



# 2022 OLYMPIC SELECTION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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# 1. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

## 1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures for Short 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 Short Track Speed Skating Canadian Olympic Team (the “**2022 Olympic Team**”) for Individual Distances and for Team Relay.

For greater clarity, in this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, “**Individual Distances**” shall mean 500m, 1000m, and 1500m.

## 1.3. Definitions

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

<b><u>HPAC-ST:</u></b>	The HPAC-ST consists of the volunteer members of the High Performance Advisory Council – Short Track and the Committee Chair, as constituted pursuant to the <u>HPAC-ST Terms of Reference</u>
<b><u>INP:</u></b>	The 2022 Olympic Selection Policy and Procedures is Speed Skating Canada’s Internal Nomination Procedure for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games
<b><u>IST Lead:</u></b>	A Short Track appointed staff member who is the lead of the multi-disciplinary team of sport science, sport medicine and sport performance professionals who provide support to the Short Track program.
<b><u>Olympic Team Leader:</u></b>	A Short 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 Short Track 2022 Olympic Team.
<b><u>Selection Event:</u></b>	The Event at which athletes may be nominated to one or more Teams
<b><u>Team:</u></b>	Consists of the athletes who have been nominated and who have accepted their nomination to a World Cup, World Championship, or Olympic Games Event.
<b><u>Absolute Discretion</u></b>	Will refer to the final and total power of acting on one’s own judgement.

**Adjusted Final Selection Ranking**

Will refer to the ranking achieved at the 2022 Short Track Canadian Championships 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 Criteria for the allocation of byes for selection to the 2022 Olympic Team (see Appendix C).

**Distance**

Will refer to the 500m, the 1000m, or the 1500m.

**Distance Ranking**

- Will refer to the ranking achieved in a Distance when adding the points of an athlete's best two of three Events in that Distance. For example, an athlete who has an Event Result of 2949 points in 500m (1), 6400 points in 500m (2) and 4096 points in 500m (3) will have a distance ranking in the 500m that corresponds with the 10496 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 winning in a given Distance.

**Event**

- will refer to one series of racing in a given Distance. The Canadian Short Track Championships 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 clarity, 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 Canadian Short Track Championships.

**Event Ranking**

- will refer to the final rank earned in one Event of a Distance. For example, the event rank of a skater who earned 8000 points in the 500 m (1) is 2.

**Event Result**

- will refer to the final points from one series of racing in a given Event of a Distance. For greater clarity, 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 Canadian Short Track Championships.

**Final Selection Ranking**

### **Olympic Team**

- will refer to the ranking achieved at the Canadian Short Track Championships competition based upon the combination of the best two Distance Results.

### **SOQC**

- will refer to the athletes confirmed by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee - Short Track as being nominated to represent Canada at the Olympic Games in Beijing, after the completion of the Special Olympic Qualifiers and once the quotas for both team and individual entries are confirmed.

### **SOQC Racing Pool**

- will refer to the Special Olympics Qualifying Competitions
- will refer to those athletes selected by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track to represent Canada at the Special Olympic Qualifier competitions.

## **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 SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING 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.

# **2. AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION**

## **2.1. Olympic Selection Committee**

Nominations to the 2022 Olympic Team shall be the responsibility of the Director, High Performance Short Track (interim) ("**HPD**") who is the Chair of the Olympic Selection Committee. The Olympic Selection Committee is an advisory committee that provides recommendations and advice to the HPD with respect to the 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-ST (made up of the HPD and up to three advisory elected volunteer members) and the Chief Sport Officer (“**CSO**”), if this individual is not already a member of the HPAC-ST.

As indicated in the HPAC-ST Terms of Reference, the HPAC-ST is an advisory committee that may provide recommendations and advice to Speed Skating Canada staff and the HPD. The HPD 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 Short Track High Performance Director 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), the Chief Sport Officer and / or Integrated Support Team (IST) Lead.

## **2.4 Conflict Of Interest**

When advising the Director, High Performance Short Track (interim) 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.

## **2.5 Quorum**

A quorum will consist of the majority of the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track members. Any members found to be in a conflict of interest according to Section 2.4 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 one, (or more, if necessary) members of the Long Track High Performance committee will be invited to serve on the SSC Olympic Selection committee – Short Track, one by one, prioritized according to greatest seniority on the committee, until quorum is achieved.



## 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 HPD's sole discretion, are necessary to ensure the nomination of athletes with the greatest medal potential for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. Any changes to this document must be made prior to the start of the Selection Event which forms part of Speed Skating Canada's nomination procedure and shall be communicated to all 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 requiring clarification on any of the points contained herein should consult the Director, High Performance Short Track (interim) for further clarification and explanation to this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

After the start of the 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. The purpose of such changes must be made 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. In the event of a change to this document after the start of the Selection Event, Speed Skating Canada shall inform the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) of the changes, as well as any affected athletes, 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 HPD determine that unexpected or unusual circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, the HPD 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 making such decisions, the HPD shall, if time permits, consult with the Olympic Selection Committee in order to obtain their advice regarding the situation.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Speed Skating Canada that prevent the HPD 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 Short 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

The International Federation regulations specific to the discipline of Short Track Speed Skating and applicable to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games can be found at: [INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION SPECIAL REGULATIONS SPEED SKATING and SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING 2004 as accepted by the 50 \(isu.org\)](#), (1)

of the International Skating Union's SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING and SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING as accepted by the 57th Ordinary Congress June 2018 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.

<sup>1</sup> *In the event that the ISU Rules are updated, rendering the hyperlink provided invalid, SSC will update the applicable hyperlink in these 2022 Short Track Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures as soon as possible.*

## 5.1. International Federation Regulations

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

In the event that the SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING is modified or updated by the ISU during the qualification period for the 2022 Olympic Games (please see Section 5.2 below), Speed Skating Canada will provide the updated version of the ISU SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING to all impacted individuals and will modify, if necessary, this 2022 Olympic Selection Policies & Procedures.

