this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures and nominating the athletes to the 2022 Olympic Team.

Should any Olympic Selection Committee member be unavailable or ineligible to participate in nomination discussions, the remaining members of the Committee may appoint an appropriate replacement, who does not have a conflict of interest, if deemed necessary.

## **2.2. Decision Making Authority**

Speed Skating Canada’s Chief Sport Officer has final authority and responsibility to make decisions under this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures contained herein and to nominate athletes and coaches to the 2022 Olympic Team without interference from or influence by any individual.

## **2.3. On-Site Decision Making Authority**

Once the 2022 Olympic Team departs Canada for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, including for any preparatory training camps or competitions in advance of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, all decision making authority will reside with the Olympic Team Leader. Where possible, the Olympic Team Leader will make all decisions in consultation with the respective coach(es) and / or Integrated Support Team (IST) Lead.

## **2.4. Conflict of Interest**

When advising the Chief Sport Officer as described in this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, the Olympic Selection Committee must apply [Speed Skating Canada’s Conflict of Interest Policy](#) in the exercise of their duties.

# **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This document, the 2022 Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures will be communicated in a standalone document and will be posted [on the SSC website here](#).

As indicated herein, any amendments as per Section 4 of this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures will be communicated through the release of addendums specific to any modifications made.

# 4. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

## 4.1. Changes to this Document

Speed Skating Canada reserves the right to make changes to this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures which, in the CSO's discretion, are necessary to ensure the nomination of the best team possible for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. Any changes to this document must be made prior to the start of the first Selection Event which forms part of Speed Skating Canada's nomination procedure and shall be communicated to all National Program athletes potentially eligible for nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team by sending an alert to relevant athletes and also posting any changes to the Speed Skating Canada website.

All athletes and coaches are reminded that it is their obligation to understand this document and to make themselves aware of any changes. Athletes are encouraged to regularly check with the Long Track High Performance Manager to confirm if there are any changes to this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

After the start of the first Selection Event which formed part of Speed Skating Canada's nomination procedure, this clause shall not be used to justify changes unless such changes relate to (a) an unforeseen circumstance or (b) are necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording. Such changes must be justifiable in the circumstances. In the event of a change to this document, Speed Skating Canada shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as practical.

## 4.2. Unforeseen Circumstances

Speed Skating Canada's INP is intended to apply as drafted assuming specifically that no athlete(s) shall be prevented from competing due to an unforeseen or unanticipated circumstance. However, situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Speed Skating Canada's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied. In such a circumstance, should the CSO determine that unexpected or unusual circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, the CSO shall have discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant, while taking the objective stated in Section 1.2 above into account.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Speed Skating Canada that prevent the CSO from implementing Speed Skating Canada's internal nomination procedures fairly, as written, the Chief Executive Officer of Speed Skating Canada ("**CEO**") (or in the absence of a CEO, the interim CEO or such person the Board of Directors shall appoint), shall have the sole, full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as he or she sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that he or she deems relevant. Where possible, the CEO will consult with the Long Track management team, coaches and / or Olympic Selection Committee to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In



such circumstances, the CEO shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

## 5. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA

### 5.1. International Federation Regulations

The ISU regulations specific to the discipline of Speed Skating (Long Track) and applicable to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games will be found in the International Skating Unions' [SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING](#) to be accepted by the 58<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress<sup>1</sup> which will determine the allocation process for quota positions available for each distance to each Member Federation.

In the event that the ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING is modified or updated by the ISU during the qualification period for the 2022 Olympic Games (please see Section 5.3 below), Speed Skating Canada will provide the updated version of the ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING to all impacted individuals and will modify, if necessary, this 2022 Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures.

### 5.2. ISU Olympic Qualification Standards

The applicable ISU Olympic Qualifying Time standards and conditions for approval of achieved ISU Olympic Qualifying Times will be announced in an ISU Communication, not later than August 1, 2021.

### 5.3. ISU Qualification Periods

To be eligible to be selected for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, athletes must have achieved the ISU Olympic Qualifying Times in the period between July 1, 2021 and January 16, 2022.

## 6. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

### 6.1. Eligibility Conditions

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for Olympic Team selection, an athlete must:

- A. Be a Canadian citizen (Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter)
- B. Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before August 22, 2022
- C. Be in compliance with all relevant ISU and IOC requirements for eligibility
- D. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form no later than January 12, 2022. Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements
- E. Be a member in good standing of Speed Skating Canada
  - i. Hold a valid 2021-2022 Speed Skating Canada membership

- ii. Sign and be in compliance with Speed Skating Canada's 2021-2022 Athlete Agreement

## 6.2. Doping Control Requirements

Athletes must meet the following doping control requirements in order to be eligible for Nomination:

- A. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the ISU and the Canadian Anti-Doping Program ("CADP") and any other Anti-Doping Organization with authority over them; and
- B. Must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation; and
- C. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by Speed Skating Canada, the ISU, and/or CCES.

## 6.3. Olympic Performance Standards

With the exception of Team Pursuit, in order to be eligible for Nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team, an athlete must meet all of the following Olympic Performance standards:

- A. Athletes must achieve the minimum ISU Olympic Qualifying Time for each event in which they will compete;
- B. Athletes must achieve one of the 2021 CLT Senior Time Standards<sup>2</sup> ("**Time Standards**"), once in the respective Individual Distance qualified through on the Olympic Matrix, during the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 in an ISU sanctioned event. Should there be an ISU sanctioned event happening at the same time as a Selection Event(s), as per Section 7.2, only the times achieved at the Selection Event(s) will be eligible as a qualifying time.

For greater certainty, and as per Section 6.3, athletes nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team in Team Pursuit are not required to meet the Qualifying Standards as outlined above.

# 7. OLYMPIC TEAM NOMINATION / SELECTION

## 7.1. General Statement Regarding Nomination

Subject to Section 4.2 (Unforeseen Circumstances) and Section 11 (Guidelines for the Allocation of Byes), nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team will take place over two phases. Phase 1 nomination is based upon selection to and performance(s) at the 2021 Fall World Cups and phase 2 nomination is based upon results at the Olympic Skate-off.

The qualification period for nomination is from January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2021.

## 7.2. Nomination / Selection Process

As indicated above, there will be two phases to the selection and nomination of the 2022 Olympic Team.

