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MEMO

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RE: Bulletin 192 – National/NextGen Program Selection

Due to unforeseen and extraordinary circumstances, Speed Skating Canada (“SSC”) decided, in order to preserve and protect the health of the athletes, coaches, staff and general public, to cancel the final ranking competition of the 2019-2020 season. As result, the Chair of the High Performance Committee, in consultation with SSC coaches, staff and the High Performance Committee, has made the decisions regarding the 2020-2021 National Program Selection that are outlined below. Please refer to an updated High Performance Bulletin 192 (“Bulletin 192”) on the SSC website which reflecting these changes

1. Current 2019-2020 National / NextGen Team athletes:

- Athletes who are current members of the National / NextGen Teams will be eligible for nomination to the respective 2020-2021 teams and will be ranked based on meeting the nomination criteria outlined in Section 2.3 and 3.3 of Bulletin 192.
- Athletes who are current members of the National Team who have met the 2019 Canadian Long Track (“CLT”) time standard (Appendix B, Bulletin 192) but who have failed to achieve the Senior International Carding priority outlined in Bulletin 191 will be eligible for nomination to the 2020-2021 National Team at the discretion of the Chair in accordance with Section 2.3 of Bulletin 192. Each such athlete will be ranked based on the performance percentage applicable to each such athlete using the 2019 CLT Championships time standard for the relevant ISU group (Senior, Neo-Senior, Junior). Junior athletes will be ranked against Neo-Senior time standards.
- Athletes who are current members of the NextGen Team who have met the 2019 Canadian Long Track (“CLT”) time standard (Appendix B, Bulletin 192) but who have failed to satisfy any of the nomination criteria listed in Section 3.3.2 of Bulletin 192 will be eligible for nomination to the 2020-2021 NextGen Team but he/she will be ranked below those athletes who have met the Section 3.3.2 criteria and such athletes will be ranked based on the performance percentage applicable to each such athlete using the 2019 CLT Championships time standard for the relevant ISU group (Senior, Neo-Senior, Junior). Junior athletes will be ranked against Neo-Senior time standards.
- Should a current National / NextGen Team athlete fail to meet, (A) with respect to a National Team member, each of (i) the 2019 CLT time standard and (ii) the Senior International Carding criteria or (B) with respect to a NextGen Team member each of (iii) the 2019 CLT time standard and (iv) any nomination criteria listed in Section 3.3.2 of Bulletin 192, he/she will be **provisionally** added to the 2020-2021 National Program, whereby he/she will be required to meet the 2019 CLT time standard (Appendix B, Bulletin 192) at the 2020 CLT Championships for such athlete’s 2019-2020 relevant ISU group to formally confirm nomination to the 2020-2021 National / NextGen Team.
 - For greater clarity, an athlete who is currently an N4 for the 2019-2020 season and will become a Senior as of July 1, 2020, will need to meet the 2019 CLT Neo-Senior time standard at the 2020 Canadian Long Track Championships to be formally named to the 2020-2021 National / NextGen Team.



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- All athletes who have been provisionally added to the National Program will be ranked at the bottom of the 2020-2021 National / NextGen Team Nomination based on the performance percentage applicable to each such athlete using the 2019 CLT Championship time standard for the relevant ISU group (Senior, Neo-Senior, Junior). Junior athletes will be ranked against Neo-Senior time standards. The times used for each athlete will be best time achieved in the 2019-2020 season from an eligible ranking competition as identified in Bulletin 192.
2. New athletes:
- Athletes not currently on the 2019-2020 National or NextGen Teams may be eligible for nomination to the NextGen Team should they meet the criteria outlined in Section 3.3 of Bulletin 192. The following two Canadian Ranking Lists will be used for nomination consideration:
 1. The Canadian Ranking list as published online on February 21, 2020.
 2. The Canadian Ranking list as per the updated Bulletin 192 criteria (as posted on March 30, 2020).
 3. Should there be a tie in ranking between the two Canadian Ranking lists, athletes will be ranked using performance percentage to the 2019 CLT time standard (Appendix B, Bulletin 192) for the relevant ISU group (Senior, Neo-Senior, Junior). Junior athletes will be ranked against Neo-Senior time standards. Times used must be achieved from an eligible ranking competition as identified in Bulletin 192.

The National Program Selection will follow in the coming weeks. Any bye requests as per Bulletin 192 Appendix C must be made by no later than Friday April 3, 2020.

This memorandum is to be read in conjunction with the most recently published version of Bulletin 192 – National/NextGen Program Selection.

Best regards,

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Enclosure