# 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 Nomination Agreement (Appendix B), 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 as of the date of nomination, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements;
- E. Be a member in good standing with 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.

# 7. SOQC RACING POOL – SELECTION

The 2022 Racing Pool Selection will be selected from the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships that is currently scheduled to be held from August 21-29, 2021.

## 7.1 SOQC Racing Pool Selection Entry Criteria

The 2022 Racing Pool will be selected from the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship. The 2022 Racing Pool will be restricted to a maximum of 12 athletes (6 male and 6 female) of each gender.

All information for field of entry for the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship are detailed in Short Track High Performance [Bulletin 194 \(click here\)](#).

## 7.2 Athlete Replacement To Field Of Entry

All information for Athlete Replacement for the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship are detailed in Short Track High Performance [Bulletin 194 \(click here\)](#).

## 7.3 Location And Date For The 2021 Canadian SHORT TRACK Championship

National Training Centre  
Maurice Richard Arena  
Montréal, Québec  
August 21-29 2021

## 7.4 Schedule For The 2021 Canadian SHORT TRACK Championship

(POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO COVID HEALTH MEASURES)

Date	Races
August 21, 2021	1500m (1) semis / finals 500m (1) quarters / semis / finals
August 22, 2021	1000m (1) quarters / semis / finals 1500m (2) semis/ finals
August 25, 2021	500m (2) quarters / semis / finals

	1000m (2) quaters/ semis/ finals
August 28, 2021	1000m (3) quarters / semis / finals
August 29, 2021	500m (3) quarters/ semis/ finals 1500m (3) semis / finals

## 7.5 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship Format

To have a distance ranking in a specific distance, athletes will be required to compete in all three Events of the specific distance: 500m, 1000m, 1500m". Athletes will be allocated ranking points according to the table below for each of the three Events per Distance.

Rank	Points		Rank	Points
1	10000		11	1935
2	8000		12	1741
3	6400		13	1567
4	5120		14	1411
5	4096		15	1269
6	3277		16	1143
7	2949		17	1028
8	2654		18	925
9	2389		19	833
10	2150		20	750

### 7.5.1 SEEDING

Seeding for the first round of the 500m (1), 1000m (1) and 1500m (1) Events will be determined by the following process:

- A. The first 8 positions to be allocated to members of the 2020-21 National Team, based on the following priorities:
  - Priority 1: Results of individual skaters at the 2021 World Championships.
  - Priority 2: Members of the Relay team at the 2021 World Championships based on Relay discretionary selection evaluation by the National Team Coach.
  - Priority 3: The last available Senior National Ranking
- B. The remaining 12 seeding positions will be determined from the ranking of the 9-lap pursuit time trial ranking list.

- C. Seeding for the first round of the 500m (2), 1000m (2) and 1500m (2) Events will be determined by calculating the average of the following in order:
- (i) the athlete's first Event ranking in each respective Distance, and
  - (ii) the athlete's original seeding for the first round (NT + 9-lap pursuit time trial ranking list) of the first Event in the respective Distance. In the event of a tie in this calculation, the athlete with the better first Event ranking in the respective Distance will be seeded higher for the first round of the second Event of the Distance.

For example: if an athlete had an original seeding of 4<sup>th</sup> for the 500m (1) and had earned a rank of 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

- D. 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 Ranking in each respective Distance, and
  - (ii) the athlete's second Event Ranking in each respective Distance. In the event of a tie in this calculation, the athlete with the best time in the specific distance will be seeded higher.

For example: if an athlete finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 500m (1) and 8<sup>th</sup> 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

## 7.5.2 RACE COMPOSITION

Please note: Lane position will be determine as per ISU rule 296.8 SPECIAL REGULATIONS & TECHNICAL RULES SPEED SKATING and SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING as accepted by the 57th Ordinary Congress June 2018

### 1500m

#### Composition of Semi-finals (1500m)

#### 3 Heats **7-7-6**

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

	13	14	15
	18	17	16
	19	20	19

If starting numbers are reduced from 20, the HPAC -ST Chair will consult with the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track members in attendance to decide the most suitable number of races to ensure the fairest racing conditions.

### Composition of Finals (1500m)

Final A: The first and second placed skaters from each race and up to a maximum of one fastest third place skater qualify for Final A.

Final B: 3rd and 4th of Semi-finals A, B and C and up to a maximum of two fastest fifth place skater qualify for Final B.

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

## 500m and 1000m

### Composition of Quarter Finals: 4 Heats of 5 skaters

Distance Seedings	Quarter-finals : 4 Heats			
	A	B	C	D
1	2	3	4	
8	7	6	5	
9	10	11	12	
16	15	14	13	
17	18	19	20	

### Composition of Semi-Finals: 4 heats of 5 skaters

Semi-Final A & B: The first and second placed skaters from each race and up to a maximum of two fastest third place skater qualify for Semi-Final A & B.

Semi-Final C & D: Remaining skaters from Quarter-finals A, B, C & D

Ranks from quarter-finals	Semi-finals : 4 Heats			
	A	B	C	D
1	2	11	12	
4	3	14	13	
5	6	15	16	
8	7	18	17	
9	10	19	20	

### Composition of Finals

#### Finals: 4 heats of 5 skaters

- Final A: The first and second skaters from Semi-Final A & B and up to a maximum of one fastest third place skater qualify for Final A.
- Final B: Remaining skaters from Semi-finals A & B.
- Final C: The first and second skaters from Semi-Final C & D and up to a maximum of one fastest third place skater qualify for Final C.
- Final D: Remaining skaters from Semi-finals C & D.