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<sup>2</sup> The 2021 CLT Senior Time Standards will be published in the 2021-2022 World Cups and World Championships Team Nomination High Performance Bulletin.

The Selection Event(s) for each phase will be as follows:

- A. Phase One: 2021 ISU Fall World Cups (Section 8.1.1.2)
  - i. To qualify for the Fall World Cups: Canadian Long Track Championships (“CLT Championships”), October 13-17, 2021 Calgary, AB
- B. Phase Two: Olympic Skate-off, December 27-31, 2021 Quebec City, QC

The final schedule for each Selection Event will be published in the 2021 HP Bulletin – Domestic Competition Formats. The proposed schedule is as follows:

**A. CLT Championships, October 13-17, 2021 Calgary, AB**

		<b><u>Women</u></b>	<b><u>Men</u></b>
Wednesday, October 13	DAY 1	500m 3000m	500m 5000m
Thursday, October 14	DAY 2	5000m	10000m
Friday, October 15	DAY 3	1000m	1000m
Saturday, October 16	DAY 4	1500m	1500m
Sunday, October 17	DAY 5	Mass Start	Mass Start

**B. Olympic Skate-off, December 27-31, 2021 Quebec City, QC**

		<b><u>Women</u></b>	<b><u>Men</u></b>
Monday, December 27	DAY 1	500m 3000m	500m 5000m
Tuesday, December 28	DAY 2	5000m	10000m
Wednesday, December 29	DAY 3	1000m	1000m
Thursday, December 30	DAY 4	1500m	1500m
Friday, December 31	DAY 5	Mass Start	Mass Start

### 7.3. Tiebreaker

In case of a tie in an Individual Distance at the designated Selection Event, times will be used to the thousandth of a second. If a tie still exists, the CSO will conduct head-to-head comparisons of the athletes in the following order:

- a. Results at the most recent International Event in which both athletes raced that same Individual Distance (on the same day and in the same start group (Group A or Group B)); or
- b. If no such results exist as indicated above, results at the 2020 World Single Distance Skate-off will be used, where both athletes raced that same Individual Distance (on the same day); or
- c. If no such results exist in both instances above, results from an ISU sanctioned event in the 2019-2020 season, where both athletes raced that same Individual Distance (on the same day); or
- d. Except in the case of Mass Start, if no such results exist in all three instances above, an unsanctioned skate-off between the two athletes will be organized within seven (7) days. In the case of Mass Start, if no such results exist in the three instances above, the decision will be made by the CSO.

## 7.4. Re-Allocated Quota Spots

In the case that the ISU revises the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (“**SOQC**”) and / or re-allocates the provisional allocation of quota spots after publication, the following process will be used:

- A. Should the revision to the SOQC or re-allocation of quota spots occur before the first day of the Olympic Skate-off (that is prior to Monday December 27), then the Phase One Qualification process (Section 8.1) shall apply the revised SOQC or re-allocated quota spots and the Olympic Matrix will be adjusted to account for such changes to the SOQC or re-allocation of quota spots.
- B. Should the revision to the SOQC or re-allocation of quota spots occur after the first day of the Olympic Skate-off (that is on or after Monday December 27), then the Phase One Qualification process (Section 8.1) shall not apply the revised SOQC or re-allocated quota spots and the Olympic Matrix will remain as published.

# 8. QUALIFICATION (ATHLETES)

## 8.1. Phase One Qualification Process

### 8.1.1. Individual Distance Phase One Priority and Criteria

Athletes will need to be eligible<sup>3</sup> to compete at the 2021 Canadian Long Track Championships (“CLT Championships”) in order to be eligible for Nomination for the 2021 World Cups and as a result, be eligible for Phase One Qualification.

#### *8.1.1.1. Pre-Selection to Fall World Cups (2021)*

The number of quota spots available for the 2021 Fall World Cups will be determined based on performances from the 2019-2020 World Cups. Except in the case of the Mass Start, a minimum of one quota spot per Individual Distance will be reserved to be filled based on the results at the 2021 CLT Championships.

Subject to the requirement described above that a minimum of one 2021 Fall World Cup quota spot per Individual Distance (other than Mass Start) must be reserved to be filled based on results at the 2021 CLT Championships, athletes who placed in the top 5 in an Individual Distance at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships will be pre-selected to the 2021 Fall World Cups in such Individual Distance on the basis of their finish position in such Individual Distance at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships. Should there be remaining quota positions after filling the pre-selections from the 2020 World Single Distance Championships and subject to the requirement described above that a minimum of one 2021 Fall World Cup spot per Individual Distance must be reserved to be filled based on results at the 2021 CLT Championships, athletes who placed in the top 5 in an Individual Distance at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships will be eligible to be pre-selected to the 2021 Fall World Cups on the basis of their finish position in an Individual Distance at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships

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<sup>3</sup> Eligibility to compete at the 2021 CLT Championships will be outlined in the 2021-2022 Domestic Competition Format High Performance Bulletin.

For the avoidance of doubt and by way of example only, if Canada earns three quota spots to the 2021 Fall World Cups in a particular Individual Distance, then only two positions may be pre-selected based on the following priorities: first, the results at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships and second, the results at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships. The remaining quota spot will be selected at the 2021 CLT Championships, except in the case of Mass Start.

In the case of Mass Start, up to the maximum of two quota entries may be pre-selected should both athletes finish in the top 5 in Mass Start at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships. If there is remaining quota, athletes who finish in the top 5 in Mass Start at the 2021 World Speed Skating Championships may be pre-selected.

### **8.1.1.2. Performance Results**

**Qualification Event(s):** ISU 2021 Fall World Cups (SOQC Points Ranking)

	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>World Cup 1</b>	November 12-14, 2021	Tomaszow Mazowiecki, POL
<b>World Cup 2</b>	November 19-21, 2021	Stavanger, NOR
<b>World Cup 3</b>	December 3-5, 2021	Salt Lake City, USA
<b>World Cup 4</b>	December 10-12, 2021	Calgary, CAN

Subject to Byes, athletes who have been selected to the 2021 Fall World Cup Team may be eligible for nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team according to the Entry Quota determined by the ISU in Section 1.5 if such athletes have met the applicable ISU Olympic Qualifying Time and Time Standard. Eligibility for nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team does not ensure nomination and corresponding selection to the 2022 Olympic Team. Please see Section 9 for provisions related to final team composition.

