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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Update regarding HP Bulletin 193 – 2020-2021 World Cups and World Championships Team Nomination and Summary of Proposed Team Nomination process for the 2021 World Single Distance Championship Team

This memorandum amends and replaces the HP Bulletin 193 Memorandum released September 16, 2020 in its entirety.

The information included in this memorandum is intended to give the reader a brief overview of the currently proposed nomination process for the 2021 World Single Distance Championship Team. This proposed nomination process is subject to further review and alteration in all respects based on (a) the relevant ISU communications, once they are released, (b) the format of the 2021 World Single Distance Championships, (c) travel and quarantine restrictions, and (d) any other factors that Speed Skating Canada and its staff and the Long Track High Performance Committee (HPC-LT) may consider in order to protect everyone's health and safety during the ongoing pandemic. The final nomination process will be released in the High Performance Bulletin 193 – 2020-2021 World Cups and World Championships Team Nomination (HP Bulletin 193), which will supersede this memorandum **in its entirety**. For the avoidance of doubt, if any provision of this memorandum conflicts with the provisions in HP Bulletin 193, the provisions of HP Bulletin 193 will control.

Due to the current pandemic and the cancellation of Block 2 SSC domestic competitions (reference: SSC Domestic Competition Update (Block 2) | Mise à jour sur les compétitions nationales de PVC (bloc 2) distributed Tuesday, November 3, 2020), in addition to the current status of the Olympic Oval (reference: Important update regarding the Oval ice distributed Wednesday, October 14, 2020), SSC will be unable to safely and fairly conduct the planned upcoming selection events for the 2021 World Junior Championships and 2021 World Single Distance Championships, respectively.

Speed Skating Canada's objective remains the same; to nominate the maximum number of medal potential athletes to World Cup and World Championships Teams for Olympic Individual Distances and Team Events. Without a selection event for the 2021 World Single Distance Championship Team due to the factors referenced above, the Chair of the HPC-LT, following consultations with National Program coaches, staff and the HPC-LT advisory members, is currently proposing to select the members of the 2021 World Single Distance Championships Team from the following pool of athletes:

- Members of the 2020 World Single Distance Championships Team;
- Should any member(s) of the 2020 World Single Distance Championships Team be unable to attend, the position for any distance(s) shall go to the next ranked skater in that distance from the 2020 WSD Skate-off.

Athletes nominated to the 2021 World Single Distance Championships Team may also be selected to compete in the 2021 World Cups in Heerenveen, should they proceed and should SSC determine that it will be safe to participate.

In recognition that SSC will not be able to conduct a Junior selection event fairly and safely, that varying pandemic-related restrictions in each province and territory are limiting access to training facilities, and that it is necessary to prioritize the health and safety of all participants, particularly in the case of international competition, SSC has made the difficult decision to not send a team to the 2021 World Junior Speed Skating Championships.



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The final selection process will be outlined in detail in HP Bulletin 193. The formal team nomination will be released upon the confirmation of the remainder of the 2020-21 International competition season by the ISU, the release of the applicable ISU communication and the publication of HP Bulletin 193.

Best regards,

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