Ranks from Semi-finals 500m	Finals : 4 Heats			
	A	B	C	D
1	6	11	16	
2	7	12	17	
3	8	13	18	
4	9	14	19	
5	10	15	20	

### For all distances (1500m-500m-1000m):

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

### 7.5.3 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 their race. The skater will not be permitted to skate in any subsequent rounds of the [Event](#). The skater will be placed but not permitted to skate in the applicable final for the [Event](#) as if they have progressed through the previous rounds, placing last in each race and will receive last place points for that final below any skater(s) penalized in that final.
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 (see point 9) 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 (**outside the skater's control**) the referee 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. If advanced to the next round, the skater must present written approval of the medical staff present before beginning the next round.
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 **placed** 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.
10. Races with 1 skater will not be skated.

## 8. 2021 SOQC RACING POOL COMPOSITION

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will name the SOQC Racing Pool following the Canadian Championships. The SOQC Racing Pool will represent Canada at the Special Olympic Qualification Competitions (SOQCs).

### 8.1 SOQC Racing Pool Selection Criteria

To represent Canada at the 2021 Special Olympic Qualifying Competitions (SOQC) and to be eligible to be nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team, athletes must first qualify to the SOQC Racing Pool at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship. The athletes selected to the 2021

Racing Pool will be required to train together at the Short Track National Training Center in Montreal.

**Quota:** composed of 6 men and 6 women.

**Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria per gender:**

**Step 1** **Select the three highest ranked athletes based on the [Final Selection Ranking](#) from the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship.**

If a tie in points exists, the best 3<sup>rd</sup> [Event Results](#) for the two [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 3<sup>rd</sup> highest [Event Result](#) for either the 500m or the 1000m.

For example:

Skater 1		Skater 2	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 500m(3)	8,000 pts	3 <sup>rd</sup> 500m(3)	6,400 pts

If a tie in points exists, the best two results (ranking points) from Event (3) will be added together to break a tie.

Skater 1		Skater 2	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 500m(3)	8,000 pts	2 <sup>nd</sup> 1500 (3)	8,000 pts
4 <sup>th</sup> 1000m(3)	5,120 pts	3 <sup>rd</sup> 500m(3)	6,400 pts
Total	13,120 pts	Toal	14,400 pts

Additional [Tie breaker](#):

If a tie still exists, the total points from the three 500m event results will be utilized to break the tie.

If a tie still exists, the best 500m time (down to the third one) will be used to break the tie.

**Step 2** **The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will review any bye requests according to the Bye Policy (see Appendix C).**

**The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track may only grant a maximum of two (2) bye requests per gender to qualify for the Racing Pool under this Step 2.**

To be granted a bye to qualify for the Racing Pool, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track must consider that the athlete requesting the bye is equal to or better than the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ranked athlete under Step 1.

Where one athlete for a particular gender requests a bye to qualify for the Racing Pool and the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track considers that the athlete is equal to or better than the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ranked athlete under Step 1, this athlete will be selected to the Racing Pool and will be placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> position on the [Adjusted Final Selection Ranking from the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship](#) for their respective gender

Where more than one athlete per gender requests a bye to qualify for the Racing Pool, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will rank the athletes and in such circumstances, the two highest ranked athletes per gender amongst those that requested a bye will qualify for the fourth and fifth place in the Racing Pool and will be placed in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions on the [Adjusted Final Selection Ranking from the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship](#) for their respective gender. As indicated above, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track must consider that the athletes requesting the bye are equal to or better than the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ranked athlete under Step 1.

If, after all bye requests have been made, no byes have been granted for a particular gender, selection to the Racing Pool will continue under step 3.

However, if at least one bye has been granted for a particular gender, no positions in the Racing Pool will be available under Step 3 for that gender and the remaining position(s) for the gender in question will be filled under Step 4.

**IMPORTANT:** if an athlete (or athletes) is selected to the Racing Pool through a Bye, and, if due to their continued injury or illness, they are unable to compete at one or more World Cups, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track shall select an alternate to compete at the World Cup(s) at which the athlete(s) who were granted a Bye cannot compete. The alternate will be chosen in accordance with the discretionary criteria found in Section 8.2, but after all selections have been completed under Step 4 below.

The athlete(s) who are granted a Bye under this Step 2 but who may not be able to race at a World Cup due to a continued injury or illness shall be considered as members of the Racing Pool for the purpose this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures and shall retain all rights as described herein as a member of the Racing Pool. Any alternate selected to compete at a World Cup pursuant to this Step 2 shall be afforded the rights described in Step 3 in Sections 11.1-11.4, as applicable, depending on the number of quotas available.

Step 3-A **If a [Distance Winner](#) has not already been selected to the Racing Pool pursuant to Steps 1 or 2, and provided that no bye requests have been granted (for a particular gender) under Step 2, the [Distance Winner](#) will be selected to the Racing Pool.** In such a situation, selection to the Racing Pool will continue under Step 4.

If there is a tie for first place within a [Distance](#), the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest [Event Result](#) in the respective [Distance](#) will be utilized to break the tie.

If there is still a tie for first place within a [Distance](#), the athlete with the most points in the [Final Selection Ranking](#) will be considered the [Distance Winner](#).

If there is a tie in points in the [Final Selection Ranking](#), the 3<sup>rd</sup> [Event Results](#) for the two [Distances](#) used to establish rank for 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 with the best [Distance Result](#) in the [Distance](#) she-he won shall be selected.

If a tie exists, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> [Event Results](#) for the two [Distances](#) used to establish rank for the [Final Selection Ranking](#) will be utilized to break the tie.

Step 3-B **If all 3 [Distance Winners](#) have already been selected pursuant to Step 1, and provided that no bye requests have been granted (for a particular gender) under Step 2, the 4<sup>th</sup> position in the Racing Pool will go to the highest ranked athlete based on their best two [Distance Rankings](#).** In such a situation, selection to the Racing Pool will continue under Step 4.