Athletes who have achieved the Time Standards in one or more Individual Distance at an ISU sanctioned event since January 1, 2020 will be ranked by their final placing in each Individual Distance on the SOQC according to the 2022 Olympic Matrix. The 2022 Olympic Matrix will be generated based on the SOQC and 2020 World Single Distance Championships. The Olympic Matrix will be published as promptly as possible following the release of the official SOQC by the ISU.

Any athlete from any country and/or any country that is ranked on the official published SOQC will remain on the SOQC for the purpose of nominating Canadian athletes to the 2022 Olympic Team, regardless of whether any such athlete is subsequently prohibited from participating in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. If, however, the ISU subsequently removes an athlete from the official published SOQC, then the re-allocation of quota spots process described in Section 7.4 shall apply.

### **8.1.1.3. Maximum Number of Phase One Nomination (Individual Distances)**

If Canada has a quota of 3 or fewer skaters for a particular Individual Distance according to the SOQC, the following process will be used to nominate athletes to the 2022 Olympic Team:

- If Canada has 1 quota spot for a particular Individual Distance, and an athlete is ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC, then this athlete will be eligible for nomination to the Team.
- If Canada has 2 quotas for a particular Individual Distance, the first athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the SOQC if such athlete is ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC unless two (2) athletes are ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC, in which case both athletes will be eligible for nomination to the Team.

- In the case of the 5000m (women) and 10000m (men), if Canada has 2 quotas, the first athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the 5000m (women) and 10000m (men) SOQC list if such athlete is ranked in the top 8 on the SOQC list. In the case that two athletes are ranked in the top 3 at the 2021 Fall World Cup at which the 5000m (women) or 10000m (men) was skated, then both athletes are eligible for nomination to the Team unless three athletes are ranked in the Top 5 in the 5000m (women) and 10000m (men) at the 2021 Fall World Cup at which the 5000m (women) or 10000m (men) was skated. Should there be three athletes ranked in the top 5 then the following process will be used:
  - The highest ranked Canadian will be eligible for nomination
  - If the second ranked athlete is more than 0.5 sammelagt faster than the third ranked athlete based on the results at the 2021 Fall World Cup at which the 5000m (ladies) or 10000m (men) was skated, then the second ranked athlete will be eligible for nomination for the Team
  - If the second ranked athlete is less than 0.5 sammelagt faster than the third ranked athlete based on the results at the 2021 Fall World Cup at which the 5000m (ladies) or 10000m (men) was skated, then the quota spot will be selected from Phase Two – the Olympic Skate-off. Athletes will only be eligible to compete in the Olympic Skate Off if they have achieved an ISU Olympic Qualifying Time Standard in the 5000m (ladies) / 10000m (men) between July 1, 2021 and the entry deadline of the Olympic Skate-off.
- If Canada has 3 quota spots, the first athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the SOQC ranking list. The second athlete that is eligible for nomination will be the next ranked Canadian on the SOQC list if such athlete is ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC list. The third athlete eligible for nomination will be from the finishing rank at the Olympic Skate-off (Section 8.2).
- In the case of Mass Start, the following process will be used:
  - If Canada has a 1 quota spot for Mass Start, then the athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the SOQC if the Canadian is ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC list. If no athlete is ranked in the top eight (8) on the SOQC list, then the athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian who is ranked in the top sixteen (16) on the SOQC list for the Mass Start and who is also ranked in the top two (2) at the Olympic Skate-off. If no athlete has met the aforementioned criteria, then the athlete eligible for nomination will be from the finishing rank at the Olympic Skate-off provided that such athlete has achieved at least one of the A-time standards and at least one of the B-time standards between January 1, 2020 and up to and including the Olympic Skate-off of the respective Mass Start profile<sup>4</sup>.
  - If Canada has 2 quotas for Mass Start, the first athlete eligible for nomination will be the highest ranked Canadian on the SOQC list. The second quota position eligible for nomination will be the next ranked Canadian on the SOQC who has also been nominated in another Individual Distance(s). If no other athlete nominated in another Individual Distance is ranked on the SOQC, then the second quota position eligible for nomination will be determined from the finishing rank in the Mass Start event at the Olympic Skate-off provided that such athlete has achieved at least one of the A-time standards and one of the B-time standards of the respective Mass

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<sup>4</sup> The 2021-2022 Mass Start profile will be published in the 2021-2022 World Cups and World Championships Team Nomination High Performance Bulletin.

Start profile<sup>4</sup> between January 1, 2020 and up to and including the Olympic Skate-off.

## 8.2. Phase Two Process

### 8.2.1. Individual Distance Phase Two Priority and Criteria

The number of quota spots available for nomination at the 2021 Olympic Skate-off will be based on the number of quota positions earned by Canada through its participation at the 2021 Fall World Cup competitions, and confirmed on the SOQC, minus any quota positions already allocated through the qualification of an athlete via Phase One Qualification described in these 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

#### 8.2.1.1. Performance Results

**Selection Event:** Olympic Skate-off, December 27-31, 2020 (Quebec City)

Subject to the granting of Byes, athletes who have achieved the Time Standards in one or more Individual Distances since January 1, 2020 up to and including the Olympic Skate-off may be eligible for nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team through the Phase 2 process in the following priority order:

- a. Athletes who have achieved one or more Time Standards in an Individual Distance at the 2021 Olympic Skate-off will be ranked by their final placing in such Individual Distances at the 2021 Olympic Skate-off according to the 2022 Olympic matrix.
- b. Athletes who have achieved one or more Time Standards in an Individual Distance since January 1, 2020 will be ranked by their final placing in such Individual Distances at the 2021 Olympic Skate-off according to the 2022 Olympic matrix.
- c. Notwithstanding the above, the lowest ranked athlete(s) on the 2022 Olympic Matrix may be replaced pursuant to Section 8.3 if Speed Skating Canada has not filled a Team Pursuit Team pursuant to step a). At the discretion of the CSO, skaters may be added to the Team from the Team Pursuit Pool (as per Section 8.3) in order to field a competitive Team Pursuit Team.

