

To: Speed Skating Canada Members
From: High Performance Committee - Long Track

Notification

RE: HP Bulletin 188 Clarification & HP Bulletin 186 Amendment – January 23, 2019

The following is to provide clarification to Section 6 – 2018-2019 Canadian Ranking List of HP Bulletin 188 in regard to the redistribution of Canada Cup ranking points. It is also to further outline an amendment of Section 2.4 – Canada Cup 3 Pairings and Drawings of HP Bulletin 186.

HP Bulletin 188 Clarification

Athletes who have achieved a Senior International Card (top 8 and top ½ of the field in an Olympic event at the 2019 World Single Distance Championships) will be removed from the Canada Cup ranking points for the events in which the respective athlete(s) participated. As a result, the Canada Cup ranking points for such Canada Cup events will be redistributed amongst the remaining athletes.

For example, Athlete A wins the 1500m at Canada Cup 1 and Canada Cup 2 (earning 100 points for each), and places in the top 8 at World Single Distance Championships. Athlete A will be removed from the 1500m Canada Cup 1 and Canada Cup 2 results and then the ranking points will be redistributed. Therefore, the athlete who placed 2nd in the 1500m at Canada Cup 1 and the athlete who placed 2nd in the 1500m at Canada Cup 2 would each receive 100 points, respectively.

HP Bulletin 186 Amendment

The following amendment applies to Section 2.4 of HP Bulletin 186 in regard to Canada Cup 3 Pairings and Drawings. This amendment supersedes the previous posted version 3 of Bulletin 186 on December 14th, 2018 for the following sections.

Amendment summary

- Amendment to Group 4 pairings and drawing to reflect the correct year for which to consider an athlete's season's best qualifying times, which is the 2018-2019 season.
- Amendment to Section 2.4.5 applies to Groups 1 thru 3 – Each group will consist of the top 4 skaters with the fastest time achieved in the 2018-2019 season who are on the 2018-2019 Canadian Ranking List and in attendance at Canada Cup 3.

- Amendment to Mass Start for Canada Cup 3 – Any skater with a Canada Cup Senior qualifying time by the Canada Cup 3 entry deadline may participate in the Senior Mass Start and he/she will be further ranked by their 1500m time.

Amendment to Section 2.4 (changes are identified in **RED**):

2.4.5 Pairings and Drawings

All competitors will be ranked according to their best qualifying time from the **2018-2019** season **that was achieved prior to the competition entry deadline of January 17, 2019.**

Group 1-3

Group 1 - Top 4 skaters **with the fastest time achieved in the 2018-2019 season who are on the 2018-2019 Canadian Ranking List and in attendance**

Group 2 - The next 4 skaters **with the fastest time achieved in the 2018-2019 season who are on the 2018-2019 Canadian Ranking List and in attendance**

Group 3 - The next 4 skaters **with the fastest time achieved in the 2018-2019 season who are on the 2018-2019 Canadian Ranking List and in attendance**

The starting order of the pairs shall be opposite to the ranking order of the competitors as follows:

Group 3 pair 2 – skaters with the 11th and 12th fastest times

Group 3 pair 1 – skaters with the 9th and 10th fastest times

Group 2 pair 2 – skaters with the 7th and 8th fastest times

Group 2 pair 1 – skaters with the 5th and 6th fastest times

Group 1 pair 2 – skaters with the 3rd and 4th fastest times

Group 1 pair 1 – skaters with the 1st and 2nd fastest times

Group 4 – All remaining skaters will be ranked and then paired using their best achieved times from the **2018-2019** season.

Competitors in Group 4 will be ranked according to the fastest time achieved in the 2018-2019 season. The starting order of the pairs shall be in the ranking order of the competitors, so that competitors with the fastest qualifying times will start in the first pair, and so on.

2.4.4 Mass Start

Senior and Junior Mass Start races may be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 253 and special ISU Communication 2195 or other documents issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee. Safety measures are specified in ISU Communication No. 2195. Mass Start races for Seniors will be 16 laps and Mass Start races for Junior will be 10 laps.

All competitors for the Mass Start will be ranked according to their 1500m qualifying time. Qualifying times are those achieved prior to the entry deadline.

Junior skaters may enter the Senior Mass Start races if they have achieved the senior time standard in the 1500m as outlined in APPENDIX C – Canada Cup Qualifying Times, by the competition entry deadline January 17, 2019:

- Men 2,01.20 (indoor) 2,13.40 (outdoor)
- Women 2,15.30 (indoor) 2,28.70 (outdoor)

Best regards,



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