If a tie in points exists, the 3<sup>rd</sup> [Event Results](#) for the two [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 3<sup>rd</sup> highest [Event Result](#) for both the 500m and 1000m.

If a tie still exists, the [Distance Results](#) for the 500m alone will be utilized to break the tie.

Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the [Distance Results](#) of the 1000m alone.

Any persisting tie will be broken by considering the [Distance Results](#) of the 1500m alone.

Step 4 After completing Steps 1-3, as applicable, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will select up to two athletes per gender as discretionary selections to the Racing Pool depending on the number of positions remaining in the Racing Pool for each gender.<sup>1</sup> Such discretionary selections will be made in accordance with the criteria for discretionary selections indicated in Section 8.2 below. Any athlete who competed at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship will be eligible for discretionary selection to the Racing Pool.

For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete who applies for but is not granted a bye under Step 2 may still be considered for selection to the Racing Pool by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee as a discretionary selection under this Step 4.

## 8.2 Subjective Criteria (Discretionary Decision)

For the discretionary positions in the Racing Pool (per gender), the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track, through the authority granted in Section 2 of this document, is responsible for the nomination of athletes. According to the relevant athlete selection process described in these 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will select the discretionary position(s) per gender to the Racing Pool based upon performance analyses and the profile of the team already selected, and will select the athlete(s) (per gender) that it considers is (are) best able to assist Speed Skating Canada in winning the greatest number of medals at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games.

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will advise the HPAC-ST Chair who has the sole and [Absolute Discretion](#) to make the final selection decision pursuant to this section. When advising the HPAC-ST Chair, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will solicit the input from the National Team coaches who shall evaluate athletes according to the criteria below.

The relative importance (weight) of each factor listed below will be decided by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track with the input of the National Team coaches and each athlete that is considered for the discretionary position (per gender) in the Racing Pool will be given a score for each factor.

When deciding the relative importance of each of the factors listed below, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will take into account that the ultimate goal of selection for the discretionary position is to choose the athlete(s) (per gender) that has (have) demonstrated that they are best able to assist Speed Skating Canada in winning the greatest number of medals at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games.

When making the discretionary selection as described above, the following factors may be considered by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track and the HPAC-ST Chair:

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<sup>1</sup> If one bye has been granted to a particular gender under Step 2, two athletes will be selected to the Racing Pool for that gender under Step 4 as discretionary selections. However, if two byes have been granted to a particular gender under Step 2, one athlete will be selected to the Racing Pool for that gender under Step 4 as a discretionary selection.

- International relay performance
- International individual performances & experience
- National performances
- Training performances
- Readiness for competition
- Effect on team dynamics
- Commitment to the training program
- Medical and health status

As indicated above, each factor will be weighted and athletes being considered for the discretionary position in the Racing Pool will be given a score for each factor. When scoring athletes, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee-Short Track will consult with the National Team coaches.

If the SSC Olympic Selection Committee-Short Track determines that factors not listed above need to be considered in order to make the discretionary selection to the Racing Pool, it shall advise eligible athletes accordingly. However, any failure to advise athletes due to valid and justifiable reasons (i.e., lack of time) shall not invalidate any discretionary selections to the Racing Pool.

## 9. 2021 SOQC EVENTS WORLD CUP 1 & 2 SELECTION PROCESS

### 9.1 Admissibility

ISU determines Canada's admissibility to register skaters to World Cup events. Skaters aged 15 and older starting from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 are admissible (ISU Rule No 108).<sup>2</sup>

### 9.2 Quota

The Team for the SOQC Events (World Cup 1 & 2) will be composed of the 6 men and 6 women from the 2021 SOQC Racing Pool.

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<sup>2</sup> In the event that the ISU Rules are updated, rendering the hyperlink provided invalid, SSC will update the applicable hyperlink in these 2022 Short Track Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures as soon as possible.

## 9.3 Sequence Of Decisions And Team Selection Criteria For Individual Distances

- Step 1 Canadian      Select the top two ranked skaters per gender in each distance from the 2021 Championship
- If a tie in points exists, the best result in the distance will be utilized to break the tie.
- If a tie still exists, the 3<sup>rd</sup> [Event Results](#) for the [Distance](#) will be utilized to break the tie.
- If a tie still exists, the best time (down to the third one) on that distance will be utilized to break the tie.
- Step 2      The remaining individual distances will be determined at the absolute discretion of the National Team Coach amongst the remaining Racing Pool Team. This decision can be delayed to the official deadline to register to the SOQC Event to enable the coaching staff to gather all valuable data.
- Relay      The six (6) team members will be eligible to skate the relay. However, the National Team Coach will determine the relay team composition for each of the skating rounds at the SOQC Event.

# 10. 2021 SOQC EVENTS 3 & 4 SELECTION PROCESS

## 10.1 Admissibility

ISU determines Canada's admissibility to register skaters to World Cup events. Skaters aged 15 and older starting from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 are admissible (ISU Rule No 108).<sup>3</sup>

## 10.2 Quota

The Team for the SOQC Events 3 & 4 will be composed of the 6 men and 6 women from the 2021 SOQC Racing Pool.

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<sup>3</sup> In the event that the ISU Rules are updated, rendering the hyperlink provided invalid, SSC will update the applicable hyperlink in these 2022 Short Track Olympic Selection Policies and Procedures as soon as possible.