## 8.3. Team Pursuit

### 8.3.1. Criteria for Adding Athlete(s) to a Team Pursuit Team

Subject to earning a qualifying spot in the Team Pursuit for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, Speed Skating Canada will enter a Team Pursuit Team for either women or men, or both (each, the “**Team Pursuit Team**”) and the CSO may, in his/her discretion nominate one or more athletes to the 2022 Olympic Team who has not otherwise qualified for an Individual Distance as a member of the Team Pursuit Team, if such Team Pursuit Team has:

- A. Achieved a podium result at any one of the 2021 Fall World Cups; and
- B. Is ranked in the Top 4 of the Team Pursuit teams on the SOQC

### 8.3.2. Team Pursuit Nomination

- a) Athletes eligible for nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team based on Team Pursuit will initially be selected from the pool of athletes who have been nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team in an Individual Distance.
- b) After such potential nominations have been evaluated, in the event that the CSO determines in their discretion that Speed Skating Canada is unable to field a competitive Team Pursuit Team with the athletes who are eligible for nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team in an Individual Distance, the CSO may, subject to Section 8.3.2(c) below, in their

discretion, nominate additional athlete(s) to the 2022 Olympic Team, per gender, who is not otherwise eligible for nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team in an Individual Distance for the purposes of fielding a competitive Team Pursuit Team, provided that Canada's Team Pursuit Team has met the criteria as outlined in Section 8.3.1. Athletes under consideration will be based on the 2022 Olympic Team Pursuit coach(es) recommendation(s) from the athletes included in the Team Pursuit Pool. Athletes included in the Team Pursuit Pool will be made up of those who have signed the Team Pursuit Declaration of Intent<sup>5</sup> and met the conditions outlined in Appendix B. Athletes must submit Appendix B by no later than July 31, 2021.

- c) The CSO may only exercise their discretion to nominate an athlete to the Team Pursuit Team if the addition of such athlete will not cause an athlete who has already earned a quota / Olympic Matrix position in an Individual Distance and who is ranked in the top eight (8) of the SOQC from falling outside the maximum quota positions per gender for Canada and thus fail to be nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team.

### 8.3.3. Team Pursuit Composition

When determining the Team Pursuit Team's composition, the following factors will be considered, in no priority order, by the CSO along with any other factors which the 2022 Olympic Team Pursuit coach(es), the IST Lead and the Olympic Team Leader, at their discretion, deem relevant:

- A. Medal potential of the individual athletes selected to the Team Pursuit Team
- B. Medal potential of the Team Pursuit Team composed solely of athletes otherwise qualified for the 2022 Olympic Team in an Individual Distance
- C. Historical individual and Team Pursuit performances
- D. Availability and demonstrated commitment to train as part of the Team Pursuit Team
- E. International experience in the Team Pursuit event
- F. International performance profile in the Team Pursuit event
- G. Fit (i.e., ability to skate together, drafting, etc.) with other athletes already qualified for the 2022 Olympic Team and selected to be part of the Team Pursuit Team
- H. Other factors as may be identified by the 2022 Olympic Team Pursuit coach(es), the IST Lead and the Olympic Team Leader

## 9. 2022 OLYMPIC TEAM COMPOSITION

### 9.1. Olympic Quota Positions

Following the 2022 Olympic Skate-off, nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team will be determined as set forth below, with the first priority being given to section a), the second priority being given to section b), and so on, until the maximum team quota as determined by ISU Olympic Qualification System ("**Maximum Team Quota**") for the 2022 Olympic Team has been filled, or all athletes ranked in a quota position on the Olympic Matrix have been nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team, whichever occurs first:

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<sup>5</sup> Athletes will be identified and approached by the respective National Program Team Pursuit coaches as a potential candidate for the respective Team Pursuit pool. Athletes interested in being included in the Team Pursuit pool and able to meet the requirements as outlined in Appendix B are required to sign the respective Team Pursuit Declaration Intent.



- a) Athlete(s) who have met the Phase One Qualification and are ranked on the 2022 Olympic Matrix in a position that would allow such athlete to occupy a quota position per gender allocated by the ISU to Canada;
- b) Subject to the granting of Byes, athlete(s) who have met the Phase Two Qualification and are ranked on the 2022 Olympic Matrix in a position that would allow such athlete to occupy a quota position per gender allocated by the ISU to Canada;
- c) Team Pursuit athlete(s) added at the discretion of the CSO in accordance with Section 8.3.2. above;
- d) Notwithstanding the above, the lowest ranked athlete(s) on the 2022 Olympic Matrix may be replaced by one or more athlete(s) pursuant to step c) if, after following steps a) and b), Speed Skating Canada has not filled a Team Pursuit Team and the Team Pursuit Team has met the criteria as outlined in Section 8.3; provided, however, that no such athlete(s) who is ranked in the top 8 of the SOQC in an Individual Distance may be replaced pursuant to step c).

## 9.2. Remaining Team Quota Positions

If the above process results in a specific Individual Distance quota for either gender remaining unfilled after meeting the Maximum Team Quota, then such Individual Distance Quota will be filled by skaters already nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team. The priority will be determined by finishing rank at the Olympic Skate-off in such Individual Distance.

If the above process results in less than the Maximum Team Quota as determined by the ISU Olympic Qualification System being nominated for either gender, the CSO may, in their discretion, nominate athletes for any remaining 2022 Olympic Team positions, provided that they otherwise satisfy all of the necessary criteria for nomination as described in this Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures. For the avoidance of doubt, the CSO may determine in their discretion not to fill the Maximum Team Quota, in accordance with the factors listed immediately below.

If the CSO determines that additional athletes should be nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team, factors that may be considered for nomination to such remaining quota positions include, but are not limited to:

- A. Nominating athletes to field the most competitive team to maximize medal potential.
- B. Other factors as may be identified by the CSO in their discretion.

## 9.3. Substitute Positions

In the case a substitute position is required, the following process will apply:

- For Individual Distances, substitute positions will be filled by athletes already nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team. The next ranked athlete from the Olympic Skate-off in such Individual Distance will have the right of first refusal for such position until the position is filled.

# 10. ALLOWANCE OF FRESH STARTS AT 2022 SELECTION EVENTS

At the Selections Event(s) (CLT Championships and / or Olympic Skate-off), the following rules in respect of fresh starts will apply. For greater clarity, fresh starts will not be used for Canadian Ranking purposes and will not be included in the official event results.