## 10.3 Sequence Of Decisions And Team Selection Criteria For Individual Distances

- Step 1 individual who  
Following SOQC Events 1 & 2, select up to 2 athletes from the provisional distance (for each distance -500m, 1000m, 1500m) from World cup classification who skated at least one Final A.  
If a tie exists, then the highest ranked at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships in that distance will be selected.
- Step 2  
The remaining individual position in the distances will be determined at the absolute discretion by the National Team Coach amongst the remaining SOQC Racing Pool Team. This decision can be delayed to the official deadline to register to the SOQC Event to enable the coaching staff to gather all valuable data.
- Relay  
The six (6) team members will be eligible to skate the relay. However, the National Team Coach will determine the relay team composition for each of the skating rounds at the SOQC Event.

# 11. 2022 OLYMPIC TEAM COMPOSITION

Pending qualification quota for Canada, the 2022 [Olympic Team](#) will be selected as follows:

## 11.1 Team Entry For Team Quota Of 5 Skaters (Full Quota -Relay Qualified)

### *TEAM COMPOSITION*

#### **Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria:**

##### **Step 1**

**Select a maximum of 3 athletes with highest rank from the 2021 World Cups 1-4 classifications in any distance (500m, 1000m, 1500m) who skated at least one Final A**

Ties broken by best rank achieved in a distance from one of the designated World Cups (World Cups 1-4).



Further ties broken by final World Cup classification in a second distance (skated at least Final A).  
Final classification including World Cups 1-4

If a tie still remains, it will be broken by the best ranked skater in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships

If fewer than 3 athletes have attained a minimum of skating in at least one Final A, then remaining positions will be filled as follow:

- ii) If 2 athletes have achieved a World Cup Final A results, then remaining position will be filled with next best ranked athlete in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship.
- iii) If 1 athlete has achieved a World Cup Final A result, then the next 2 positions will be filled with the next best ranked athletes in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships.
- iv) If no athletes achieved a World Cup Final A results, then 1 position will be filled with the best World Cup ranking classification in any distance, and the remaining 2 positions will be filled based on the athletes' overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships.

### **Step 2**

If any requests have been made for a bye, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will review the request(s) according to the Bye Policy (see Appendix C) for selection to the 2022 Olympic Team. If an athlete that requests a bye is considered by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track to be equal or better than the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ranked athlete, this athlete will be selected to the team in 4<sup>th</sup> position.

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track may only select one athlete per gender to the Olympic Team through a Bye pursuant to this Step 2.

### **Step 3**

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will select the athlete for the 4<sup>th</sup> position (if no bye is granted for this position under Step 2 above) and the 5<sup>th</sup> position according to the criteria for discretionary selections (see Section 8.2). Only athletes who are nominated to the Racing Pool or (where applicable, an alternate, if the alternate achieves a podium performance at a World Cup) will be eligible for this position.

For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete (or athletes) who applies for but is not granted a bye under Step 2 may still be considered for selection as a discretionary selection under this Step 3.

## 11.2 Team Entry For Team Quota Of 4 Skaters (Relay Qualified)

### TEAM COMPOSITION

#### **Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria:**

##### **Step 1**

**Select a maximum of 2 athletes with highest rank from the 2021 World Cups 1-4 classifications in any distance (500m, 1000m, 1500m) who skated at least one Final A**

Ties broken by best rank achieved in a distance from one of the designated World Cups (World Cups 1-4).

Further ties broken by final World Cup classification in a second distance (skated at least Final A). Final classification including World Cups 1-4

If a tie still remains, it will be broken by the best ranked skater in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships

If fewer than 2 athletes have attained a minimum of skating in at least one Final A, then remaining positions will be filled as follow:

- i) If 1 athlete has achieved a World Cup Final A result, then the remaining position will be filled with next best ranked athlete in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship.
- ii) If no athlete has achieved a World Cup Final A result, then the next 2 positions will be filled with best ranked athletes in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships.

##### **Step 2**

If any requests have been made for a bye, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will review the request(s) according to the **Bye Policy (see Appendix C)**. If an athlete requesting a bye is considered by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track to be equal or better than the 2nd place ranked athlete, this athlete will be selected to the team in 3rd position.

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track may only select one athlete per gender to the Olympic Team through a Bye pursuant to this Step 2.

##### **Step 3**

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will select the athlete for the 3<sup>rd</sup> position (if no bye is granted for this position under Step 2 above ) and 4<sup>th</sup> position according to the criteria for discretionary selections (see Section 8.2). Only athletes who are nominated to the Racing Pool or (where applicable, an alternate, if the alternate achieves a podium performance at a World Cup) will be eligible for this position.

For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete (or athletes) who applies for but is not granted a bye under Step 2 may still be considered for selection as a discretionary selection under this Step 3.

## 11.3 Team Entry For Team Quota Of 3 Skaters (No Relay Qualified)

### TEAM COMPOSITION

#### **Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria:**

##### **Step 1**

**Select a maximum of 2 athletes with highest rank from the 2021 World Cups 1-4 classifications in any distance (500m, 1000m, 1500m) who skated at least one Final A**

Ties broken by best rank achieved in a distance from one of the designated World Cups (World Cups 1-4).

Further ties broken by final World Cup classification in a second distance (skated at least Final A). Final classification including World Cups 1-4

If a tie still remains, it will be broken by the best ranked skater in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships

If fewer than 2 athletes have attained a minimum of skating in at least one Final A, then remaining positions will be filled as follow:

- i) If 1 athlete has achieved a World Cup Final A result, then the remaining position will be filled with next best ranked athlete in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship.
- ii) If no athlete has achieved a World Cup Final A result, then the next 2 positions will be filled with best ranked athletes in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships.

##### **Step 2**

If any requests have been made for a bye, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will review the request(s) according to the **Bye Policy (see Appendix C)**. If an athlete requesting a bye is considered by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track to be equal or better than the 2<sup>nd</sup> place ranked athlete, this athlete will be selected to the team in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track may only select one athlete per gender to the Olympic Team through a Bye pursuant to this Step 2.