- A. A fresh start may be allowed as per ISU Rule 262
- B. In addition, fresh starts conducted beyond the application of ISU Rule 262 will be permitted if any of the conditions described below in Section 10 (C) exist for nomination purposes only.
- C. Conditions under which a fresh start will be permitted for the purpose of nomination are:
  - i. Disqualification at start: If an athlete is disqualified at the start, he/she will be given a fresh start immediately following the final pair of the group
  - ii. Disqualification: After a disqualification for an incident during a race, the time from the re-skate race will be used for the purposes of nomination as stated above. The athlete may be given a fresh start allowance at the completion of the races for that specific distance at the discretion of the CSO or, if the CSO is absent, the Long Track HPM. In the case of a non-advantageous disqualification, the CSO or, if the CSO is absent, the Long Track HPM shall have the discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit. Please note that an athlete is entitled to a minimum rest of 30 minutes between his/her race and the fresh start; however, they may elect to complete their fresh start within this minimum 30 minute allowance.
  - iii. Equipment Failure: If an athlete has equipment failure prior to the start of the race and it is brought to the Chief Referee's attention, the athlete will have 30 minutes prior to their fresh start. This will be classified as the original start. If an athlete has an equipment failure during the race, the athlete will have a minimum of 30 minutes before their fresh start
  - iv. Falls: If an athlete falls during the race, the fresh start will take place no sooner than 30 minutes after the fall
  - v. Finish of races: If an athlete finishes a race, he/she may not ask for a fresh start, unless (a) the athlete falls across the finish line or (b) the accompanying athlete in the pair is disqualified for interference as per ISU Rule 262.
  - vi. Discretion of the CSO/ Long Track HPM: A fresh start may be granted at the discretion of the CSO or, if the CSO is absent, the Long Track HPM should they determine that unexpected or unforeseen circumstances have arisen which have prevented competition from taking place in a fair manner and in the best interests of this Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures and which require a fresh start to be granted.
- D. For fresh starts conducted beyond the application of ISU Rule 262 as permitted by the CSO or the Long Track HPM, the time recorded in the fresh start will be used for the purposes of nomination only
- E. No fresh starts will be allowed from a race that is itself a fresh start unless:
  - i. The first fresh start has been allowed pursuant to ISU Rule 262; or
  - ii. The second fresh start would be allowed pursuant to ISU Rule 262 (i.e., the athlete has been interfered with through no fault of his own).

# 11. GUIDELINES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF BYES

## 11.1. Purpose

The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines to the CSO in the consideration and granting of Bye requests.

## 11.2. Philosophy

In exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, the CSO may, in their discretion, determine that, where an athlete has not had the opportunity, through no fault of his or her own, to compete in the Selection Event(s) in order to be selected to the 2022 Olympic Team, or if the athlete participates in the Selection Event(s) but his or her performance is negatively impacted by an injury, illness or equipment breakage, the athlete may, subject satisfying the conditions indicated below, be eligible to apply for selection to the 2022 Olympic Team by making a Bye request.

A Bye request is the last means by which an athlete can be selected to the 2022 Olympic Team and it is intended to apply only in exceptional circumstances when an athlete's selection to the 2022 Olympic Team is impacted by an unforeseen injury or illness or other unanticipated circumstance, such as equipment breakage. For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of clarity, Byes are not available for athletes to be pre-selected to any Team.

In ordinary circumstances, the CSO will not grant an athlete a Bye onto the 2022 Olympic Team or into an event if that athlete has not previously satisfied the relevant and applicable criteria in order to be selected to the specific Team or in the specific Individual Event on the basis of their performances. However, and notwithstanding the aforementioned, if, compared to the performances of the other athletes seeking nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team or into an event, an athlete's recent performance demonstrates that they are at a superior level that would warrant nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team or that they should be granted permission to enter an event through a Bye, the CSO may, after consulting with the relevant National Team coaches, reviewing with the Olympic Selection Committee and assessing the athlete's Bye request in accordance with this 2022 Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures, grant the athlete a Bye for such a purpose.

Note that the Bye policy considerations and application herein is specific to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

## 11.3. Rules for Requesting a Bye

Bye Requests to the 2022 Olympic Team can only be made by athletes who satisfy the following conditions:

- Athletes who finished in the Top 8 and Top ½ in an Olympic event at the 2020 World Single Distance Championships or 2021 World Speed Skating Championships
- Bye requests must be made in writing to the CSO in accordance with the timelines and procedures indicated below and herein
- Unless physically incapable, only the athlete requesting the Bye is permitted to submit the request
- If the Bye request is made as a result of an illness or injury, the athlete must provide documented evidence from a qualified Long Track appointed medical practitioner that the

athlete was unable to compete in the Selection Event(s) due to the injury or illness. The CSO has the right to request further independent medical review after the Bye request has been submitted

- In the case of a Bye request being made on the basis of equipment breakage, the request has to have been reported to and verified by the race referee and SSC High Performance staff (or member of the Olympic Selection Committee if the High Performance staff member is not available or present) immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred.

## **11.4. Conditions for Applying a Bye**

Bye request will be considered in two categories:

### **A. Pre-competition Illness or Injury**

Pre-competition illness or injury, which prevents an athlete from competing in the Selection Event will only be considered if the athlete is ill or injured before the beginning of the Selection Event and the athlete is able to provide documentary evidence of their injury or illness. The athlete must request a Bye prior to the coaches meeting, or daily draw, for the Individual Distance which the athlete is requesting the Bye. SSC staff and/or Olympic Selection Committee must formally announce all pre-competition illness or injury Bye requests at this meeting so that all other competitors are made aware of the possibility of a Bye being granted.

In the case of selection to the Team Pursuit Team, where a cumulative ranking from multiple distances may be used, an athlete is eligible to make a Bye request if they are prevented from competing in one of the combined distances due to a pre-existing illness or injury.

A Bye request will be deemed ineligible if the athlete subsequently competes in the Selection Event for which the Bye request is made.

In the case of selection being based upon a cumulative ranking from multiple events, an athlete is eligible to apply for a Bye request to a subsequent ranking event (as specified in the 2022 Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures) if they are prevented from competing in one of the ranking events due to a pre-existing illness or injury.

### **B. Injury, Illness or Equipment Breakage During the Selection Event**

A Bye request for injury or illness or equipment breakage that occurs during the Selection Event must be made within 24 hours following the end of the Selection Event unless the athlete is physically incapable of making this request (in such a case, the athlete's coach may make the request).