##### **Step 3**

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will select the athlete for the 3<sup>rd</sup> (if no bye is granted for this position under Step 2 above) position according to the guidelines for discretionary selections (see Section 8.2). Only athletes who are nominated to the Racing Pool or (where applicable, an alternate, if the alternate achieves a podium performance at a World Cup) will be eligible for this position.

For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete who applies for but is not granted a bye under Step 2 may still be considered for selection as a discretionary selection under this Step 3.

## 11.4 Team Composition For Quota Of 2 Skaters

### Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria:

#### **Step 1**

**Select a maximum of 2 athletes with highest rank from the 2021 World Cups 1-4 classifications in any distance (500m, 1000m, 1500m) who skated at least one Final A**

Ties broken by best rank achieved in a distance from one of the designated World Cups (World Cups 1-4).

Further ties broken by final World Cup classification in a second distance (skated at least Final A). Final classification including World Cups 1-4

If a tie still remains, it will be broken by the best ranked skater in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships

If fewer than 2 athletes have attained a minimum of skating in at least one Final A, then remaining positions will be filled as follow:

- i) If 1 athlete has achieved a World Cup Final A result, then proceed to step 2 and step 3 below.
- ii) If no athlete has achieved a World Cup Final A result, then 1 position will be filled with best ranked athlete in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships.

#### **Step 2**

If any requests have been made for a bye, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will review the request(s) according to the **Bye Policy (see Appendix C)**. If an athlete requesting a bye is considered equal or better than the 1<sup>st</sup> place ranked athlete, this athlete will be selected to the team in 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track may only select one athlete per gender to the Olympic Team through a Bye pursuant to this Step 2.

#### **Step 3**

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will select the athlete for the 2<sup>nd</sup> position (if no bye is granted for this position under Step 2 above) according to the guidelines for discretionary selections (see Section 8.2). Only athletes who are nominated to the Racing Pool or (where applicable, an alternate, if the alternate achieves a podium performance at a World Cup) will be eligible for this position.

For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete who applies for but is not granted a bye under Step 2 may still be considered for selection as a discretionary selection under this Step 3.

## 11.5 Team Composition For Quota Of 1 Skater

**Sequence of decisions and team selection criteria:**

### **Step 1**

**Select the highest ranked athlete from the 2021 World Cups 1-4 classifications in any distance (500m, 1000m, 1500m) who skated at least one Final A (conditional to bye requests)**

Ties broken by best rank achieved in a distance from one of the designated World Cups (World Cups 1-4).

Further ties broken by final World Cup classification in a second distance (skated at least Final A). Final classification including World Cups 1-4

If a tie still remains, it will be broken by the best ranked skater in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships

If no athlete has achieved a World Cup Final A result, then 1 position will be filled with best ranked athlete in the overall ranking at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships.

### **Step 2**

If any requests have been made for a bye, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will review the request according to the **Bye Policy (see Appendix C)**.

If an athlete requesting a bye is ranked first after their bye has been evaluated by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track, this athlete will be selected to the team.

## 11.6 Relay Team Selection Process

Those nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team will be eligible to skate in the relay at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games. However, the National Team Coach will determine the relay team composition for each of the skating rounds at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games.

## 11.7 Mix Relay Team Selection Process

Those nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team will be eligible to skate on the mix relay at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games. However, the National Team Coach will determine the relay team composition for each of the skating rounds at the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games.

If Team quota is less than 2 individual athletes for any gender but the Mix Relay has qualified for the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games, the remaining position on the Mix Relay Team will be selected as a discretionary selection from the Racing Pool based on Mix Relay performances in all 4 SOQC World Cup events.

## 11.8 Provisional Entries For Individual Distances

To optimize the preparation of the [Olympic team](#) athletes, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will confirm the individual distance entries for the 2022 Olympic Games as soon as

possible following the Special Olympic Qualification Competitions (SOQCs) whereby Canada will earn individual distance entry positions.

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

World Cup #1 : Oct 21-24, 2021 – Beijing, China

World Cup #2 : Oct 28-31, 2021 – Nagoya, Japan

World Cup #3: Nov 18-21, 2021 – Debrecen, Hungary

World Cup #4 : Nov 25-28, 2021 – Dordrecht, Netherlands

WHATEVER THE TEAM COMPOSITION NUMBER, SEQUENCE OF DECISION FOR INDIVIDUAL DISTANCES (500M, 1000M, 1500M) WILL BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOW:

**IF 1 POSITION: (1 BASED ON RANKING)**

**SELECT THE HIGHEST RANKED ATHLETE FROM WORLD CUPS 1-4 FROM THE OVERALL CLASSIFICATION (WITH MINIMUM ONE FINAL A).**

If no athlete has attained a minimum of skating in at least one Final A, the remaining position will be by the highest ranked athlete at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships in the specific distance that Canada has earned that quota position.

**IF 2 POSITIONS: (1 BASED ON RANKING, 1 BASED ON DISCRETIONARY POSITION)**

**SELECT THE HIGHEST RANKED ATHLETE FROM WORLD CUP 1-4 FROM THE OVERALL CLASSIFICATION (WITH MINIMUM ONE FINAL A) AND SELECT ONE ATHLETE THROUGH THE DISCRETIONARY NOMINATION PROCESS (SEE SECTION 8.2).**

If no athlete has attained minimum of skating in at least one Final A, the remaining position will be filled by the highest ranked athlete at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship in the specific distance where Canada has earned a quota position.