Each Bye request must state clearly what the athlete is seeking, and supporting documentation (medical, race referee report, for example) must be provided at the time that the request is made.

## **11.5. Process for Reviewing a Bye Request**

The following outlines SSC's process for considering Bye Requests:

Following the completion of the Selection Event(s), the Olympic Selection Committee will review all Bye requests and the CSO, in their discretion will make a decision on each Bye request with supporting rationale:

- In cases where multiple Bye applications are submitted, each Bye application will be assessed individually and on their own merit
- If relevant, the CSO will establish a revised ranking of athletes based upon the Selection Event(s) and an assessment of previous performances from those who have requested a Bye and the final Nomination will be made from the revised ranking
- After the CSO makes their final decision regarding to a Bye request, the decision will be communicated to the athlete(s) requesting the Bye, athlete(s) directly affected by the Bye request, their coaches, and the athletes' representatives prior to the final nominations being made to the COC allowing for the required 7 day period for the submission of an appeal, unless the deadline for the nomination precedes this 7 day period. Under such circumstances, the COC will be notified that an appeal has been received and is under review.

## **11.6. Conditions for Granting a Bye**

When considering whether or not to grant a Bye in cases where an athlete has been injured or affected by an illness, the CSO must first consider the medical condition of the athlete, the degree to which the athlete has followed the prescribed rehabilitation process, and his/her readiness to return to competition and compete at their previous performance level according to feedback received from the SSC medical team and the athlete's coach(es). If any of the above conditions are not respected by the athlete, the Bye may be refused on that basis alone.

The CSO may award a "Conditional Bye" to athletes recovering from injury or illness. In such situations, the CSO may impose certain conditions, which may include, but are not limited to a specific timeframe within which they must demonstrate a certain level of fitness or meet a specific performance requirement(s).

When making Bye decisions, the CSO will evaluate a number of elements including, but not limited to the following:

- Head-to-head competition results between the athletes making the Bye request and those athletes that would be affected if the Bye request is granted
- Past performances of the athlete requesting the Bye
- Results of the Selection Event(s) (by athletes in contention for the 2022 Olympic Team)
- Recent training and testing performances

In evaluating past performances, the CSO will assign higher weighting priority to those performances since January 1, 2020 immediately prior to the final selection event. However, occasionally this is not possible because of injuries, or the lack of opportunity for the athletes to compete. In such instances, performances beyond this period may be considered but will have lower weighting in assessing the Bye request.

Other than Mass Start, following the consideration of the Bye request, the CSO may, at his or her sole, full and absolute discretion, award a Bye to an athlete who is:

- 0.5 sammelagt points faster than the last athlete selected in a specific distance based on the race skated at the Selection Event (that would be 0.5 seconds in the 500m, 1 second in the 1000m, 1.5 seconds in the 1500m, 3 seconds in the 3000m, 5 seconds in the 5000m, and 10 seconds in the 10000m)

In assessing the past performances of the athlete requesting the Bye and the history of the athletes who may be impacted by the Bye request (if granted), the CSO will give priority weighting to the best time (in ISU sanctioned events) of the athletes involved since January 1, 2020 including the Selection Event(s).

For Mass Start, the CSO, may in their discretion, award a Bye to an athlete after the consideration of the factors and requirements described above, other than the sammelagt considerations described above.

In the case of a multiple Event Nomination, if an athlete cannot complete the Selection Event due to exceptional circumstances, the missing distances will be evaluated using the personal best time (since January 1, 2020) for the athletes involved.

The CSO will only consider an athlete's best time for that distance as far back as January 1, 2020. This time must be achieved in speed skating events listed on the ISU International Calendar or ISU sanctioned Domestic Events and have electronic timing.

### **11.7. Injury Replacements**

In the event that an athlete is selected to the Team on the basis of a successful Bye request, they will be required to provide evidence of a full recovery, both from a medical perspective and also a performance perspective, in order to confirm their selection to the Team.

The determination of what constitutes full recovery will be made by the SSC Team medical and coaching staff and will be based upon an assessment of the athlete's ability to perform at their previously demonstrated level of performance and such other criteria as determined by the CSO in their discretion.

If an athlete is injured following their Nomination to the Team, the same conditions for full medical and performance recovery as described above will apply.

Any substitutions after January 24, 2022 as a result of injury replacement are subject to Beijing 2022 Organizing Committee Late Athlete Replacement Policy (Section 12.2).

## **12. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES**

In accordance with [ISU rule 209\(e\)](#)<sup>6</sup> the names of the competitors and substitutes for each distance shall be presented to the Beijing 2022 Organizing Committee not later than three (3) days before the distance will be skated.

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<sup>6</sup> The current ISU rule 209(e) is from the ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING as accepted by the 57<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress June 2018. As soon as the updated ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING are adopted by the ISU 58<sup>th</sup> Congress, they will become valid and applicable to this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures and Speed Skating Canada will update the applicable hyperlink.

## 12.1. Removal of an Athlete once selected

An athlete could be removed from the 2022 Olympic Team under any of the following conditions:

- A. The CSO may, at any time, and in their discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for Nomination to the 2022 Olympic Team or remove an athlete after Nomination based on current or past behaviour of the athlete that is found to be a breach of Speed Skating Canada's Ethic and Code of Conduct Policy and Athlete Agreement.
- B. An athlete will be removed from consideration if he / she is in violation of any anti-doping rules as established by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) or any other Anti-Doping Organization with authority over the athlete.
- C. Following Nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee.

Speed Skating Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of any decision regarding removal. Such decisions may be appealed in accordance with Section 13 below.

## 12.2. Late Athlete Replacement Policy

If an athlete withdraws from the 2022 Olympic Team prior to the final date for the COC to submit entries to the Beijing 2022 Organizing Committee, the athlete may, at the discretion of the CSO, be replaced by the next highest ranked athlete (on the Olympic Matrix) in accordance with the same Phase 2 procedures used to select the 2022 Olympic Team. Should this be a Team Pursuit athlete, then the athlete may, at the discretion of the CSO, be replaced by another Team Pursuit athlete (as identified in Section 8.3).

If the position cannot be filled through this process, the Olympic Team Leader and IST Lead will have the discretion in naming the replacement for that distance by a qualified 2022 Olympic Team member. The Olympic Team Leader and IST Lead will have the ultimate responsibility for making the final decision but should, if possible, in the circumstances, consult with the Olympic coaching staff.

After the Team Leader meeting and submission of final entries, an athlete may NOT be replaced on the 2022 Olympic Team. However, an athlete can be replaced by a qualified 2022 Olympic Team member for entry to a distance in accordance with the Competition Rules and Regulations that are applicable for the 2022 Olympic Winter Game. Any such replacements will be made using the ranking of athletes from Section 9 above.

Note that any substitutions after January 24, 2022 are subject to Beijing 2022 Organizing Committee Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Note that, other than in respect of Team Pursuit, in order for an athlete to replace another athlete pursuant to this Section, such replacing athlete must have achieved an ISU Olympic Qualifying Time standard as set forth in Section 5 in the distance in which such athlete is replacing the other athlete.

# 13. APPEALS

Any appeals in relation to nomination decisions made pursuant to this Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures must be filed in accordance with Speed Skating Canada's [Appeal Policy](#).

## 14. 2022 OLYMPIC TEAM NOMINATION (COACHES)

### 14.1. Selection Criteria

To be eligible for nomination, a Coach must meet all of the following criteria:

- A. Be a resident in Canada and duly employed as a Speed Skating Coach by Speed Skating Canada
- B. Be registered with Speed Skating Canada
- C. Be in good standing with the Professional Coach Department of the Coaching Association of Canada or equivalent either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach

### 14.2. Coach Nomination

- A. The coaches of the 2022 Olympic Team shall be appointed for Nomination. The appointment shall be the sole, full and absolute discretion of the High Performance Management Team (CSO, HPM and IST Lead)
- B. The number of coaches who may be nominated will be based on the number of athletes who are selected to the 2022 Olympic Team as follows:
  - i. Up to 10 athletes – 2 coaches nominated
  - ii. 11-15 athletes – up to a maximum of 3 coaches nominated (excluding a coach that may be selected / nominated exclusively for the purposes of preparing and coaching the Team Pursuit Team(s))
  - iii. 16-20 athletes – up to a maximum of 4 coaches nominated (excluding a coach that may be selected / nominated exclusively for the purposes of preparing and coaching the Team Pursuit Team(s))
- C. A coach's nomination to the COC does not guarantee their selection to the 2022 Olympic Team as a coach. Instead, all coach selection decisions are subject to the approval of the COC and the availability of an accreditation.

## 15. STAFF SELECTION

The composition and naming of the 2022 Olympic Team support staff will be made at the sole, full and absolute discretion of the High Performance Management Team (CSO, HPM and IST Lead).



## 16. FUNDING

The following funding structure shall apply to activities related to the nomination of the 2022 Olympic Team:

- Funding for required training camps will fall under the 2021-2022 Athlete Categorization Model (to be published Summer 2021)
- Athletes will be required to self-pay for any and all expenses related to attending and competing at Selection Events (Section 7.2)
- Should there be remaining entry quotas for Canada in any Individual Distance, additional athletes ranked on the 2021 Fall World Cup Matrix will be eligible to self-pay to participate in Fall World Cups. Self-pay athletes will be responsible for the following expenses:
  - All individual travel related expenses (i.e., accommodation, meals, flights, transportation, baggage fees, etc.)
  - Additional med staff travel expenses will be split equally amongst self-pay athletes (i.e., accommodation, meals, flights, transportation, baggage fees, etc.)

## 17. LANGUAGE

This 2022 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedure was originally drafted in English and was translated into French. In the event of a discrepancy between the English and French versions, the English version shall be used to understand the intended drafting of the provision(s) in question. Should such a situation arise, Speed Skating Canada will ensure that any discrepancies are corrected as soon as possible and will assist any impacted individuals with resolving the matter.



# APPENDICES

# APPENDIX A: TIMELINE SUMMARY

DATE	ITEM
<b>December 30, 2020</b>	2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures published & distributed
<b>June 30, 2021</b>	Deadline to sign and return 2021-22 SSC Athlete Agreement
<b>Jan 1, 2020 - Dec 31, 2021</b>	Qualification period
<b>August 1, 2021</b>	ISU Communication (ISU Olympic Qualifying Times)
<b>September 30, 2021</b>	High Performance Bulletins published & distributed World Cup & World Championships Team Nomination Domestic Competition Formats
<b>October 13-17, 2021</b>	Selection Event – CLT Championships (Calgary, AB)
<b>Nov 12-Dec 12, 2021</b>	Qualification Event(s) – Fall World Cups (SECTION 8.1.1.2)
<b>December 27-31, 2021</b>	Selection Event – Olympic Skate-off (Quebec City, QC)
<b>January 3, 2022</b>	2022 Olympic Team Nomination Announcement
<b>January 9, 2022</b>	Deadline to file an Appeal
<b>January 12, 2022</b>	Deadline to sign and return COC Athlete Agreement and Conditions of Participation Form
<b>January 19, 2022</b>	Official Team Nomination & Sport Entry deadline to the COC

# APPENDIX B: TEAM PURSUIT DECLARATION OF INTENT

## 2022 Men's Team Pursuit Declaration of Intent

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is a Declaration of Intent to be considered for the Men's Team Pursuit Team. Athletes signing this declaration will be part of the Team Pursuit pool and eligible for Nomination to the 2022 Men's Team Pursuit Team should Canada earn a quota spot and has met the criteria outlined in the 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

I understand that by signing this Declaration of Intent does not confirm my selection to the 2022 Men's Team Pursuit Team, only that I intend to train and compete if Nominated and accept my Nomination.

To be eligible for consideration for Nomination to the Men's Team Pursuit Team, athletes must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Attend identified Team Pursuit specific training camps as agreed upon by the Men's Team Pursuit Coach
  - a) 2021-2022 camps
    - i) Camp 1 – DATES TBD
    - ii) Camp 2 – DATES TBD
    - iii) Camp 3 – DATES TBD
- 2) Adhere to the training camp plan as outlined by the Men's Team Pursuit coach (Bart Schouten)
- 3) Re-scheduled training camp dates will be done so a minimum of 6 weeks in advance and in consultation with each respective coach of the athletes' part of the Team Pursuit pool
- 4) Absences from identified Team Pursuit specific training camps must be approved by the Men's Team Pursuit coach (i.e., notified in writing)

By signing this Declaration of Intent, you agree to comply with the above criteria and agree to accept your Team Pursuit position if selected to the Team.