*\*IF TEAM COMPOSITION IS LIMITED TO 2 SKATERS THAT DOESN'T APPLY. THOSE 2 ATHLETES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED IN THE DISTANCE*

**IF 3 POSITIONS: (2 BASED ON RANKING, 1 BASED ON DISCRETIONARY POSITION)**

**SELECT THE 2 HIGHEST RANKED ATHLETES FROM WORLD CUP 1-4 OVERALL CLASSIFICATION (WITH MINIMUM ONE FINAL A), THEN ONE ATHLETE THROUGH THE DISCRETIONARY NOMINATION PROCESS (SEE SECTION 8.2).**

If fewer than 2 athletes have skated in at least one Final A, the remaining positions will be filled as follow:

- i) If 1 athlete has skated in at least one Final A, the remaining position will be filled with highest ranked athlete at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship in that distance which Canada has qualified the quota spot. If it is the same athlete, the next highest ranked at the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship will be selected. THEN ONE ATHLETE THROUGH THE DISCRETIONARY NOMINATION PROCESS (SEE SECTION 8.2).
- ii) If no athlete has skated in at least one final A, the remaining 2 positions will be filled with best ranked athletes in the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championship in the specific distance which Canada has qualified the quota spot. Then one athlete through the DISCRETIONARY NOMINATION PROCESS (SEE SECTION 8.2).

*\*IF TEAM COMPOSITION IS LIMITED TO 3 SKATERS THAT DOESN'T APPLY. THOSE 3 ATHLETES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED IN THE DISTANCE*

## **11.9 Final Entries - Performance Readiness At 2022 Olympic Games**

Final entries at the 2022 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. This determination of performance readiness will include an evaluation on the health status of the athlete.

The final decision(s) will be made by the National Team Coach, with the approval of the Olympic team leader.

### **11.10 Alternates**

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will select an alternate athlete for each gender following the selection of the 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 the next ranked athlete from the Racing Pool for each gender that has not been selected to the Olympic Team (for example, if the Olympic Team includes five athletes for a particular gender, the 6<sup>th</sup> ranked athlete in the Racing Pool for that gender will be selected as the alternate). For the avoidance of doubt, the selection of the alternate for each gender will depend on the number of quota spots that Canada earns for the Olympic Games (i.e., if a particular gender earns four quota spots, the alternate will be the next ranked athlete from the Racing Pool not selected to the Olympic Team).

The alternate will be expected to adhere to the same training and competition program as the Olympic Team and can be replaced in his/her role at any time if the National Team Coach does not feel that the athlete is adequately meeting the expectations agreed upon when s/he accepted the position of alternate. The alternate will travel with the team to the Special Olympic Qualifier Competitions (SOQCs) and may be called upon to compete at these events.

### **11.11 Replacement Of Athletes**

At any time, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track reserves the right to replace an athlete if medical advice indicates 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 2022 Olympic Games Team coach (National Team Coach) involved. Similarly, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track has the right to replace an athlete named to the team who withdraws or declines his/her position on the 2022 Olympic Games Team.

Athletes subject to replacement due to the foregoing will be replaced by the alternate identified in section 13.01 and according to Article 14.

Note that any substitutions after nomination (aka January 19, 2022) to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after January 24, 2022 are also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

## 11.12 Injury/Illness Stipulations

If an athlete is injured or becomes ill following his/her selection to the 2022 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 SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track. The determination of what constitutes adequate recovery will be made by the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track with the input of the SSC medical staff and the National Team 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 2022 Olympic Games Team. Only SSC authorized medical staff will be permitted to determine if the injury/illness conditions will prevent the athlete from being part of the 2022 Olympic Games Team.

If an athlete is subsequently deemed medically unfit by SSC medical staff to compete in the 2022 Olympic Games she/he may be replaced in accordance with Section 11.11 and with the COC athlete replacement procedure, or by the Competition Rule and Regulations that are applicable to the 2022 Olympic Games depending on the timeframe prior to the Games.

## 11.13 Removal Of An Athlete Once Selected

The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track may, at any time, advise the Chair of the High Performance Advisory Council (HPAC-ST) to remove and/or disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Team or remove an athlete after selection. The decision of such a removal or disqualification will be at the absolute and sole discretion of the Chair of the HPAC-ST, as per the Terms of Reference for the HPAC.

Removal from the Team may be based on any of the following:

1. Behavior of the skater which is found to be inconsistent with the COC Athlete Agreement, Beijing 2022 Conditions of Participation Form and/or SSC Ethics and Code of Conduct Policy as found at the following location:  
<http://www.speedskating.ca/sites/speedskating.ca/files/int100-ethicsandcodeofconductpolicy.pdf>
2. Violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the International Skating Union (ISU) 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, Canadian Olympic Team or the National Team Program.

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



## 11.14 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.

## 11.15 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
June 1, 2021	2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures published & distributed
June 30, 2021	Deadline to sign and return 2021-22 SSC Athlete Agreement
Oct 21, 2021 - Dec 1, 2021	Qualification period
August 1, 2021	ISU Communication
September, 2021	High Performance Bulletins published & distributed. World Cup & World Championships Team Nomination Domestic Competition Formats
August 21-29, 2021	Canadian Short Track Championships (Montreal, Qc)
Oct-Nov, 2021	Four SOQC events (SECTION 7)
December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	2022 Olympic Team Nomination Announcement
December 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Deadline to file an Appeal
January 12, 2022	Deadline to sign and return COC Athlete Agreement and Conditions of Participation Form
January 19, 2022	Official Team Nomination & Sport Entry deadline to the COC

# APPENDIX B: 2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES SPEED SKATING CANADA SKATER NOMINATION AGREEMENT

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*(Name of skater)*

I, the above athlete, consent to being considered for nomination by Speed Skating Canada (SSC) to the 2022 Canadian Olympic Team. In making this consent I declare that:

1. I have been provided with a copy of the 2022 Short Track Olympic Team Selection Policy & Procedures.
2. I understand that the 2022 Short Track Olympic Team Selection Policy & Procedures may be amended from time to time to account for unforeseen circumstances according to Section 4.2. I will be bound by the 2022 Short Track Olympic Team Selection Policy & Procedures 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 2022 Short Track Olympic Team Selection Policy & Procedures.
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 2022 Canadian Olympic Team I will abide by all Policies and Procedures and any Team Rules that relate to participation in the 2022 Winter Olympic Games as a member of the 2022 Canadian Olympic Team and as provided to me by the COC.