Athlete Signature	Date
Team Pursuit Coach Signature – Bart Schouten	Date
High Performance Manager Signature – Cathy Tong	Date

<sup>7</sup> Camp dates will be announced at a minimum 6 weeks before each camp. Training camp dates are subject to change. Any changes will be made a minimum of 3 weeks in advance. Athletes and their respective coach part of the Team Pursuit Pool will be notified of changes as soon as possible.

## 2022 Women's Team Pursuit Declaration of Intent

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is a Declaration of Intent to be considered for the Women's Team Pursuit Team. Athletes signing this declaration will be part of the Team Pursuit pool and eligible for Nomination to the 2022 Women's Team Pursuit Team should Canada earn a quota spot and has met the criteria outlined in the 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

I understand that by signing this Declaration of Intent does not confirm your selection to the 2022 Women's Team Pursuit Team, only that you intend to train and compete if Nominated and accept your Nomination.

To be eligible for consideration for Nomination to the Women's Team Pursuit Team, athletes must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Attend identified Team Pursuit specific training camps
  - a) 2021-2022 camps
    - i) Camp 1 – DATES TBD
    - ii) Camp 2 – DATES TBD
    - iii) Camp 3 – DATES TBD
- 2) Adhere to the training camp plan as outlined by the Women's Team Pursuit coach (Remmelt Eldering)
- 3) Re-scheduled training camp dates will be done so a minimum of 6 weeks in advance and in consultation with each respective coach of the athletes' part of the Team Pursuit pool
- 4) Absences from identified Team Pursuit specific training camps must be approved by the Women's Team Pursuit coach (i.e., notified in writing)

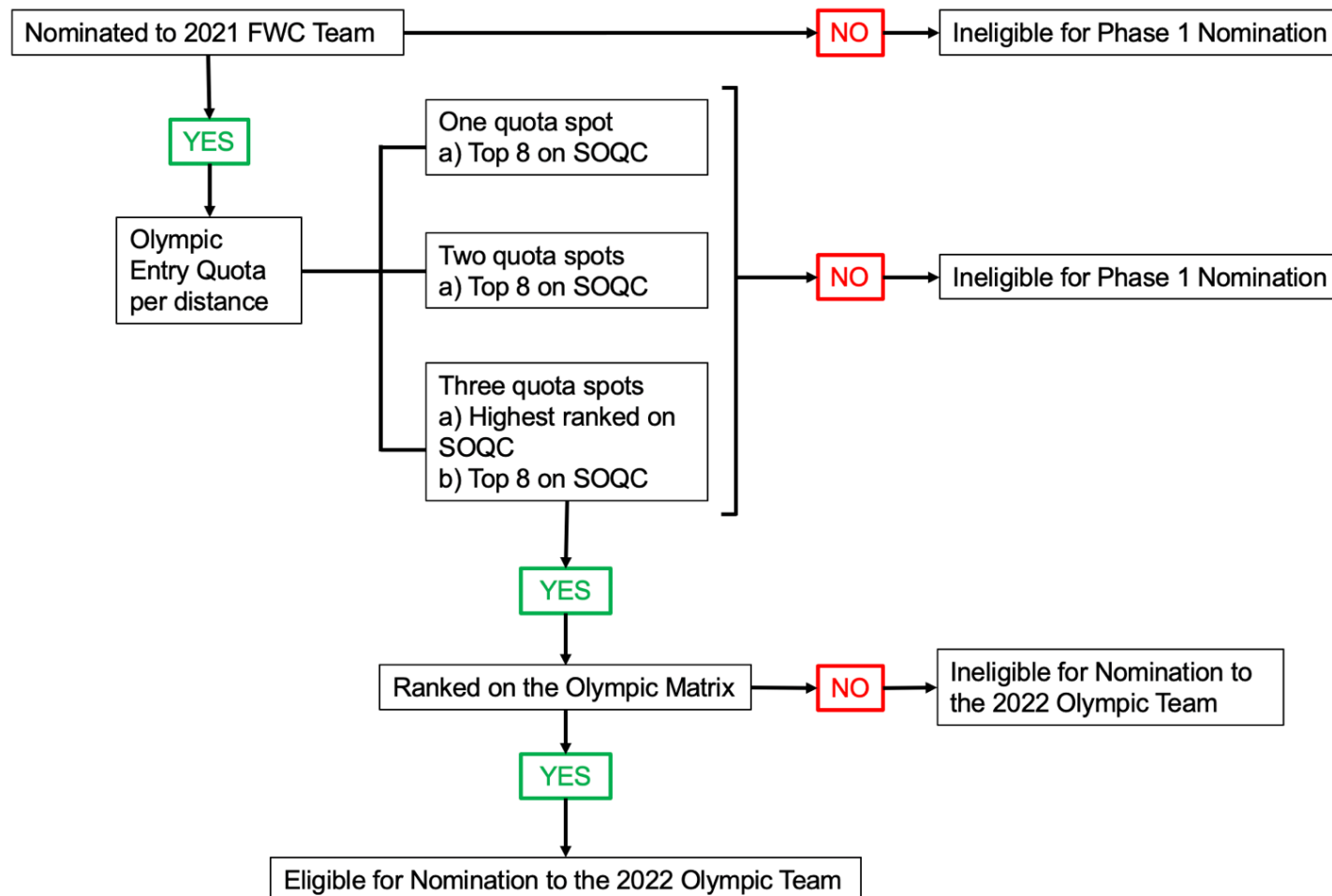
By signing this Declaration of Intent, you agree to comply with the above criteria and agree to accept your Team Pursuit position if selected to the Team.

Athlete Signature	Date
Team Pursuit Coach Signature – Remmelt Eldering	Date
High Performance Manager Signature – Cathy Tong	Date

<sup>8</sup> Camp dates will be announced at a minimum 6 weeks before each camp. Training camp dates are subject to change. Any changes will be made a minimum of 3 weeks in advance. Athletes and their respective coach part of the Team Pursuit Pool will be notified of changes as soon as possible.

# APPENDIX C: PHASE 1 NOMINATION FLOWCHART

The below flowchart should not be used as a stand alone but in conjunction with the criteria outlined in this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.



# APPENDIX D: PHASE 2 NOMINATION FLOWCHART

The below flowchart should not be used as a stand alone but in conjunction with the criteria outlined in this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