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Signature of skater

Date

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Witness

Witness signature

# APPENDIX C: CRITERIA FOR THE ALLOCATION OF BYES FOR SELECTION TO THE 2022 RACING POOL AND OLYMPIC TEAM

## **1) Purpose**

- a) The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines to the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track 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) Availability of Byes**

- a) For the purpose of this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures, Byes will be available for: 1) selection to the Racing Pool (Section 8); and 2) selection to the 2022 Olympic Team (Section 11).

## **4) Rules for requesting a bye.**

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

- a) Bye requests must be made in writing to the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track (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 SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track 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 SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short

Track representative immediately following the race in which the equipment breakage occurred.

## **5) Conditions for applying for a Bye**

Bye requests will be considered in two categories:

- 1) Pre-competition illness, injury, or other unforeseeable extenuating circumstance that prevents an athlete from competing in the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships and SOQC Racing Pool Selection under Section 8 of this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures; and
- 2) Pre-competition illness, injury, or other unforeseeable extenuating circumstance that prevents an athlete from competing in the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships and SOQC Racing Pool Selection (but is granted a Bye to be included in the Racing Pool under Step 2, Section 8) and/or in one or more World Cup events in order to be selected to the Olympic Team under Section 11 of this 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures.

## **6) Procedure for applying for a Bye**

### **i) 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships**

- 1) If the athlete is ill or injured before the beginning of the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships, he/she must request a Bye before the Coaches' meeting at the competition. The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track 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.
- 2) A Bye request will be ruled ineligible if the skater subsequently competes in the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships and SOQC Racing Pool Selection.
- 3) If an Injury, illness, equipment breakage or other unforeseeable extenuating circumstance occurs during the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships and SOQC Racing Pool Selection, a Bye request must be made within 48 hours following the final day of the competition of the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships unless the athlete is physically incapable of making this request (in such a case, the athlete's coach may make the request). (See Section 4(d) above of Rules for Requesting a bye for the reporting requirements for equipment breakage)

### **ii) World Cup**

- 1) If the athlete is ill or injured before the beginning of any World Cup, or if an injury, illness, equipment breakage or other unforeseeable extenuating circumstance occurs during a World Cup, a Bye request must be made within 48 hours following the last World Cup of the season (SOQC#4) unless the athlete is physically incapable of making this request (in such a case, the athlete's coach may make the request).
- 2) A bye request will be ruled ineligible if the skater subsequently competes in the World Cup for which they requested the Bye.

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).

## **7) Process for reviewing a Bye application**

The following outlines the process for considering Bye requests.

- i) SOQC Racing Pool Selection
  - a) Following the 2021 Canadian Short Track Championships and SOQC Racing Pool Selection, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will meet (in person or via conference call) to review any Bye application submitted for selection to the SOQC Racing Pool.
  - b) In cases where multiple Bye applications are submitted, they will be assessed individually and on their own merit.
  - c) The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will review the facts and supporting evidence, and evaluate the athlete based on the criteria described in this Appendix C and determine whether the athlete satisfies the criteria in Section 8, step 2 of the 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures in order to be selected to the Racing Pool through a Bye.
- ii) Olympic Team Selection
  - a) Following the conclusion of the last World Cup (SOQC#4), the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will meet (in person or via conference call) to review any Bye application submitted for selection to Olympic Team.
  - b) In cases where multiple Bye applications are submitted, they will be assessed individually and on their own merit.
  - c) The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will review the facts and supporting evidence, and evaluate the athlete based on the criteria described in this Appendix C and Step 2 of Sections 11.1-11.5 of the 2022 Olympic Selection Policy & Procedures (as applicable, depending on the number of quotas available).
  - d) The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will name the 2022 Olympic Team or entry field for the 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.

## **8) Conditions for Granting a Bye**

- a) When considering whether or not to grant a Bye, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track 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.
  - iii. His/her readiness to compete for the SOQC Short Track events or 2022 Olympic Games according to feedback received from SSC medical team and his/her coaches.
- b) If any of the above is not at a level satisfactory to the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track, the Bye may be refused on this basis alone.
- c) **Bye Requests** for the SOQC Racing Pool Team.  
Skater has to meet one of the following criteria:
  - i. Be part of the 2021 World championship team
  - ii. Have won medal at World championships or World cups since 2019-20. If in relay skater must have skated Final A.
  - iii. Single distance medal at World Junior Championship since 2020
  - iv. Have skated time standard of 1'22'9 for men or 1'28'8 for women in the 1000m distance (official SSC sanction time trial or competition) since 2020
- d) ***Bye Requests for*** the 2022 Olympic Team  
Skater has to meet one of the following criteria:
  - Be part of the 2021 World championship team
  - Have won medal at World championships or World cups since 2019-20. If in relay skater must have skated Final A.

## **9) Conditional Bye**

1. In some cases, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track may award a “Conditional Bye” to an athlete recovering from injury or illness. In such situations, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track may impose certain conditions imposed in order for the athlete to maintain the selection status they achieved through the bye. In order to lift the condition, the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track must be provided medical confirmation ) that the athlete who was granted the conditional bye will not be impacted by any significant physical/psychological limitation that will prevent the athlete from performing in competition at the level at which the SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track assessed them to be at when they were granted the conditional bye. The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track must also receive confirmation from the athlete’s coach that the athlete is ready to compete at their previously demonstrated level for the competition in question.
2. The SSC Olympic Selection Committee – Short Track will specify the date on which the performance and medical assessment will be evaluated.